

Romans - The Crown Jewel of Salvation

46 – So How Does Anyone Get Saved?

Romans 9:30-10:4

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Romans 9

We see some mystery in the doctrine of Election found in chapter 9. We were reminded last week that God has purposes and plans beyond what we understand or can see at this time. Instead of getting caught up with what we don't know, this morning, I want to focus on what we do know.

Rom 9:30-10:4

Gentiles get God's righteousness even though they are not going after it.

Israelites do not get God's righteousness even though they are going after it.

WHY?

The Gentiles were able to quickly see their need for help, while the Israelites thought they were doing just fine by holding to their own righteousness.

So how does someone get God's righteousness? How does someone get saved?

Rom 10:1 "Brethren, my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved."

I see in scripture three requirements for salvation. All of them are touched on here in this passage of scripture.

1. You need to have the full picture of who Christ is and what He did for you.

Rom 9:33 "...A stumbling stone and rock of offense..."

Rom 10:2-3 "For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God."

2. You need to have genuine faith in who Christ is and what He's done for you.

Rom 10:3 "...Have not submitted to the righteousness of God."

"In the Scriptures, to believe is not limited to an intellectual understanding of certain facts or even to the acceptance of them. Instead, it is to trust in and rely upon the object of our faith to the degree that we base our actions upon it. Our faith or belief in Jesus Christ is not validated by the strength of our verbal confession or even by what we supposedly feel in our hearts; rather, it is proven true or false by the degree to which His person and will determine our actions and direct the full course of our lives."

Paul Washer (2013) The Gospel Call and True Conversion p.49

3. You need to pursue holiness because of who He is and what He's done for you.

It could be better stated by saying, "You *will* pursue holiness..."

Rom 10:4 “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

Christ being the end of the law does not mean we can sin and do whatever we want. On the contrary, Christ being the end of the law should motivate us to pursue holiness and to obey God’s Word.

2 Cor 7:9-11 “Yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.”

“If there is not some wonder about the glory of God, there should be some wonder about whether a true conversion has happened.”

J. Mack Stiles, Marks of the Messenger. P.76

A true believer speaks from personal testimony. Someone who’s not truly saved quotes others testimonies.