

Hopewell ARP Midweek Sermon
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Romans 10:9–13

⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³For “*whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*”

God’s Sovereign Salvation

Main idea: God’s sovereign salvation will always include what is needed, will always be completed, and is for every type of needy sinner

Introduction: The gospel is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes! (reading v9 in the context of v6–8/Deut 30:12–14 compels us to read/understand this as being about God’s sovereign salvation)

1. **God’s sovereign salvation always includes whatever is needed, v10**
 1. Believing with the heart is required/provided
 1. A real work of the Lord produces a real response
 2. We are not called upon to produce the ability to respond (or even to detect if we have it), but we are most certainly commanded to respond.
 3. We don’t merely agree that Christ is raised. We must set our hearts upon the resurrected Christ, both for our justification and our sanctification (“unto salvation” cp. 13:11). We must be intellectually convinced, affectionately moved, and volitionally compelled.
 2. Confessing with the mouth is required/provided
 1. Confession is required. A merely internal Christianity is an imaginary Christianity. True heart engagement is not mere sentimentality.
 2. Especially that Jesus is YHWH; YHWH the Son became Jesus the Christ. His divinity and His incarnation.
 3. We must confess Him before men (cf. Mt 5:16, 10:32). Your home. Your church. Your community/nation.

4. Who should be so careful about his speech as a Christian?
2. **God's sovereign salvation will always be completed, v11**
 1. Salvation secured but not completed (13:11).
 2. What sovereign grace began, it will finish. The believer will not be put to shame.
 3. The main point, here, is not merely that it will happen. The point is that it will happen because it depends upon Him.
 4. Christ is "the end of the prophets for salvation" (Isa 28:16, 8:13 –14 here; Joel 2:28–32 in v13).
3. **God's sovereign salvation is for every kind of needy sinner, v12–13**
 1. "For the Jew first and also for the Greek" (cf. 1:16, n.b. the language)
 2. All nations calling upon the Name of YHWH is being fulfilled by all nations calling upon the Name of Jesus. In Him are the riches of God's glory in mercy (cf. 9:23).

Conclusion: If you call upon the Name of the Lord, you will be saved!

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Romans 10 verses 9 through 13. These are God's words. That if you confess with your mouth, the lord jesus. And believe in your heart. That god has raised him from the dead. You will be saved. For with the heart, one believes unto righteousness, And with the mouth. Confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture, says, whoever believes on him. Will not be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and greek. For the same lord over all. Is rich to all. Who call upon him. Whoever calls on the name of yahweh. Will be saved. And then, since this reading of god's inspired and And Aaron twerkt.

Really the portion that we are considering this evening is versus 10 through 13. That if you confess with your mouth, the lord jesus, sorry verse 10 for with the heart, one believes and to righteousness. And with the mouth confession is made into salvation. And so forth until verse 13, But it really does pick up from.

Verse 9. Confessing with our mouth. The lord jesus, and believing in our heart. That god raised him from the dead. And that we will be saved verse 9 or that this Believing, and confessing is unto salvation. Verse 10, or Shall be saved. Verse 13. And indeed the apostle is picking up.

His thesis statement back from chapter 1 and verse 16. The reason that he is going to preach the gospel when he comes to room that, that's what he's eager to come to do. In Rome among the Roman believers in that famous congregation. Is because it is the power of god.

For salvation. First for the jew and then For the greek. Which he Makes the same point here as he's talking about salvation. Uh, a salvation that is both. Uh, for the jew. And for the greek here in verse 12 and a salvation that is, by the power, Of god, it was important when we come and we hear that.

We must employ our hearts And our mouths as verse 10 repeats and emphasizes from verse 9, That this comes by the power of god. That it is god, who has put his word in our heart and god, who has put his word in our mouth and thankfully, you can even hear Even in just saying it that way.

Can't you Deuteronomy 30 again? And Deuteronomy 30 versus 12 through 14, that the word is not a far off. That we must ascend into heaven to get it or to go across The sea, or as, The spirit authoritatively paraphrases here, or expositis here, go down into the depth. But that it is god, who has brought it near?

And where has god brought his word? He is the one who has brought his word into our heart. As we believe into our mouth. As we confess. And so, this is about God's power for salvation or god's. Sovereign. Salvation. And he continues that on the theme verse 10 god, sovereign salvation.

