

Salvation Is Not Far Away

Romans 10:1-13

I. SALVATION FEELS VERY FAR AWAY

A. Paul grieves for his people as they seek a righteousness which feels far away.

B. Many of us labor in vain for a salvation which always feels very far away.

(Romans 10:7) Who will ascend into heaven?...Who will descend into the deep?

1. Some seek to be right with God by reaching high enough.

2. Some seek to be right with God by thinking deeply enough.

3. You will never reach high enough, you will never think deeply enough to make yourself right with God.

II. SALVATION IS AS CLOSE AS YOUR HEART AND YOUR MOUTH

A. Jesus has done what the law can never do.

(Verse 4) Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

B. All that is needed for you to be saved is here right now in Jesus Christ.

C. Salvation is as near as confessing and believing that Jesus Christ is the living Lord.

(Verses 8-9) "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

- 1. Paul says that salvation comes to those who confess and believe.**
- 2. Paul says that salvation comes to those who confess Christ as living and as Lord.**

Salvation is not far away.

**It is as near as the heart that trusts Jesus as Savior--
as near as the mouth that confesses him as Lord.**