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**SERMON:** All Who Believe in Jesus Are Made Right with God

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 10:1-13

**SUMMARY:** Romans 10 begins with an emphasis on righteousness that comes from faith in Christ, contrasting it with the righteousness based on the law. Paul expresses the longing of his heart for the salvation of the people of Israel. He notes their zeal for God, but criticizes it as misguided because they seek to establish their own righteousness rather than submitting to God's righteousness. Paul underscores that Christ is the culmination of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. He explains that salvation is accessible to all, Jew and Gentile alike, through the confession of Jesus as Lord and belief in his resurrection. This passage highlights the simplicity of the gospel and its availability to all people: anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Fourteen Times in Romans, we find the phrase Made Right With God (Made Right with Him, Made Righteous, Made Right in God). Fourteen Times! Romans 10:10 is one of those fourteen: "For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved."

### I. WHAT IS THE LONGING OF YOUR HEART? WHAT ARE YOU PRAYING FOR?

#### ROMANS 10:1

Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.

## II. REMEMBER: THE LOST HAVE MISGUIDED ENTHUSIASM!

### ROMANS 10:2-7

**2** I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. **3** For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. **4** For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

**5** For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. **6** But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). **7** And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)."

## III. WHAT IS ON YOUR LIPS? WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART?

### ROMANS 10:8-12

**8** In fact, it says,  
"The message is very close at hand;  
it is on your lips and in your heart."

And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: **9** If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. **11** As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." **12** Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him.

## IV. EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD!

### ROMANS 10:13

**13** For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

## LIFE APPLICATION SERMON GUIDE

**1. Righteousness and Faith** - In Romans 10:1-4, Paul distinguishes between the righteousness based on the law and the righteousness based on faith in Christ. How does this distinction challenge contemporary views on morality and self-righteousness?

*Life Application:* Reflect on areas in your life where you might rely on your own efforts rather than faith in Christ for righteousness. How can embracing faith over self-righteousness transform your daily actions and relationships?

**2. The Accessibility of Salvation** - Romans 10:5-8 emphasizes that salvation is not about ascending to heaven or descending to the abyss, but it is near us, in our mouth and heart. How does this accessibility of salvation influence our understanding of God's grace?

*Life Application:* Consider how you can share the message of God's grace with others in a way that highlights its accessibility and simplicity. What practical steps can you take to make the gospel message better understood and more acceptable to those around you?

**3. Confession and Belief** - Verses 9-10 highlight the importance of confessing with the mouth and believing in the heart for salvation. How do these two elements (confession and belief/lips and heart) work together in the life of a believer?

*Life Application:* Think about your personal faith journey. How can you more effectively express your belief through words and actions in your daily life? Identify specific ways to openly share your faith with others.

**4. Salvation Available to All** - Romans 10:11-13 emphasizes that there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, and that the same Lord is Lord of all. How does the availability of salvation to all challenge societal and cultural barriers today?

*Life Application:* Examine yourself to reveal any biases or prejudices toward people who are different from you. How can you work towards breaking down barriers and receive people who are different from you within your community, in keeping with the nature of God's love and salvation available for all people?

**5. The Role of Proclaiming/Declaring/Preaching** - Romans 10 speaks about the necessity of proclamation for people to hear and believe. How does this emphasize the importance of evangelism in the Christian life?

*Life Application:* Reflect on your role in sharing the gospel. What opportunities do you have to proclaim or share your faith? How can you overcome any fears or obstacles that prevent you from evangelizing? What action steps can you take to invite others to hear the good news preached or taught?

**6. Enthusiasm Without Knowledge** - In Romans 10:2, Paul mentions that the Israelites have enthusiasm for God but not according to knowledge. How can we

ensure that our enthusiasm for God is aligned with true knowledge and understanding of His word?

*Life Application:* Identify areas where your enthusiasm for God might lack a solid foundation in Scripture. What steps can you take to deepen your understanding and ensure your zeal is guided by true knowledge?

**7. Living Out Righteousness by Faith** - Considering Paul's argument in Romans 10:1-13, how does living out righteousness by faith differ from attempting to live by the law? What practical changes might this bring to your daily life?

*Life Application:* Reflect on specific areas where you might be trying to earn God's favor through your actions. How can you shift your focus towards living out your faith through trust in Christ's righteousness? Identify practical changes you can implement to live out this truth.

**8. Pray:** Express thanks to God for the gift of salvation. Ask the Lord to help you share your faith with others more consistently and effectively.