

## Romans 10:9~13

There is a day, that has been set aside by God, in which He will judge the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men... a day of reckoning. In our day, not many people believe that. All around us, we see that sin is abounding, every day we see the envelope being pushed further and further.

(Ecc. 8:11~13) Largely in part, because there seems to be no “*real consequences*” for sin.

Little do men know, but what they see as lack of judgment, is really the “*longsuffering*” of God. (2Peter 3:7~12) Peter, writing of the “*Day of Judgment*,” says...

(Illus- Longsuffering-The man who challenged God to strike him dead...)

Listen, we are living in a time that is called the “*Grace period*.” Which speaks to the longsuffering of God, the mercy of God is showing towards mankind. What people see as “*lack of judgment on sin*” is actually the “*Longsuffering of God*.” God is not slack...He is longsuffering, not willing any should perish.

The question of every generation has been, How do we escape so great a judgment?

(Ro. 1:16~18) The ANSWER lies in the “*Gospel of Christ*...”<sup>16</sup> *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.* <sup>17</sup>***For therein is the righteousness of God revealed*** from faith to faith: as it is written, *The just shall live by faith.* <sup>18</sup>*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

<sup>17</sup>***For therein is the righteousness of God revealed*** ... The gospel proclaims the “*righteous living*” that is able to save a man. Something that the Nation Israel misunderstood. Though very zealous and diligent in their efforts, Israel had failed to attain righteousness, because they sought it *as it were by the works of the law*... As Paul has made clear here and throughout the whole book of Romans, “*Righteousness*” **comes not** by man’s deeds in the Law... The righteousness produced by man’s adherence to God’s Law is “*man-made righteousness*,” it is “*self-righteousness*.” And is not righteousness at all, but is as “*filthy rags*” in the sight of God...(Unrighteousness).

(Vs 4) Paul explains that the “*Righteousness God requires*” is found in submission to Christ...not the law.<sup>4</sup> *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

Tragically... I’m convinced that many have mistaken this to mean that “*righteousness*” is no longer required. I’m afraid that many have misunderstood the gospel to teach that since no man can live to the righteousness in the law, that obedience to God is not an issue. But the truth is, Paul is simply declaring that “*obedience to the law*” is not “*obedience at all*.” Though a man conform to the “*ways of God*,” and live a good moral life...it is NOT ENOUGH to save the man from God’s wrath!

For the righteousness produced by the law, is man made righteousness, self-righteousness, and does not involve the heart! The Righteousness that “*God Requires*” is that which is of FAITH... In verses 6~8, Paul points to the writings of Moses, to explain to Israel that he taught faith, and how it is attained.

(Vs 6) To achieve the righteousness God requires does not require one “*to ascend into heaven*” It speaks to difficulty...A reference to an “*unattainable goal*.” is not “*too great*,” it’s not something “*too high*” to achieve. The righteousness God expects is not so high standard, (**Heaven**) that’s “*unattainable!*”

(Vs 7) Nor does the righteousness God requires...require men “*to scale the deep*...” It’s not something you have to go to “*great lengths*” to acquire! It is not “*out of reach*,”

In short, these two statements can be summed up in that... No one will “*fail to attain*” God’s standard of righteousness on the basis of “*not being able*” to “*do it!*”

The “*Righteousness God Demands*” is not “*too difficult*” nor “*out of reach*” for anyone... On the contrary, the “*righteousness*” God requires is “*very simple to attain*” and “*easily acquired.*” God has made it that no one will perish because of their “*inability*” **to do** what he requires, anyone can “*do it!*”

God’s righteousness is attained by faith, by trusting in the person and work of Jesus Christ! Notice how he “*substituted*” Christ in place of Deuteronomy’s WHO. Paul declares that it’s not by our great works, but the works of Christ that Moses is referring to here.

- Christ came down from heaven to make it possible... (Reference to His **Incarnation**)
- Christ went into the deep to make it possible... (Reference to His **Death, burial** and **resurrection**)

In verse 9, Paul continues his point by referring to the “*Two*” aspects of “*saving faith.*” In verses 6~8, Paul has declared what Christ had DONE to make salvation possible to ALL MEN!

Now, here in verse 9, Paul points to the “*two things*” that every man **MUST DO** in order **to be saved**...

(1)... <sup>9</sup>*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus...*

(2)... *...and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead...*

(Result)...*thou shalt be saved.*

Here, Paul reveals the “*two things*” that every man **MUST DO** to acquire righteousness...

