

20230709 THE CLEAR MARK OF SALVATION

Romans 10:8-13

8 But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

11 As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

1. THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

Romans 1:15-16

15 ... I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...

2. TWO CLEAR MARKS OF BIBLICAL FAITH

Romans 10:9-10

9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

1. Believing in the heart what God has done in human history through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ;

2. Professing with mouth that Jesus who rose from the dead is the Lord: My allegiance, my loyalty, my dedication, my commitment is absolutely to and for Jesus. Jesus is the one who calls the shot in my life. My life displays this commitment outwardly and faithfully.

3. FIVE POINTS OF THE GOSPEL

A. GRACE

1. **Eternal life including heaven is a free gift.**

2. **It is not earned or deserved**

B. HUMANITY

1. **Each person has sinned.**

2. **We can't save ourselves.**

C. GOD

1. **Is merciful: He wants us to go to heaven.**

2. **Is just: He holds us accountable for our sins.**

D. CHRIST

1. **Who He is: He is the God-man**

2. **What He did:**

a. **He suffered and died for our sins.**

Isaiah 53:6

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

b. He arose from the dead and is in heaven preparing a place for us.

John 14:1-2

1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

c. He offers us the gift of eternal life.

1 John 5:11-12a

11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 Whoever has the Son has life;

E. FAITH

1. What it is not – Mere intellectual assent or temporal faith (James 2:19).

2. What is – Repenting of our sins and trusting Christ alone for eternal life.