

The Way of Salvation

Romans 10:1-15

1. One of the most surprising truths about relationship with God is that a person's relationship with God is not measured by their effort. You can have "zeal" for God but be totally wrong! Our efforts at being righteous will always fail!
 - a. Zeal = "eagerness and [ardent](#) interest in pursuit of something : [fervor](#)"
 - b. In our culture, being zealous for something seems to be enough
 - c. In our culture , hard work is rewarded
 - d. In our culture, any problem is solvable if we just don' t give up

2. Romans 10:3
 - a. For they don't understand God's way of making people right with Himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by keeping the law. NLT
 - b. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. NKJV
 - c. For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. NASB
 - d. Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. NIV
 - e. What is the appeal of legalism? It fulfills our desire to have a relationship in which we are in control!

3. We must surrender to accept the gift that God provides
 - a. Peter at the foot washing – John 13:1-9
 - b. Naaman – II Kings 5:10-14
 - c. Paul – Acts 9:1-9
 - d. Philippians 3:2-9

4. Matthew 21:44 – We either fall on this stone (surrender to God's gift of righteousness), or it will fall on us!

5. Romans 10:6-8 – We want to do something and we expect that salvation is dependent on our doing something. Paul's illustration in effect says, "Going to the farthest limits (heaven or hell) to find Christ and show we are worthy." His answer though is simply the word is near you and all you need to do is receive it.