

All Who Call

Romans 10:8-13

What?

Salvation is near to all who are willing to call

Salvation is as near to us as our mouths and hearts

Two foundational truths—

God raised Jesus from the dead because **He was satisfied with the efficiency of Jesus' atonement for our sin**

Jesus has been appointed to a **position of authority to grant salvation** to all who believe and name Him as their Lord

A promise—

10—the promise of salvation means being right with God

Salvation refers to being **saved from sin's past, power, penalty and presence**

Verse 11—believers will **not suffer defeat or disappointment in life and will stand unashamed before God**

Two exhortations—

Confessing **is the outward evidence** of inner saving faith

Believers **submit to the Lord's sovereign will above others**

Verse 12—they **depend on Him for rich eternal life**

“Believe in your heart” means **receiving the benefit of Jesus' sin payment**

Everything has been done for us (6, 7)

The Big Question—What does it mean to “believe on” Jesus?

It is a faith that **lays hold on Jesus in desperation**, believing He is the only source of salvation from sin, and eternal life

It is a faith that **gives allegiance to Jesus alone as Lord**

Only God can supply this kind of faith

When we become aware of our need, that is the Holy Spirit not only speaking to us, but also enabling us with faith

But it is up to us to **willingly choose**

Connection with Jesus—

Verses 12 and 13—“**Call on the name of the Lord**”

Jesus was **passing through Jericho** with a large crowd and He walked past a blind beggar, sitting outside the gate

Mark 10:47-48, ESV—When [Bartimaeus] heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Here we see **desperate need, belief his heart, and the cry of faith**, in spite of the rebuke

So What?

Verse 12—Easter is **God inviting all to call on Him**

What is the Lord's name? **Jesus, “Saviour”**

Calling on the name of the Lord is the **desperate prayer** of a person who recognizes the need to be saved from sin

It is the prayer of faith that **appeals to Jesus as Saviour and names Him as Lord**

Calling on the name of the Lord is **the beginning of a lifetime of continuing to call on Him**, as a characteristic of those who believe

The last word—

II Timothy 2:22, NIV—Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart

Now What?

Make a new commitment to call on the Lord in every circumstance

Celebrate the rich blessings of the resurrection—God's presence and eternal life (Psalm 145)