

Study Questions for Sermon on Romans 10:4-13

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1. The context is Jesus explaining through Paul why Israel for the most part had rejected Christ and were in unbelief. In Chapter 9, he explained that one reason is that God chose to allow most of Israel to remain in their unbelief and hardness of heart, but chose, based solely on His Sovereign mercy and not what they deserved, to save a remnant of Israel. In Chapter 10 Jesus explains WHY Israel had rejected Christ. In their pride, they sought to establish their own righteousness before God and would therefore not submit to God's righteousness provided through faith in Christ (See 10:1-3).
2. The theme of Romans 10:4-13 is explaining what saving faith in Christ looks like. In 9:30-31 Paul contrasts those who attain a righteous standing with God through faith in Christ with those who do not attain it by their works. Chapter 10:1-3 describes those who trust try to attain their righteousness by works. In 10:4-13 he describes those who receives God's righteousness by faith.
3. What does Romans 10:4 indicate someone who believes in Christ understands about the God's Old Testament law? What do the following verses tell us about what a believer has through Christ, that they could never attain by works?
 - a. Romans 3:22
 - b. Romans 4:5
 - c. Romans 5:1
4. What does Romans 10:5 say is required of the man who claims to practice the Law (to be justified by God)? How often must he keep the law? What does James 2:10 say about this? What difference does it make for an unsaved person to know this?
5. Romans 10:6-7 quotes Deuteronomy 30:11-14 to rebuke the wrong thinking of the Jews regarding what was needed to be right with God. You don't have to travel to up to heaven or down to the Abyss to get access to the Messiah. What are religious things people today wrongly think are necessary or helpful in being right with God? What did Jesus say about this in John 4:20-24? How does that refute many religion's "requirements" to be right with God?
6. What does the first sentence of 10:8 indicate about what is the authority to know where does Paul go to get right with God?
7. What does v. 8 indicate is the place to go regarding being right with God?
8. What does 10:9 say we must do with God's word which we hear? Is it possible to hear and know much scripture and yet not be saved? Why or why not? What does Hebrews 4:2 say about Israel's problem?
9. NOTE: confession means "to agree with what God says" about our sin and Christ's salvation. What does verse 9 say we are to confess? What does it reveal about a person's view of Christ to confess He is Lord? What did Jesus say about how sinners who believe in Him are to regard and relate to Him in John 5:22-23 and Luke 6:46? Would it matter in explaining the gospel to someone if they didn't understand WHO Jesus is? Why or why not?
10. According to verse 10 what comes first believing or confession? Read the following verses. What do they tell us is the only thing needed for salvation? Romans 1:16; 3:22, 26, 28, 4:5,22-25; 5:1; 9:30; Acts 16:30-31; Ephesians 2:8-9.
11. In 10:9-10 both confession with the mouth and faith in the heart are said to be essential for salvation. Salvation is received by faith, it is revealed by confession. What does 1 John 2:23 say our confession or lack of confession reveals about our relationship with God? How can we confess Christ in our life?
12. In 10:9 what is essential to believe about Christ to be saved? Why does it matter what you believe about this? What does His resurrection prove about Jesus according to Romans 1:4? Why is it important according to 1 Corinthians 15:14-17?
13. List the times in Romans 10:9-13 that assurance of salvation is given to those who believe (call upon) Christ. Why do you think God repeats this assurance of salvation? What is the nature of this assurance? In other words, is it immediate salvation or delayed?

14. What has the Lord shown you in Romans 10:4-13 that gives you joy? Assurance? Peace? Who will you pray for to share Christ?