

Romans # 144

“If you Declare with your Mouth and Believe in your heart”

Romans 10:5-10

Whether in Romans or Galatians, justification, commonly called salvation, never mentions confessing Jesus as Lord.

As the apostle John states in his Gospel 98 times, belief is the only condition for salvation.

Our justification is based on faith alone in Christ alone.

And nowhere else in Paul’s letters does he mention public or private confession of Jesus as Lord as a condition for justification.

Obviously, we can’t be saved from the presence sin if we haven’t been saved from the power of sin and we can’t be saved from the power of sin if we haven’t been saved from the penalty of sin.

So how are we saved or delivered from God’s wrath and judgment? By trusting in God and calling upon Him.

“In man’s theological systems, the less of a sinner man is, the lesser grace God has to give to the sinner and therefore, the less righteous God is!”

If someone has a low opinion of the righteousness of God, then man becomes a little bit better and a lot less needy.

When someone denies the absolute standard of God, they substitute their own standard for God's standard or their character over God's character.

Justification is how to get to Heaven and sanctification is how to live on earth now that we are citizens of Heaven.

Because Jesus Christ is the goal or culmination of the Law, it has come to an end as a basis for experiential righteousness and it never was the basis for justification righteousness.

This is Phase 2 experiential deliverance or being saved from the power of sin in sanctification.

God is saying to Israel “I saved and redeemed you from bondage in Egypt and I'm bringing you to a new land with new standards on how to live life as believers.”

If you live like unbelievers, you'll self-destruct but if you live according to My standards, you'll have blessing and riches.

The Mosaic Law had nothing to do with how to become God’s people, it had to do with how God’s people are supposed to live as the people of God.

Philippians 3:9 ‘and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.’

The ultimate way in which God has revealed Himself to us is not through the written word but the Living Word,

the God-man, the Eternal Second Person of the Trinity.

Belief is thinking, not feeling or expressing; it’s accepting something as true.

When we believe in Jesus Christ as Savior, we receive the imputation of His righteousness and God

declares us justified.

'If' is a 3rd class condition; if you declare, maybe you will and you will be saved and maybe you won't declare and you won't be saved.

The Exodus generation is a picture of the disobedient believer who doesn't get his rewards in the future and doesn't experience the full blessing God promised for him in time.