

THE GREATEST LETTER EVER WRITTEN #24  
"Justification & Salvation"  
Romans 10:1-10

Introduction:

I. THE PROBLEM WITH ISRAEL.

*Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.* Romans 10:1 (NIV)

*What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath – prepared for destruction?* Romans 9:22 (NIV)

*...the Jews, who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to all men in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.* 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 (NIV)

*For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.* Romans 10:2-4 (NIV)

II. THE WRONG SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

*Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them."* Romans 10:5 (NIV)

III. THE RIGHT SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

*But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'who will descend into the deep?'" (that is to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming."* Romans 10:6-8 (NIV)

*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

*Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!* Romans 5:9 (NIV)

*For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!* Romans 5:10 (NIV)

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BOTTOM LINE:

\_\_\_\_\_ = Justification (eternal life)

\_\_\_\_\_ = Salvation (from bondage to sin)

Quote: H. C. G. Moule (p.272)

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