Always includes. Whatever is necessary. It always includes. Uh, whatever is necessary. Uh, the doctrine of election, the doctrine of predestination the truth of god's sovereign grace, in bringing people to faith in the lord, jesus christ does not mean that someone can be saved without believing. Or saved. Without confessing him.

And so god sovereign salvation always includes whatever is necessary in verse 10 but god sovereign salvation will always be Complete it. If believing in confessing or necessary then believing and confessing our provided and if believing and confessing our provided then everything else will be provided God will not make a false start in saving you.

He will not bring you to faith and bring you to confession and then not give you sanctification, and not give you perseverance and not give you glorification. You know, the god sovereign salvation will always be completed and because Um, He begins. The work at least. The application of redemption to us in our own lives.

Uh, precisely through faith this depending upon him. We can be sure. That he upon whom we depend. Will succeed and will be faithful. With that. Hope in him will not be put to shame. And so we'll see that in verse 11. For the scripture, says, whoever believes on him will not be put to shame.

And then versus 12 through 13. God, sovereign salvation is for every kind, Of needy center. This is not just for gentiles. Charges? Who believe this pull himself. Believes this as he's going to say at the beginning of the next chapter. Of course, israel is not. Fully rejected. He's in israelite.

But it is also for the Greek, of course, as well. For every kind of needy center, there's no sinner. Who can rightly say this is not genuinely offered to me. There's no possibility of salvation for me in jesus. Well, there's no possible no possibility of salvation for you outside of jesus.

That much is certain. But if you believe in him and you confess him, you will be saved. Whether you're Jew or Greek, whether you are murderer, adulterer, pervert, thief, sabbath breaker, gossip, whatever you have been. He saves from all of them. Whether you're a light or dark intelligent, Unintelligent.

Tall short. All kinds. Whoever, whoever Or no other qualifications other than the lord himself. Because his salvation is a sovereign salvation, salvation by sovereign grace. And so on the first place then god sovereign salvation, always. Includes whatever is needed. For with the heart, one believes unto righteousness, And with the mouth confession is made.

To salvation. You see? We have to believe with our own heart and with our own mouth. And we're picking up now. From verse 9 last week, if you confess with your mouth, And, If you believe in your heart, This is something you have to do with god, your parents.

Can't do it for you. You're not just agreeing. Hypothetically, that hearts that believe get saved or that mouths that confess get saved. No, you must believe. With your heart. That god has raised him from the dead. You must confess with your mouth. That Jesus christ is lord, the confess with your mouth.

The lord jesus. You see a real work of the lord produces a real response. It's completely irrational to say that because god is the one who does this by his grace that that somehow Believing and confessing become less necessary or less needful or that you can be saved without it.

No, The real god who does a real work? Gives real believing. And real confessing. No, he doesn't call upon you to produce the ability to believe or the ability to confess there, not even. Abilities per se, in fact, Believing is. The abandoning of all of our ability altogether. And so it is obvious that faith.

Must come from grace. But he doesn't leave us at faith, he brings us to confession. He He doesn't leave us at justification, he brings us to sanctification as well. Now, we're not called upon to produce the ability to do any of it. Whether the believing, which is a not doing, or the confessing and the walking with him, which is doing And yet he gives all.

We're not commanded to produce the ability, but we are most certainly commanded. To respond. You're commanded to believe. Of course, as you respond as you hear, And the spirit convicts you and you say, yes, i must. For. For forgiveness from my own sin for. Obtaining my own right standing with god.

I must believe in the lord, jesus christ. His saving. Anyone else does not save me? He must be my savior. I must rest entirely upon him, i rest upon you alone. Lord, jesus save me. Of course, you know, theologically Or welcome to know. Theologically. That it is god who gives you to do that but you're not to You're not instructed to figure out if god is doing that.

You are just appealed to commanded to pleaded with. To believe. In the lord, jesus christ. And confess him. With your heart. And with your mouth. Notice with the heart. One believes unto righteousness. The heart, of course, is the control center. Of all of the faculties of the solver, the intellect, the affections sometimes.

A abbreviatedly we think of affections as emotions and the will. You're to set your whole self. Upon the resurrected. Lord, jesus. This of course is what the believing is particularly tied to in verse 9. Confessing with your mouth. The lord jesus. And we're going to come to the mouth next because the orders reversed in verse 10.

