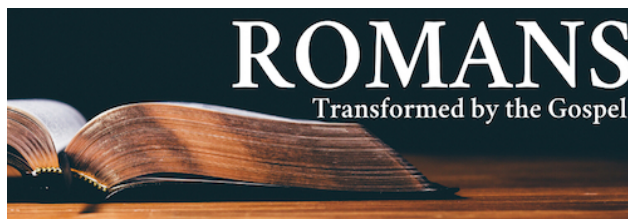


## Salvation Is Near!

Oct. 18, 2020 – Romans 10:5-13  
Pastor Jon Pickens



### Romans 10:5-13

**Observation #1:** Salvation is impossible to attain by human effort.

*5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6 But the righteousness based on faith says, "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).*

**Observation #2:** Salvation is possible because Christ is near.

*8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);*

**Observation #3:** True faith is a deep internal conviction and external expression about the person and work of Jesus Christ.

*9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

### What Are the Liberating Implications of True Faith?

- True faith frees us to find joy under the authority of a loving and kind Savior.
- True faith frees us to boldly live out our deep convictions about the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- True faith frees us from finding hope in false saviors.

- True faith frees us from the **shame** of never measuring up.

*11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."*

- True faith frees us to live without **prejudices** toward others who are from a different culture, ethnicity, or country.

*12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

## Questions

1. Why is salvation through human effort a meaningless endeavor?
2. What does Paul mean when he says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."?
3. Deep internal convictions about the person and work of Christ are critical. What are some of those deep internal convictions?
4. John Calvin said that Internal conviction without external expression is nonsensical. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. Pastor Jon identified three different descriptions of those who claim the Christian faith... the engaged, the involved, and the attender. Where would you place yourself on that spectrum?
6. How is the Gospel transforming your life?

## Next Steps: October Reading Plan (Week 3)

**Day One:** Matthew 3

**Day Two:** Matthew 4

**Day Three:** Matthew 5

**Day Four:** Matthew 6

**Day Five:** Matthew 7

### Memorization Tip:

Re-**HEAR**-sal: To rehearse something is to go over it again and again. Do this aloud so that you can **HEAR** the verse. This method is extremely helpful when memorizing larger passages of Scripture.

## Next Week's Sermon: Romans 9:24-33

### October Scripture Memory:

*21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.*

Romans 3:21-26 (ESV)