

The Romans Road to Salvation

What is the Romans Road to Salvation?

- Here's what some have said:
- "The Romans Road to salvation is a way of explaining the good news of salvation using verses from the book of Romans. It is a simple yet powerful method of why we need salvation, how God provided salvation, how we can receive salvation, and what is the assurance of salvation....We can receive salvation by just believing that Jesus died on the cross on our behalf, trusting His death as the payment for our sin – and we will be saved....Would you like to follow this Roman Road to Salvation? If so, here is a simple sinners prayer you can pray to God. Saying this prayer is a way to declare to God that you are relying on Jesus Christ for your salvation. The words themselves will not save you. Only faith in Christ can provide salvation."

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- "The Sinner's Response (Romans 10:9-10 and Romans 10:13)....Once we understand our need for a savior and recognize that Jesus Christ is that savior, we can respond by moving along to the third part of the Romans Road, calling out to Jesus....Romans 10:9-10....The response is possible for everyone. Romans 10:13 expresses God's ability to save everyone. (His intention to save everyone is further expressed in John 3:16-17.) 'For, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (Romans 10:13)...A Roman's Road Prayer: "God, I know that I am a sinner and that the wages of sin are death. I believe that you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, as a payment for my punishment. I declare that Jesus is my Lord and profess faith for salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Thank you for your grace, forgiveness, peace, and gift of eternal life. Amen!"

Is there a Romans Road to Salvation, and if so, what is it?

- Whatever the apostle Paul taught about the way of salvation in the letter to the Romans cannot differ from....
 - That which the author of salvation authorized and commanded; else, the revelation received and taught by Paul is a lie and the Bible cannot be trusted
 - That which Paul obeyed; else, he is a hypocrite, and the Bible cannot be trusted
 - That which the other apostles wrote; else, an apostle(s) have lied, and the Bible cannot be trusted

The Romans Road to Salvation as taught by Paul in the letter to the Romans begins with this fact:

- A Universal Need Because of a Universal Experience

- Gentile and Jew – 1:18-19; 2:23-24
- Romans 3:9-12, 23
- Romans 7:9
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 2:6-10



- Jesus taught the same: Luke 13:3
- The Acts of the apostles demonstrate the same: Acts 17:30-31

The Romans Road to Salvation as taught by Paul in the letter to the Romans tells us of:

- The Universal Way to be Saved

- Romans 3:21-26; 5:1-2

- Romans 4:25; 5:18



- Jesus taught the same: John 14:6; Mark 8:34; John 10:11, 11:25

- The Acts of the apostles demonstrate the same: Acts 4:12; 10:43

The Romans Road to Salvation as taught by Paul in the letter to the Romans tells us about:

- The Universal Message that declares the Universal Way

- Romans 1:16-17

- Romans 10:17



- Jesus taught the same: Mark 16:15-16;
Luke 24:46-47

- The Acts of the apostles demonstrate the same: Acts 10:34-35

The Romans Road to Salvation as taught by Paul in the letter to the Romans tells us about:

- The Universal Response to be Saved

- Romans 10:1-17

- One must hear the gospel

- One must believe the gospel

- One must confess Jesus as Lord and Christ

- Romans 2:4-5

- One must repent

- Romans 6:1-7

- One must be baptized into Christ

- Jesus taught the same: Matthew 13:9 vs. John 8:43; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 16:16

- The Acts of the apostles demonstrate the same: Acts 2:22,36,38; 8:37; 10:48



What must I do
to be **SAVED?**

“For ‘whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved’” (10:13)

- Matthew 7:21-23?
- Psalm 4:1?
 - Sinner’s prayer?
 - Scripture?
- “Calls upon” = appeal to
 - Acts 25:11
 - To appeal to God’s authority, seeking his blessing
- Consider Acts 2:21 and Acts 22:16 where Joel 2:32 is also quoted

- Acts 2:21, 36-40

“And it shall come to pass that whoever **calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**’

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, **what shall we do?**’

Then Peter said to them, ‘**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;** and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.’

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, ‘**Be saved** from this perverse generation.’ Then those who gladly received his word **were baptized;** and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”

- Acts 9:6

“So he, trembling and astonished, said, ‘Lord, what do You want me **to do?**’”

Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told **what you must do.**”

- Acts 22:16

“And now why are you waiting? Arise and **be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.**”

“For ‘whoever **calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**’” (Romans 10:13)

- 1 Peter 3:21

“Corresponding to that, **baptism** now **saves you**—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but **an appeal to God for a good conscience**—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”

“For ‘whoever **calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**’” (Romans 10:13)

To call upon the name of the Lord is to be baptized into Christ!

Romans 10:16

- “But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed our report?’”
- When the Holy Spirit spoke of belief regarding Jesus (Isaiah 53:1), he spoke of a belief that obeys
- And thus the belief that Paul speaks of is a belief that obeys
 - Romans 1:5, 16:26

But I thought salvation was a free gift!

- It IS the free gift of God! Romans 6:23
- Being a free gift of God did not exclude belief or confessing Jesus Christ....why should one conclude being baptized into Christ means it is no longer a free gift?
- How contradictory it is to claim that it's not a free gift if one must submit to baptism as a condition but it is a free gift if one must submit to belief and confession!
- Every man who has heard, believed, repented, confessed Jesus Christ and been baptized for remission of sins still knows it's a free gift!

So what?

- The Romans Road to Salvation is NOT simply believing and putting one's trust in Jesus and praying the sinner's prayer
- The true Romans Road to Salvation is to hear, believe, repent, confess Jesus Christ, and be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins.
- This true road to salvation is consistent with
 - What Paul obeyed some 20+ years prior in Acts 9, and it is what he later defended before a Jewish mob in Acts 22
 - What the apostles taught and practiced as recorded by Luke, directed by the Holy Spirit
 - What Jesus, the author of salvation, taught
- If you have not heard the gospel, believed it, repented of your sins, confessed Jesus as Lord and Christ, and been baptized into Christ, then you are still lost in your sins.
- Be saved today!