When believing in your heart. That god has raised him from the dead now. We don't we mustn't put too strong, a distinction here. Because you should certainly confess with your mouth, that god raised him from the dead, not just believe it near heart and you must certainly confess or believe in your heart.

That yahweh, yahweh, the sun. Has become jesus, the christ. You are not merely to. To say with your lips. That jesus is god and that jesus became man. So we don't put too much of distinction but here in in this passage, The believing is associated with particularly the resurrected christ.

That god, the sun. Became man and lived and obeyed and died at turningly and has risen from the dead and he sits at the right hand. Of god, the right hand of the majesty on high is enthroned above actual tribute, not Not golden figures. On top of a box on the earth.

But he, and they Are there and he is physically there.

And that he is all your hope, you have set your heart. Upon christ both for your justification that he alone is all of your right standing with god. And for your sanctification. That from him alone. Comes all of the conforming, the changing of your character. What you? How you think?

And And your attitudes and your desires, your motivations and your conduct. That the resurrected christ. Is all of your hope. All of your ability. All of your resources for that too. Because just, as you knew, When you came to him and believed in him, That you could not do a single thing.

To regain right standing with god. And so christ had to do it all. So, also in your walking with him, In your wanting to reflect the character of your new found adopted heavenly father adopting heavenly Father he adopted you not you him. And wanting to reflect his character and become more like jesus.

And, and As you desire it so much, you have found That you don't have it in you. And yet you have set your heart. Upon the resurrected christ, he has it in him. And so we must be intellectually convinced. The this is, this is How we genuinely think reality is That the great reality from which and under, which all other reality exists, As god himself.

And particularly now god himself who has revealed himself in his son, especially not just by his word, certainly by his word but especially by the word made flesh, whose resurrected glorified flesh sits upon the throne of heaven. Just as much even more. Certain to you. That i stand here on earth and preach.

To be convinced with your mind. Of the resurrected christ, that you be moved. With your heart moved by his glory and his power. To worship him moved by his self-sacrificial. Love to love him. Who has loved you moved by his wisdom and his faithfulness. To entrust yourself completely to him.

So that there's not just the intellectual, that is a function of the heart, but the affectional, and then compelled in your will, To respond to him. To give him in what he has commanded the worship. That is the expression of that adoration to give him in the obedience. That he has commanded.

That love, that is the expression of your affection and obedience to all of his law. With the heart. One believes unto righteousness, Both the righteousness of a right standing with god. Which is yours entirely by imputation. But also the righteous character. And righteous conduct.

That you must have to come at last into that new heavens and the new earth where righteousness dwells.

And you must be righteous to be there. And if you have believed in the lord jesus christ, You will be. But not just believing with the heart. Also confessing with the mouth is required. And therefore, it's something that the that the lord produces provides. In other words, a merely internal christianity.

Hey, christianity is just in the heart. Or even worse. Misunderstanding and abbreviating, the word heart, just in the sentiments. Sort of. Cloud of feeling as it were. When merely internal christianity is, And imaginary. Christianity. Now we're coming to that aren't we in the book of james as well? And god's?

Mercy to us, we we actually Um, just tomorrow. And the first 13 verses of chapter 2 will make a good start, but he really hits it and the rest of chapter 2 The book of james and merely internal christianity. Is an imaginary christiana, it must be in your heart but unless not be confined to your heart, it must be confessed with your mouth and lived out in your life.

And what is it that we can fast, especially? That jesus is yahweh. And that yahweh. The sun, particularly Became jesus. The christ, when we get that from the previous verse and verse 9, if you can confess with your mouth, The lord jesus. So you with your mouth must learn to speak.

About. Jesus. As the living god, the one. Only and true god. You realize that your mouth exists? To serve and praise. The lord. Jehovah, your way. Jesus. And you're just confess his divinity. You confess the lord jesus, you confess is incarnation. The reality of his humanity.

When we must learn, then to speak about him, not just rightly. But if if this is true of him, Than to speak rightly of him is not just to speak theologically accurately as it. It's to speak reverently. This is why it is such a huge deal. The way we use the name of our lord.

The ways. That we refuse to use. The name of our lord. Can someone who really knows? That yahweh, the creator. The only the only true god, the one who is in himself and everything else, depends upon him for existence that that this god has become added to himself. Humanity has become a man for our sakes and even in his humanity.

