

## Some questions

1. What is the role of repentance in the offer of salvation?
2. Are there any conditions for salvation other than believe?
3. Is mere verbal confession enough to be saved (intellectual assent)?
4. What is the minimum we must know about Jesus Christ in order to be saved?

# “Everyone Who Calls”

Romans 10:11-13

## Introduction

**Jesus Christ is the God-Man and, therefore, the only qualified Savior to save the lost from their sin (Rom. 10:9-10).**

1. Paul gives both the means and the result of salvation in Romans 10:9-10. The means is to believe (“heart” – resurrection of Christ). The result is to confess (“mouth” – deity of Christ).
2. The result (confession) is mentioned prior to the reason (v. 9). The reason for this is Paul’s preservation of the order given in Deut. 30:14 (Rom. 10:8 – mouth and heart).
3. Confession involves acknowledgment of the deity of Christ. No Jew would have acknowledged Jesus as God who had not first trusted in Christ (1 Cor. 12:3).
  - The statement “Jesus is Lord” is synonymous with a declaration of faith.
  - The Jew was prepared for such a declaration by the Old Testament (Deut. 6:4 “The Lord our God is one Lord”). Jesus is God Almighty!

4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the occasion for God the Father to declare that Jesus was the Son of God, the heir of the Davidic throne. Jesus acquired a glorified human body (Heb. 1:5; Psa. 2:8).
  
5. Romans 10:9-10 is not giving two separate steps to salvation. What must the sinner do to be saved? The stress is upon the simplicity of faith in contrast to the effort required for establishing one's own righteousness. Acknowledge to God that Christ is the God-Man and believe in Him. Warning! It is possible to believe in the wrong Christ.

**I. The offer of eternal life in Jesus Christ is extended to all people (v. 11).**

- God's righteousness in Christ is available to all who believe.
  
- Quotation from Isaiah 28:16
  
- All are equal in their lost condition.
  
- There is no condemnation ("will not be disappointed").

**II. The offer of eternal life in Jesus Christ is impartial in its benefits (v. 12).**

- The gospel of Jesus Christ is the universal remedy for a universal need.
  
- All sinners receive salvation in the same way.

**III. The offer of eternal life in Jesus Christ is a merciful prayer promise for all unbelievers (v. 13).**

- Quotation from Joel 2:32 (Acts 2:21).
  
- Who is to be the object of our faith?
  
- Compare Romans 10:13 with 10:9 (Heb. 1:5 and Psa. 2:8).
  
- What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord?
  - It means to believe, receive (Jn. 1:12), confess (Heb. 4:14), ask (Jn. 4:10), come (Rev. 22:17), take (Rev. 22:17).