

## Lordship Salvation #8: The Interpretation of Romans 10:9-10

The context must be understood before **any** passage can be interpreted.

### PRINCIPLE: Clear texts take precedent over unclear texts.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

### Context of Romans 10:9-10: What does the BIBLE say?

- People attempt to connect these verses to **eternal salvation**.
- The Bible has many **better** passages that clearly teach salvation.

### Context of Romans 10:9-10: What is the structure of ROMANS?

- **Condemnation:** The Need for the Righteousness of God (1-3:20)
- **Salvation:** God Provides His Righteousness (3:21-5:21)
- **Sanctification:** God Applies Righteousness to Living (6-8)
- **Vindication:** God's Righteousness and Israel (9-11)
- **Application:** God's Righteousness for Service (12-16)

### POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS:

- Confess may equal believe the way it is used.
- Salvation may have a different meaning.
- Some other explanation that does not conflict with clear passages.

### OBSERVATION:

- What can we observe (not interpret) from this passage?

### Romans 10:1-11 – The Immediate Context of Romans 10:9-10

<sup>1</sup> Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be **SAVED**.

<sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> For they being ignorant of God's **righteousness**, and seeking to establish their own **righteousness**, have not submitted to the **righteousness** of God.

<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the **law** for **righteousness** to everyone who **believes**.

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the **righteousness** which is of the **law**, "The man who **does** those things shall live by them."

<sup>6</sup> But the **righteousness** of **faith** speaks in this way, "Do not say in your **heart**, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) <sup>7</sup> or, "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

<sup>8</sup> 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 preach): <sup>9</sup> 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**. <sup>10</sup> For with the **heart** one **believes** unto **righteousness**, and with the **mouth** confession is made unto **SALVATION**. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Whoever **believes** on Him will not be put to shame."

## Deuteronomy 30:11-20 – The Passage Quoted in Romans 10

<sup>11</sup> "For this commandment which I command you today *is not too* mysterious for you, nor *is it far off*. <sup>12</sup> "It *is not* in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and **do** it?' <sup>13</sup> "Nor *is it beyond the sea*, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and **do** it?' <sup>14</sup> "But the word *is very near* you, in your mouth and in your **heart**, that you may **do** it.

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, <sup>16</sup> "in that I command you today to **love** the LORD your God, to **walk** in His ways, and to **keep** His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may **live** and **multiply**; and the LORD your God will **bless** you in the land which you go to possess.

<sup>17</sup> "But if your **heart** turns away so that you do not hear, and are **drawn away**, and **worship** other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> "I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.

<sup>19</sup> "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup> "that you may **love** the LORD your God, that you may **obey** His voice, and that you may **cling** to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may **dwell** in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

### Is this Lordship Salvation or Lordship Sanctification?

#### v. 9 – Possibly relates to spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (salvation)

- Condition #1: \_\_\_\_\_ (aorist subjunctive)
- Content: " \_\_\_\_\_ " ( \_\_\_\_\_ – Who Jesus Is)
- Condition #2: \_\_\_\_\_ (aorist subjunctive)
- Content: "raised Him from the dead" ( \_\_\_\_\_ – What Jesus Did)
- Result: "You will be **saved**"

#### v. 10 – Possibly relates to spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (sanctification)

For in heart

is \_\_\_\_\_ believed (present indicative passive)  
unto righteousness (positional or functional righteousness?)

and in mouth

is \_\_\_\_\_ confessed (present indicative passive)  
unto salvation (eternal salvation or ongoing sanctification?)

#### v. 11 – Is this verse expressing salvation or sanctification?

For the Scripture says, "Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ (present: "is believing") on Him will not be put to shame."

## Romans 10:9-10 – Outline & Literal Translation

ὅτι ἐὰν ὁμολογήσης ἐν τῷ στόματί σου κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ πιστεύσης ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου ὅτι ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν, σωθήσῃ· καρδίᾳ γὰρ πιστεύεται εἰς δικαιοσύνην, στόματι δὲ ὁμολογεῖται εἰς σωτηρίαν.	That if you would confess (x) in the mouth of you Lord Jesus And you would believe (x) in the heart of you that the God him raised out of dead you will be saved For in heart it is being believed unto righteousness, and in mouth it is being confessed unto salvation. (1 Jn 1:9?)
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### ὁμολογέω (*homologeō*) – to promise, agree, confess (26x in 23 verses)

Matt. 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

Matt. 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

Matt. 14:7 Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

Lk. 12:8 "Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.

Jn. 1:20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

Jn. 9:22 His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

Jn. 12:42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

Acts 7:17 "But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt

Acts 23:8 For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection-- and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.

Acts 24:14 "But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.

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Rom. 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1 Tim. 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

Heb. 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb. 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

1 Jn. 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 Jn. 2:23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

1 Jn. 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

1 Jn. 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

1 Jn. 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

2 Jn. 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Rev. 3:5 "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

### ὁμολογία (*homologia*) – confession (6x in 6 verses)

2 Cor 9:13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men,

1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Tim 6:13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.