Now, his no longer in his humiliation. We confess the lord jesus whom we believe in our hearts has risen from the dead and he sits on the throne of glory, but we know that with respect to his divinity, we are always in his presence. And that our lips exist for his praise,

Now, our fleshliness is Dreadful and it continues for the rest of this life. But whenever we speak and irreverent, syllable, About christ. We are exposing, aren't we? That in that moment. We cannot possibly be aware. Of who he is. Let alone what he has done.

So we tremble for Brothers and sisters in the church. Who let a blasphemy about christ. Throughout god's slip here and there. Not because We are so insistent. On. Checking and matching the list of permitted, syllables.

But because there is a knowledge of christ. That comes out of our lips. We must confess with our mouth. The lord jesus. A must confess him before men, there's a wonderful tie in here. To what we just heard preached in matthew 5 verse 16. Remember the The lord well, and Even back all the way to Verse 14.

But The lord, having put his people on the hill or the lord, picking the place for each lamp, where he puts it, which stand he puts it on and Before which men that particular lamp will

shine. And your father in heaven, your lord Jesus. Your God the Holy Spirit as assigned to you, the particular stand upon, which he has placed you.

And one of the good works then. That we are. Uh, to do is as we let our light shine before men is the good work of confessing Jesus. As he's going to say, in about five chapters time in Matthew. That if we confess him before men, he'll confess us before the father in heaven.

And so it's an essential part. Of the Christianity into which the real Lord really saves us that we really confess him. With our own mouth. Before men that we confess him in our family. That particular family are particular home who confess him in our particular church. Of course the best time.

The appointed time, the great appointed time for doing so and the family as family worship and Also in the family is the family at public courtship but in in the congregation is especially the public worship. But then, especially with believers, you remember, we are cold By his name. And we must not blaspheme.

The name, by which we are called by mistreating one another You know, this is something that is going to be in tomorrow's, devotional passage and James chapter 2, and then again later in the book of James that our mouths that were created to blessed Christ and to praise our God and father Now, that we know our brothers and sisters in the congregation.

Our brothers and sisters in Christ and under God, the father Recall them brethren. That's a glorious name. We call them saint. That's a glorious name, the world began calling us Christian, and we're glad to have that name too. We're taught by the Bible also to embrace it. How can you curse announce revile slander?

A brother or sister, who has the name of Christ upon them, who has the name of the Lord Jesus upon them? Out of the mat. Same mouth comes blessing and curse. Praise worship. And Attacking one, another. That should not be. So, we must confess him before men. And there's also assigned to us our particular community.

Our particular nation. For many years. Where. And when Uh, we have lived. It was not such a difficult thing to confess Christ. When it's becoming more difficult and that's the privilege of the moment and the place where he is assigned you So let your light so shine before men confessing Jesus as Lord.

And the only Lord,

So God's sovereign salvation, always includes whatever is needed. God's sovereign salvation will always be completed here verse 11. For the scripture says, Whoever believes on him. Will not be put to shame. And we remember the whole quote, he's already given it to us in chapter 9 verse 33 and he's quoting here from Isaiah 28, verse 16 And you remember in that whole section of Isaiah praise God, not only have we referred to it several times now.

In recent weeks in Romans, but we've just come out of it in God's providence to us in Isaiah, And the point of the whole section that God alone must be all our hope we do not split our hope in him with hoping in things, or we do not split our open, in, with hoping in Egypt, we certainly do not split our hope in him with hoping in ourselves.

So that we treat it as if it were by works and not by faith and rather than resting on the on the cornerstone, we would stumble over him. So, you see what he's he's saying here about the sovereign salvation, this sovereignly, given righteousness of justification, this sovereignly sustained righteousness, even of sanctification.

That if god has sovereignly saved, you begun your salvation, by his power, and is continuing your salvation by his power. He will complete your salvation by his power. Do not let your heart waiver and wonder, will i make it at last? Can someone who is struggling so much as i am in walking with the lord, though, i depend upon him and love him and how much that i hate i still do and how much i wish i did that i don't do and and you get you you get overwhelmed or it's possible to get overwhelmed by the difficulty, that the apostle, uh, took us through his own difficulty.

