

GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

Romans 10

Tonight we'll look at two elements of God's salvation plan

I. A MATTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (1-13)

A. NOT MAN-MADE RIGHTEOUSNESS (1-5)

1. Which is promoted by zealous but ignorant men (1-2)
 - a. Who believe you can be saved by works - See 9:31-32
 - b. Who believe zeal = approval (2)
2. Which resists God's righteousness (3-4)
 - a. They are not aware nor submissive to God's righteousness (3)
 - b. And they do not surrender to righteousness through Christ (4)
3. Which is based upon Law-keeping (5)
 - a. You live if you keep the Law - cf. Lev. 18:5
 - b. In this system there is no need for a personal Lord and Savior

B. BUT FAITH-BASED RIGHTEOUSNESS (6-13)

1. Which is near us (6-8)
 - a. We don't have to seek for it (6-7)
 - b. Because we can sense it (8)
2. Which will save us (9-10)
 - a. If we confess with our mouth Jesus as Lord
 - b. And believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead
3. And will inspire us (11-13)
 - a. Believers will not be disappointed (11)
 - b. Because God welcomes all (12-13)

II. A MISSION FOR REPORTERS (14-21)

A. THE REALITY (14-15)

1. Reporters are sent (14-15a)
 - They are God's heralds commissioned to tell what they know
2. Reporters are beautiful (15b)
 - As the Lord's messengers they come joyfully with good tidings of peace and salvation through Christ

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B. A RECOGNITION (16-21)

1. Not all hearers heed (16, 18-19, 21)
 - a. They don't believe (16)
 - b. Even though they've heard (18)
 - c. Even though they've known (19)
 - d. Even though God pleads with them (21)
2. But some hearers do heed (17, 20)
 - a. They come to faith (17)
 - b. And some who come to faith surprise us (20)

CONCLUSION:

A blasphemous sinner was made a righteous reporter because of God's salvation plan

- Read I Timothy 1:12-17

Consider what God's done in saving you and imagine what He can do for others.