

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

What is one significant difference between the religions of the world and the Christian faith?

¹Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation. ²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. ³For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law so that there might be righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness which is based on law, that the man who does them shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down), ⁷ or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."

⁸ But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

(Romans 10:1-13)

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1. The Demand for Faith

➤ *Two aspects of this faith*

- "believe with the heart" – intellectual, volitional, emotional agreement and trust
- "confess with the mouth" – outward manifestation of the inner response of faith

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2. The Content of Faith

- *God's work in Christ crucified and risen*
 - belief in Christ's resurrection as the triumph of God over sin/death and the guarantee of our salvation
 - confession of Christ as the exalted Lord of all

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:9-11)

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3. The Outcome of Faith

- *"you will be saved"*
 - presently we partake on the saving righteousness of God by faith – we are "justified"
 - in the day of God's judgment we will be saved or vindicated through our union with Christ

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4. The Universal Nature of Faith

- *Everyone* who believes/calls on the Lord will be saved
 - since Christ/God is Lord of all, His salvation-riches are available to all who call on Him