The First is a reference to Jesus as Lord... And the Second is a reference to Jesus as Savior... The “*combination*” of these two things, will result in the salvation of a man’s soul.

I think the best way to look at this, is not as two separate entities, as two separate things that one must do. But rather see these as one entity that has been broken down into two parts. Both “*parts*” work in *unison*.

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**Whosoever** submits to Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior will be saved.

Anyone can **do that**... Does that mean all will? No. All that means is that no one will perish because they **couldn’t** live to the standard set by God. Anyone can live to his standard. The standard is simply that a man submits to Christ as *Lord* and *Savior*.

Which brings up an issue that has been debated for centuries... *Lord and Savior?*

At the heart of this debate is the question... Can Christ be a man’s “*Savior*” and not “*His Lord?*”

According to the scripture... they are one in the same. You can’t have one without the other. Here in verse 9, we see that these two things are *intertwined*. Like two cords of twine woven together forms a rope, Christ must be Lord and Savior to accomplish the salvation of a man. Again, the best way to understand this is to view these two aspects as “*One,*” broken down into “*Two*” parts for the purpose of explanation.

The first half says... <sup>9</sup>*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus...*

Which speaks to the “*Deity*” of Jesus... This is specifically referring to the acknowledgement of “*his incarnation.*” (Vs 6) *Christ came down from above.* It means to acknowledge that “*God*” came into this world in the form of a man. That the babe that was born in that manger in the town of Bethlehem, was nothing less than God himself, wrapped in flesh and bone, God **incarnate**. It is to declare that God became a man, in the person of Jesus Christ...

The call of God is for all men to “*confess*” that... I think it’s important to point out, that the word “*confess*” means much more than simply “*saying*” that he is lord... Whether or not you and I say that he

is Lord makes no difference... **HE is LORD!** That is “*Not dependant*” on whether man says it to be so or not! God has declared that He is the Lord, and calls all of mankind to acknowledge this by pledging your allegiance to him...

“Confess” carries the meaning of “*paying homage,*” by “*showing reverence*” to... It speaks not only of saying that he is God...but also includes that he is your God!

(Illustration) You could confess someone is a mechanic...but yet he not be your mechanic.  
You could confess someone is a good doctor...but yet he not be your doctor.

“*To confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus*” is to declare him to be the Lord of **your life!** It is too “*reverence*” him as God...by humbling oneself as “*his servant.*” It is to willing “*step down*” from the throne of one’s life, by making Jesus Christ Lord.

**The second part says...**and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead... Which is a reference to the *second half* of the gospel message, speaking to his “*death, burial and resurrection.*” Again, it helps to look at these, not as “TWO” separate aspects, but ONE, that has been broken down into two parts for the purpose of explanation.

The first speaks to **WHO He is...** *Jesus is God in the flesh...*

The second speaks to **WHAT He has done...** *Jesus has conquered Death, Hell and the Grave!*

The claims of the gospel is, that Christ is God in the flesh, and that he died on the cross for our sins! He took our place, our judgment upon himself. And God raised him up from the dead to verify to all men, that Jesus is Lord and Savior.

<sup>9</sup>*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* <sup>10</sup>*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

“*Believing and Heart*” are intertwined...The “*heart*” always represents life in the scripture. The point here is, that faith is not “*intellectual belief!*” It’s not enough to “Know” that Jesus is Lord, that he died on the cross for man’s sins... “*Heart*” emphasizes, that man must “*appropriate*” these truths into his life!

God is not asking you to do the impossible, God is not giving us some unattainable goal, something *out of your reach!*

(Vs 6) **Heaven...** The “*Goal was too high...*” We couldn’t “*Attain it*” on our own... so Christ brought it down to us!

(Vs 7) **Deep...** A reference to *distance,* to the “*great lengths*”... <sup>7</sup> **Who shall descend into the deep?** Paul “*personifies*” the WHO... Christ DID! He came down to earth, and has gone the “*Full distance*” to rescue a man from his sin, death, hell and the greave!

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He simply REQUIRES...that a man yield “*his life*” to Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to close by looking at the two scriptures Paul quoted in verse 11 & 13... Both of which speak to the certainty of escaping Judgment...

(Vs 11) Isaiah 28:16 Paul says...shall not be ashamed...(Confounded)

(Vs 13) Joel 2:32