

Finding True Salvation Foundations - Part 1 October 24, 2021

Romans 10:1-8 (NLT)

3 Truths About Salvation

1. Religious activity doesn't **CONNECT** you with God.

"Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. ²I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal." Romans 10:1-2 (NLT)

"³Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ⁴But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it." Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

2. Religious activity doesn't **PRODUCE RIGHTEOUSNESS** before God.

"³For they don't understand God's way of making people right (righteousness) with Himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. ⁴For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in Him are made right with God." Romans 10:3-4 (NLT)

"... unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20 (NKJV)

Two Types of Righteousness:

a. I will do **GOOD** and God will keep **SCORE**.

"... Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law." Romans 10:3 (NLT)

"But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isaiah 64:6 (NKJV)

b. Admit our **FAILURE** and accept Jesus' righteousness in our **ACCOUNT**.

"For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in Him are made right with God." Romans 10:4 (NLT)

"⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith." Philippians 3:8-9 (NIV)

3. Religious activity doesn't generate an authentic **SAVING FAITH**.

⁵For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. ⁶But faith's way of getting right with God says, 'Don't say in your heart, "Who will go up to heaven?" (to bring Christ down to earth). ⁷And don't say, "Who will go down to the place of the dead?" (to bring Christ back to life again).' ⁸In fact, it says, 'The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart.' And that message is the very message about faith that we preach." Romans 10:5-8 (NLT)

a. This faith isn't just believing **FACTS** about **GOD**.

"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder." James 2:19 (NIV)

b. This faith is **ACTIVATED** by your **HEART** and your **LIPS**.

"In fact, it says, 'The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart.' And that message is the very message about faith that we preach." Romans 10:8 (NLT)

⁹For if you tell others with your own mouth that **Jesus Christ is your Lord** and **believe in your own heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**. ¹⁰For it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation." Romans 10:9-10 (TLB)

My Next Step Today:

a. Receive True Salvation _____ !

b. Display My Saving Faith With Baptism _____ !