And the end of Romans chapter 7, Leaves on him will not be put to shame. Your faith in him. You're dependence upon him will not disappoint. Because he will get you. All the way. There. Now, we've noticed at the end of verse 9, you will be saved. We've noticed at the end of verse 10 unto salvation, you notice at the end of verse 13 shall be saved.

You see the completion of your salvation is still future? This is what he's going to say in chapter 13 in verse 11, when he's urging them to wake up. Wake up and walk in the light walk as light independence upon the grace of god because your salvation. Now he says in in a few chapters time, 13 verse 11 is nearer to you than when you first believed.

So he who has given you the faith by which you're united to christ and brought into our right standing with god and adopted us the child of god. And he who is giving you to confess christ, both with what comes out of your lips and what comes out of your life.

He will give you all of it. He will remove the last remnant of the presence of sin. Every bit as much as he's brought you out from under the guilt of sin, and the condemnation of sin, and the power of sin, He will give you absolute complete finished. Glorious.

Beautiful conformity to jesus.

Whoever, Whoever believes on him. Will not be put to shame. The point here is not merely that it will happen. The point here is that it will happen because it depends on him. Whoever believes on him. How can a belief on him? Fall or fail. You will not be embarrassed.

Eternity. At the judgment. If you have believed in jesus christ, He will complete what he has put on. And did not only will we not be put to shame. Will be glorified together with him with him, won't we? Those whom he justified. He also glorified, why? Because the god who for knew them loved them.

Predestined them. To be conformed to the image. Of his glorious son. God's sovereign salvation will always be. Complete it. If god is the one doing the saving. How can the saving? Be lost or stopped. Once it's begun.

And then the last place. God's sovereign salvation is for every kind. Of nearly sinner. And when we were presenting the outline, we made most of the point already. Whoever calls. On the name of your way shall be saved. Notice now, he's not saying first for the Israelite and also for the Gentile No, there is an all israel.

That is from all of the nations. And so there's a very careful use of language here. Which he hinted at already all the way back in chapter 1, verse 16, you remember they're also he said for the Jew first and also for the Greek And now he says, there is no distinction between And Greek.

For whoever calls on the name of the lord, Shall be saved. He's quoting then. He's calling now from Joel chapter 2. Now, if Isaiah 28 and Isaiah 8, Teach us that. There's only hope there's only help and the lord himself, the lord, who has revealed himself now in christ as christ.

Then surely, this is for all the nations especially remembering. How often the gathering in of the nations. In into the remnant, and as part of the remnant, Um, Of israel as mentioned in that opening section of isaiah. But now he he picks From the end of joel, chapter 2, a place where he says a very similar thing to what he's quoted from isaiah, 28, isaiah 28:16, whoever believes on him will not be put to shame.

But Joel, 232 for whoever calls on the name of the lord shall be saved. And there, it's very specifically. God who pours out his spirit on all flesh? So in the original context, if you expand well, to to all of Joel, of course, but to Joel two verses 28 through 32, he's especially emphasizing all the nations.

That this is for all the nations. That there's no such thing as a sinner who cannot be saved through faith in the lord jesus christ. Whether Jew or Greek or whatever, sort of sinner, He was. Or you were, or you are. Believe in the lord jesus christ. And you will be saved.

First for the jew. And then, for the great quiet. Because that's how god is planning to show his riches. He comes back to this. This idea, doesn't he hear in verse? In verse 12, that we had and verse 23 of the last chapter, That he might make known the richest of his glory.

On the vessels of mercy. So what does he saying now? He's saying he is filled. Not just a tiny little. Section of the nearest. But the whole earth. With vessels of mercy. He created them all. He gives them all their daily bread. He closed them all. He takes care of them all.

But he is rich to all, he who has lord overall is rich to all. Who call upon him. And so he's showing the riches of his glory. And his mercy to sinners.

So, whatever you have done, Whatever your life has been like, Whatever family, or people you are from. Whether you are. Hear this evening or if you're hearing it right now, online or At some time in the future and god's mercy to us. If you believe, In your heart, with your heart.

That jesus christ is risen from the dead if you confess with your mouth. That jesus is the lord. If you. Call upon the name of the lord. The name of jesus. You will. Saved. Not just justify. Praise god, yes. Justified, but not just justified, not just sanctified. Glorified. Amen.