



Salvation Made Easy

ROMANS 10: 5 – 10

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⁵ For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down), ⁷ or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).” ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”— that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Live the Law for Life. V. 5.

- ▶ Moses wrote this in Leviticus 18: 5.
 - ▶ Does this have a reference to salvation and eternal life?
 - ▶ Does this merely refer to having the best of a good life?
 - ▶ Whoever relies on his own obedience to the Law is held accountable for everything that the Law requires. –Mc.
- ▶ The requirement of the Law is for perfect righteousness, perfect in act, word or thought.
 - ▶ Only a fool believes He meets such requirements.
 - ▶ Once again we are reminded of the good enough standard.
 - ▶ Notice Paul's answer to this in Galatians 3: 10 – 12.

The Righteousness Based on Faith. Vv. 6 – 7.

- ▶ A very difficult passage, but universal agreement on what is meant.
 - ▶ Paul quotes from Deuteronomy 30: 12.
 - ▶ Deuteronomy refers to the Law being close by.
 - ▶ The same truth applies to Christianity and the truth of salvation through Jesus.
- ▶ Getting saved is easy, simply believe and confess.
 - ▶ No matter how hard your attempts even to heaven or hell you can't get there.
 - ▶ It doesn't come with mystical or ecstatic experiences, or the impossible pilgrimage or asceticism.

The Word is in Your Mouth and Heart. Vv. 8 – 10.

- ▶ Final quote from Deuteronomy 30: 14.
 - ▶ The word is very near in mouth and heart.
 - ▶ The Word of faith which we are preaching
- ▶ Following the pattern from Deuteronomy of the mouth first.
 - ▶ Confess Jesus, Lord (ὁμολογήσης . . . κύριον Ἰησοῦν).
- ▶ Continuing pattern to believe (πιστεύσης ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ).
- ▶ Verse ten turns it around to the logical.
 - ▶ Believe first resulting in confession both being two sides of the same “coin.”

Conclusion



- ▶ Since no one can perfectly live according to the law in act, word or thought turn to Christ Who is the only one Who ever has.
- ▶ Don't make it hard to be right with God through Jesus Christ; He has already done the hard part so that all you need to do is believe and confess.
- ▶ Getting saved is easy, we have the word right here near us, so why is it so hard for some people to get saved? Because they refuse to believe.