

# Paul's Desire to Save Those Who Were Already 'Saved'

*Rom 10:9* 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.

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## I. To understand 'save' in Romans 10—We must consider a large extended context

### A. At Romans 9—Paul abruptly went from certain assurance to great heaviness

*Rom 8:30* Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

*Rom 8:38* For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

*Rom 8:39* Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Rom 9:1* I say the truth in Christ, I lie not...

*Rom 9:2* That **I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.**

*Rom 9:3* For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

### B. In Rom 9-11—Paul desired that the Jews might be saved

*Rom 10:1* ...my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, **that they might be saved.**

*Rom 11:14* If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are* my flesh, and **might save some of them.**

#### 1. Saved from what? —Every 'save' is not 'born again'—Or how we get to heaven

*Mat 1:21* ...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

*Act 2:40* ...Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

*Rom 8:24* For we are saved by hope...

*1Ti 4:16* Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

#### 2. Paul had not forgotten that God's plan for eternal salvation by grace is foolproof

*Rom 5:9* Much more then, **being now justified** by his blood, **we shall be saved...**

*Rom 5:10* ...**being reconciled, we shall be saved...**

*Rom 8:30* Moreover **whom he did predestinate...them he also glorified.**

#### 3. Paul had not begun to question the righteousness of God in His salvation by grace

*Rom 3:5-6* **Is God unrighteous** who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) God forbid...

*Rom 9:14* What shall we say then? **Is there unrighteousness with God?** God forbid.

*Rom 9:20* Nay but, O man, **who art thou that repliest against God?** Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?

### C. Romans 9 had already given the disclaimer that God never meant to save all Jews

*Rom 9:6* Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel: (*Every natural born Jew is not a spiritual Israelite.*)

### D. Romans 9 had taught that eternal salvation is by God's choice—Not man's voice

*Rom 9:11* (*For the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)...

*Rom 9:13* As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

*Rom 9:16* So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Rom 9:22 What if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Rom 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Rom 9:24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

## II. Paul desired that *born-again* Jews might be *saved* from ignorance to understanding

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, **that they might be saved.**

Rom 10:2 For I bear them record that **they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.**

Rom 10:3 **For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness,** have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Rom 10:4 For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

### A. The Jews zeal was evidence that they were already '*saved*' (meaning *born-again*)

#### 1. The carnal, natural, unborn-again person has no zeal for God or for goodness

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God...

#### 2. A person who is born of God has a zeal that is "*of God*" and desires to please God

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

### B. Paul desired to *save* the Jews from thinking that they still had to *save* themselves

#### 1. To know of the righteousness that is of God is to be saved from the failure of self

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith...

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested...

Rom 10:3 ...being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

#### 2. *Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth* (Rom 10:4)

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

#### 3. Knowing the gospel of grace saves us—By letting us live our lives trusting in Jesus

## III. If we confess Jesus—And if we believe in Jesus in our hearts—We shall be saved

Rom 10:9 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.

#### 1. Paul's teachings had made it is clear that belief is not a part of eternal salvation

Rom 3:3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

Rom 3:4 God forbid...

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

#### 2. Confession and belief in Jesus are not the cause of '*born again*'—They are results

Confession and belief are results of already having the Holy Spirit in you

*No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.* (1Co 12:3)

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering...faith* (Gal 5:22)

So if you now confess and believe—Then you must have already been born again

If God has already '*borned*' you again—Then you shall be eternally saved

#### 3. Confession and belief save—In that they are your proofs that you are born again

If you confess (acknowledge, assent to) Jesus being the Lord that He claimed to be

If you believe with all your heart that He died for sins and God resurrected Him

**Then you shall be saved**

This statement is true (as a statement of evidence and proof)

If you now believe—Then you are born again—And already have eternal life

#### 4. Confession and belief save—In that Jesus now blesses those who now confess Him

Joh 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night,...

Joh 12:42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees **they did not confess him...**

Joh 12:43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Mat 26:75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Luk 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed...

Luk 12:8 Also I say unto you, **Whosoever shall confess me before men**, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

Luk 12:9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

#### **5. Confession and belief save—In that peace results from being justified by faith**

If you confess (acknowledge, assent to) Jesus being the Lord that He claimed to be

If you believe with all your heart that He died for sins and God resurrected Him

**Then you shall be saved**

This statement is true (as to being now saved to a peace of mind about heaven)

Now Jesus successfully saved all God's children—whether they believe it or not

Justification by grace and blood give you eternal life

Rom 5:9 ...being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved....

Yet to believe Jesus is a successful Savior saves you to have peace about eternity

Justification by faith gives peace about your eternal life

Rom 5:1 ...being justified by faith, we have peace with God...

#### **IV. God gives faith so that we can see ourselves righteous by Jesus and claim the same**

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

#### **V. Those who truly believe on Jesus swap their shame for access**

Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand...

#### **VI. Salvation is not restricted to natural Jews—One plan--One man--Saves all**

Rom 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

#### **VII. What to believe comes by the gospel—Ability to believe comes by God's gift--Faith**

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Rom 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

#### **A. Faith cometh by hearing—(What to believe comes by hearing the preached word)**

Jude spoke of "*the faith which was once delivered to the saints*" (Jude 1:3)

This '*faith*' is the whole body of beliefs that are in the doctrines of salvation by grace

This body of faith explains that salvation is totally by Christ—and totally by grace

This message is not intrinsically placed in the heart at the new birth

The good news of salvation by grace must be heard before it can be known

The good news of the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith

Through preaching a sinner hears of this righteousness that is of God

Thus "*the faith once delivered to the saints*" comes to be known by hearing

So then faith (which was once delivered to the saints) *cometh* by hearing

#### **B. In another sense—Hearing (the ability to hear) comes by faith—(A gift of God)**

##### **1. Faith is a gift of God—A fruit of the Spirit**

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering...faith,

##### **2. Without God's gift of faith—No man can hear spiritual words**

**Joh 8:43** Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

**Joh 8:47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

***So then faith cometh by hearing***—What to believe comes by the preached word

***Hearing (cometh) by the word of God***—The ability to believe comes by the living Word