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Romans 10:5-13

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 5: Paul quotes the well-known law of God as he writes to the Romans. He points out that if you are trying to earn righteousness and God's approval by the law – you must do every part of it all the time. What makes this impossible for you to perfectly keep God's law?

What are statements people say that show they think they can or have to earn heaven?

I think I've done enough _____.
I always try my _____est.
I haven't done _____ like others have.
I think I've been a _____ enough person.

But we aren't comparing ourselves to another human being. To earn God's approval by the law, we have to compare ourselves to his holiness. What does the brightness of his holiness reveal when it comes to our actions and what is in our hearts?

Trying to earn God's favor either results in

A _____ or D _____.

Verses 6-8: When God's law shows us our utter sinfulness and corruption of our nature, we can despair and ask how we are to achieve this impossible demand. Paul quotes Moses in asking his first question, and seeks to make the same point. This is no mystery! Where do we find the truth and the life-saving information we need?

Who first taught you about God's love for you?

How important is God's Word in your life?

What are ways you show it?

Verse 9-10: This isn't a matter of doing. It's a matter of receiving by God's grace. When you boil down all the religions in the world they come down to two:

D and D.

What do the "doing" religions demand?

What does the "done" religion promise you?

Our faith and confession of our faith go hand in hand. They are both gifts from our God. How does God work faith in human hearts?

What are ways we confess our faith?

At Church:

At Home:

At Work:

At School:

What comfort does this give you that you are saved by grace (all gift) and not by works?

Verse 11: "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." This promise was spoken by the prophets and in the psalms. Peter quotes it as does Paul here. This is another reality of the fact that Jesus has accomplished everything needed for us to be in heaven. He paid for our _____ on the _____. He lived a _____ life according to God's holy _____ in our place. He _____ from the dead for our justification. What will we receive on the last day?

How did the apostles respond when they were persecuted for the faith?

Verse 12: Greeks did not have to become Jews holding to all the traditions and Old Testament ceremonial laws to be saved. Jesus is Lord over all of them. He is their Savior. How is he rich toward us?

Verse 13: Who is this Gospel offer for?