The Result of True Heart Belief

### Discovering the Righteousness of God—A study in the book of Roman

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## Romans 10:4-13 (ESV)

**4**For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

**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.”

**1) Pleasing Jesus is on the forefront of our minds, not the law (vs 4-7).**

**2) Professing Jesus as Lord flows from the heart justified by Him (vs 8-10).**

**3) Possessed by Jesus means assurance, not disappointment (vs 11-13).**

# Ephesians 2:1-18 (NLT)

**2**Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. **2**You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. **3**All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

**4**But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, **5**that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) **6**For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. **7**So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

**8**God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. **9**Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **10**For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

**11**Don’t forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called “uncircumcised heathens” by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. **12**In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. **13**But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

**14**For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. **15**He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. **16**Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

**17**He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. **18**Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.