

## **Romans 010**

### **“Paul’s Mission”**

#### *Romans 1:5*

**The judgment of sin on the cross freed the justice of God to provide eternal salvation for anyone who would instantly adjust to the justice of God by expressing faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone.**

**For the person who does not adjust to the justice of God at salvation, the justice of God will adjust to him in eternity.**

**There is nothing wrong with any of those comments; until staying healthy, making a living and chasing retirement get in the way of our spiritual priorities.**

**But Jesus is reminding all of us that we should focus on our priorities and never worry about such things and if we do, we are denying the promises and faithfulness of God!**

**In the Christian life, there are priorities relating to spiritual growth and some of them are in the introduction to Romans.**

**Grace means that those who are undeserving receive blessing or benefit, even though they don’t deserve it.**

**We are made acceptable to God only on the basis of Christ’s righteousness and never ours. These spiritual gifts are a part of the recognition of the strategic victory of the Lord Jesus Christ, now seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**On the basis of obedience, we grow spiritually and as a result, God then provides that which He holds in escrow to the believer as he matures and has the capacity to enjoy it.**

**The most significant command in terms of priority is that we must be sure we are justified before God and the subsequent function of faith is continued trust in God as we mature in the Christian life.**

**Of course, we don’t have to do any work to be saved so true discipleship isn’t equivalent to salvation, but it refers to those who want to go beyond simply making sure they are going to Heaven; they want to advance and be serious students of what God has revealed to us. Baptism became equivalent to becoming a citizen of the state of Rome and this confusion continued through the Middle Ages until the Protestant Reformation.**

**Baptism literally was a way of identifying something/someone with something/someone else.**

**Baptism is always associated with a person’s conversion, their faith in Christ leading to their justification.**

**Faith has to do with obedience.**

**So faith is obedience, not a meritorious obedience of working or doing something righteous that God blesses; it's recognizing that the merit is in Christ, not in us; God has commanded us to believe in Him but the value comes from the object of belief, not the act of belief. It is the advance to spiritual maturity which glorifies God; not works, or production.**