

# With Mouth and Heart

## Romans 10:8-10

*Romans 1:16-17, ESV—For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith”*

**Vss. 6-7**—no great feat of human power is required

Salvation does not come to us in response to miracles or any other teaching

### What?

*Jesus Christ is Lord of all, who saves those who believe and call*

*In your mouth and in your heart—*

**Vs. 8**—salvation is personal, involving our mouth and heart

Faith in our hearts **results in public, verbal allegiance to Jesus with our mouths**

**Vs. 9a**—salvation is centred on Jesus, specifically **what He has done on the cross, and who He is as Lord**

The believing and confessing happen simultaneously

His Lordship extends to our minds, our standards, our work, our church, missions, and our relationships in the world

A **condition of salvation is proclaiming Jesus as your Lord**

**Vs. 9b**—the outward confession of Jesus as Lord arises from inner heart belief, faith

The resurrection proves **Jesus’ death was acceptable to God as the ransom payment made on behalf of sinners**

**Vs. 10**—**believing in what Jesus’ resurrection represents** results in receiving a righteous standing with God

Then the **evidence of true salvation is public, verbal allegiance to Jesus as Lord** of every part of your life

**The Big Question—How does this happen?**

**Vs. 17**—faith is not human resolution of some kind

This “hearing” **is hearing the voice of the Spirit of Christ, convincing you of your sin and compelling you to believe**

**Vs. 14**—the Spirit awakens heart-faith to be exercised

The simultaneous result **is calling on the Lord for salvation and declaring allegiance to Him as Lord of your life**

### So What?

Calling refers to two things—**praying, and praising**

You begin by calling on Him for salvation **in prayer**

This begins for you a life of calling on the Lord, who pours out the riches of His goodness on those who continue to call on Him **and praise Him** (vs. 12)

For followers of Jesus, there are a number of ways that we publically and verbally confess Jesus as Lord—

**In baptism and the Lord’s Supper**

**In public worship**

**In our interactions with unbelievers**

**In severe trials**

**At the time of death**

*The final say—Paul*

*I Corinthians 1:2, NLT—...you...have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours*

### Now What?

Is your life characterized by calling on the name of the Lord?

Does your life publically proclaim your allegiance to Jesus as Lord?