

# ROMANS 39 – 10:9-10

## *Confession unto Salvation*

### 1. 10:6-8

- a. 10:6-8 - Paul is quoting the law from Deut 30:11-14 about Israel's new testament
- b. *"who shall descend"*- Paul is talking to people still waiting for their Messiah
- c. *"the word is nigh thee"*- Where? In their mouth and heart, so that they may do it!
- d. The heart and mouth are near to a person, they are not far off, but part of them

### 2. Misuse of the Verses

- a. Romans road runs off a cliff in Romans 10 with Israel's faith and confession
- b. Evangelists make this a public confession to come down front to the altar
- c. Soul winners require people to say certain words for salvation
- d. Wet cleaners say the public confession here is water baptism
- e. For Lordship Salvation, belief is not enough, Jesus must be "lord of your life"
- f. Faith is the issue here, not special words or added works

### 3. 10:9

- a. **What** do they confess and what do they believe? At one point it was the law.
- b. Hear the law, and do - Rom 2:13, Jam 1:22; Speak the law, and do - Jam 2:12
- c. When Christ came, Israel needed to confess him - Matt 10:32-38; John 9:22, 12:42
- d. The "word of faith" is the message of John 3:15-18, 3:36 and Matthew 16:13-17
- e. The spirits were tried by what they confessed - 1 John 4:1-3, 4:14-15; 2 John 7
- f. They should have believed in his name and his resurrection in Acts 2:32-36
- g. An example of an unbelieving Jew, believing and confessing - John 20:25-31

### 4. 10:10

- a. **With what** do they get righteousness and salvation? Not by law, works, or words
- b. A mouth confesses what a heart believes; Jesus explained this - Matt 12:24, 30-37
- c. Confession was about submitting to the name of the Lord - 2 Chron 6:24-26
- d. Life came through the name of Jesus, his authority - John 20:31 and 1 John 5:13
- e. Righteousness by faith in the Lord Jesus, salvation in his name - Acts 4:11-12

### 5. The Missing Gospel

- a. Rom 10:9-10 is not a mystery, but the righteousness by faith in Israel's program
- b. Jesus gave them commandments, their faith in him required works - John 14:21
- c. The gospel of grace is Christ dying for our sins, telling us not to work - Rom 4:5
- d. We preach faith alone in Christ's cross, finished and free to all - Rom 4:25-26
- e. Paul uses his knowledge of the gospel to show clearly why Israel is not saved