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These are not the only things involved in our salvation however. Romans 10 says nothing about repentance but we know this is necessary (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30). We must also be baptized in water for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16). This is what washes away our sins (Acts 22:16).

Salvation is for all. There is no one who cannot be saved. Romans 10 teaches us that there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile. *"Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."* We are to be obedient to His wishes. Peter explained it on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. Paul explained what he was told and obeyed in Acts 22.

Will you be saved the same way that they were?

— Shane Williams

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -**Psalm 119:105**



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Calling on the name of the Lord

Romans 10:8-13

In regards to salvation, there are many different ways people will tell you to follow. If you were to ask most people the question of what to do to be saved, most would answer that you just need to believe in Jesus as the Son of God.

Let's consider one of the most "popular" passages used to promote this false teaching.

The world's view of Romans 10:8-13.

At face value, this passage seems to include everything nec-

essary to be saved: Believe in Jesus and His resurrection, confess Jesus as Lord, and whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

In many religious circles, this is the passage used to prove to others the need to say, what they call, "the sinner's prayer." Essentially this is a confession that one is a sinner, that they can't save themselves, and that they want Jesus to be their Savior.

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You will likely notice in reading this passage that it says nothing about praying a prayer as a means to this end. Much of this speculation revolves around the idea that “calling on the name of the Lord” must mean saying a prayer.

Consider with me this phrase while looking at the context of this passage of scripture.

Context of Romans 10

Many today read the Bible just like it was a text book written specifically to them. It must be understood that there was an author and a specific audience addressed. Before we can understand what it means to us, we really must come to an understanding of what it meant to the audience in the 1st century.

Throughout the first 11 chapters of the book of Romans, one of Paul’s primary objectives was for the Jew to understand that Gentiles were also fellow partakers of Christ. Under the Law of Moses, the Gentiles were formerly not accepted. Under the Law of Christ, they are. The Jews needed to understand that this was prophesied about even in Old Testament times.

In Romans 9:25-26, Paul quotes from the prophet Hosea (2:23; 1:10). *“I will call those who were not My people, ‘My people,’ And her who was not beloved, ‘beloved.’”* 26 *“And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, ‘you are not My people,’ There they shall be called sons of the living God.”*

Christ is the end of the Old Law (Rom. 10:4). Now, there is no partiality with God (Rom. 10:12-13). Vs 13 that states *“Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved,”* is actually a quotation from the Old Testament prophet Joel

(2:32).

The apostle Peter quotes from Joel 2:28-32 at the beginning of his sermon in Acts 2. Joel 2 talks about the promise of the Spirit and Peter said he was talking about those things taking place on Pentecost (Acts 2:16-21). You will notice that Acts 2:21 is the same as Romans 10:13. This was all said as an introduction to the first gospel sermon that Peter delivered.

At the end of Peter’s sermon, the audience asks Peter and the apostles what they needed to do. Peter had

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talked to them about Jesus being the Messiah, the Son of God. The Jews had put Jesus to death. Being pierced in their hearts, the people wanted to know what they needed to do (Acts 2:37). Peter did not command the Jews to believe in Jesus and say the sinner’s prayer. He did not tell them to just audibly call out Jesus’ name to be saved. Instead he told them to *“repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins”* (Acts 2:38).

Another passage about calling on the name of the Lord

In Acts 22, the apostle Paul recounts his conversion to the Jews in Jerusalem. He tells them about his trip to Damascus to punish Christians. He talks to them about Jesus appearing to him, striking him blind and telling him that he would be told in Damascus what he needed to do. Then Paul talks of Ananias, the one who was sent to instruct Paul.

In talking about Ananias’ words to Paul, he was told, *“And now why do you delay? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on*

His name” (Acts 22:16). Calling on His name was equivalent to being baptized and washing away your sins.

Application of Romans 10:8-13

“And now why do you delay? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name” (Acts 22:16).

So what do we do with this passage of scripture? Yes, we must believe in Jesus, along with His death, burial, and resurrection. Yes, we must confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord (also see Acts 8:37; Matthew 16:16).

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God’s Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Live Faithful (Heb. 10:35-39)