

Romans 10

Chapter 10 of 16 · 21 Verses · Authorized King James Version

Righteousness by Faith

¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

² For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

⁵ For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

⁶ But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

⁷ Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

⁸ But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The Message for All People

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Believe — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

Confess — ὁμολογέω (Homologeō)

To confess, acknowledge, agree

The Greek **homologeō** (ὁμολογέω) means to say the same thing—agreeing with God about sin or truth. 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins' (1 John 1:9).

Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Law — νόμος (Nomos)

Law

The Greek **nomos** (νόμος) denotes law—particularly the Mosaic law. While believers are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14), Christ fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17) and wrote it on believers' hearts (Hebrews 8:10).

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Righteous — δίκαιος (Dikaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaios** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

Salvation — σωτηρία (Soteria)

Salvation, deliverance

The Greek **soteria** (σωτηρία) denotes salvation, deliverance, or preservation—rescue from sin's penalty and power. It encompasses justification, sanctification, and glorification.

Save — σῶζω (Sozo)

To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo** (σῶζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

Romans 10:1 **Salvation:** John 5:34

Romans 10:2

Parallel theme: Proverbs 19:2; Acts 21:20; Galatians 1:14; Philippians 1:9; 3:6. **References**

God: Romans 10:3; 2 Corinthians 4:4

Romans 10:3 **Righteousness:** Romans 1:17; 3:22; 5:19; Isaiah 51:8; 56:1; 57:12; 64:6; Luke 16:15; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9

Romans 10:4 **Faith:** Romans 3:22; Galatians 3:24. **Word:** John 1:17. **Parallel theme:** Colossians 2:10; Hebrews 10:14. **Righteousness:** Isaiah 53:11; Matthew 3:15; 1 Corinthians 1:30. **References Christ:** Colossians 2:17

Romans 10:5 **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 18:5; Ezekiel 20:11; 20:13; 20:21. **Word:** Romans 7:10; Nehemiah 9:29; Galatians 3:12

Romans 10:6 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 30:4; John 6:33; 6:38; 6:58; Hebrews 1:3. **Faith:** Romans 3:22; 3:25; 4:13; Philippians 3:9; Hebrews 11:7

Romans 10:7 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 13:20

Romans 10:8

Word: Deuteronomy 30:14; 1 Peter 1:23; 1:25. **Faith:** Romans 10:17; Acts 10:43; 16:31; Galatians 3:2; 3:5; 1 Timothy 4:6. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 57:19

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References God: Romans 14:11; Luke 12:8. **Salvation:** Acts 16:31. **References Jesus:** 1

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Romans 10:10 **Parallel theme:** Luke 8:15; Hebrews 3:12; 1 John 4:15. **Salvation:** Romans 10:9. **Faith:** Galatians 2:16; Philippians 3:9; Hebrews 10:22; Revelation 2:13

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Romans 10:17 **Faith:** Romans 1:16; 10:14; Galatians 3:2; 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 2:13. **Word:** Luke 8:11; 8:21; 11:28; Colossians 3:16. **Parallel theme:** Mark 4:24

Romans 10:18 **Word:** Psalms 19:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:8. **Parallel theme:** Romans 1:8; Jeremiah 16:19; Matthew 24:14; 26:13; 28:19; Mark 16:15; Colossians 1:6; 1:23

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Romans 10:21 **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 9:26; Proverbs 1:24; Jeremiah 35:15

