

THE GREATEST LETTER EVER WRITTEN #25  
"Believe, Confess, and Call"  
Romans 10:9-15

Introduction:

How does a person move from spiritual death to the \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual life?

1. You must \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ as your savior from sin.  
*"For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified"* Romans 10:10a (NIV)

2. You must be willing to publicly \_\_\_\_\_ (live out) your faith in Christ.

*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 10:10

SALVATION IN 3 TENSES:

I \_\_\_\_\_ saved from the penalty of sin (past tense)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ saved from the power of sin (present tense)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ saved from the presence of sin (future tense)

"...he (the Christian) cannot truly serve without loyalty to his Lord. He cannot be truly loyal while he hides his relationship to Him. The "confession with the mouth" here in view is, surely, nothing less than the believer's open loyalty to Christ."

H.C.G. Moule, D.D. *The Epistle To The Romans*

*Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him... Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.* John 12:37,42-43 (NIV)

3. You must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord when difficult circumstances arise.

*As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?"*

Romans 10:11-15 (NIV)

can't preach unless you are sent  
can't hear without a preacher  
can't believe in Christ if you have never heard of Christ  
can't call on Christ if you have never believed in Christ

OBVIOUS FROM THE TEXT:

Sending has to come before \_\_\_\_\_  
Preaching has to come before \_\_\_\_\_  
Hearing has to come before \_\_\_\_\_  
Believing has to come before \_\_\_\_\_

**BOTTOM LINE:** According to Romans 10:11-15 You must be a \_\_\_\_\_ before you can *call on the name of the Lord* and be saved. In other words, Romans 10:13 is a verse for \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter Confesses & Calls

**Closing Challenge:** Most of us at East Swamp believe that Christianity works. We just don't believe it will \_\_\_\_\_.