

SERMON TEXT

"The Word is Near You"

Romans 10:5–13

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

SERMON NOTES

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The Book of Romans



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MEDITATION

It is a destructive addition to add anything to Christ.

– Richard Sibbes

To encounter Christ is to touch reality and experience transcendence. He gives us a sense of self-worth or personal significance, because He assures us of God's love for us. He sets us free from guilt because He died for us...and from paralyzing fear because He reigns...He gives meaning to marriage and home, work and leisure, personhood and citizenship.

– John Stott

OPENING SONG

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear us, O Lord, we call upon Your name today.

Shine your light upon us and give us Your grace!

Give us life, O Lord, as we reach out to You.

Let Your face shine upon us, O Lord God of hosts!

Help us to never turn away from You,

That we may rejoice in Your salvation! Amen!

Based on Psalm 80

PRAYER OF ADORATION

WORSHIP IN SONG

PRAYING THE SCRIPTURE

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹

but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:17–25

CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you have saved me by the blood of Jesus, and you have called me to be holy, to set my mind and heart on things above. But the direction of my life proves that my focus is so often on earthly things. So my thoughts and desires are impure and idolatrous. I defend and promote myself with lies, rage, and slander. And I use, rather than love, the people around me. I am undone before you, God. Have mercy on me and fill me with your spirit of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and thankfulness. Use me for your glory, Lord, in spite of myself.

GRACE

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

SONG OF GRACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship Cove kids (Little Cove: Pre-K–1st grade; Big Cove: 2nd–5th grade) are dismissed. Nursery is available on the second floor of the adjacent building.

Offering plates are available in the front lobby. We invite you to place your tithes and offerings as you exit the service.

SERMON

Sermon Series: By Grace Alone

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PASTOR CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith.

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