

ROMANS

SEEING WHAT IS RIGHT • THROUGH GOD'S EYES

Competing Voices



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“One of the basic misunderstandings between the conservative and the more evangelical Mennonite churches is their understanding of salvation. In the evangelical churches it is customary to emphasize the past tense of salvation (I have been saved) whereas the conservative churches have in the past emphasized the future tense of salvation (I trust I will be saved).”

Preservings No. 15 Dec. 1999 pg. 47.



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Do	Done
I must establish my own righteousness	I am completely helpless
To be accepted I must talk right, dress right, behave right , think right , be very separate from the world	At best I fall very short - I desperately need His free offer of righteousness in Christ
God will maybe accept me If I am good enough	God accepts Christ – I am in Christ
I am insecure – Have I done enough?	I am secure – Christ is my righteousness



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“Which Voice?”

Quick Review

Romans Series: “Seeing what is Right Through God’s eyes”

- ❖ Module 1 – “Condemned” *God’s Righteous Judgement Ch. 1-3*
- ❖ Module 2 – “Credited” *Righteousness through Faith Ch. 3:21- 5:21*
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**My Free
choice
Romans 10**

Faith

**God's sovereign
choice (election)
Romans 9**



Flow of thought

1. Ignorance is not bliss! 10:1-4

- Israel was zealous but in ignorance – sought their own righteousness – not Christ's – the barrier is not God's election but man's religious self righteous rejection of God's righteousness in Christ alone

2. No Rules Allowed! 10:5-13

- True righteousness is only by faith and confession of Jesus as Messiah. All who call upon the Lord are saved!

3. Five Precious Verbs 10:14-21

- Sent, Preached , Heard , Believed, Called God has done His part – Most of Israel (and most Gentiles) have rejected God repeatedly and have been hard hearted.





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RULES!

1. You SHALL!
2. You WILL!
3. You MUST!

- Rules demand obedience - we know we fail
- Faith does not require that you reach to heaven *or* the Abyss (thus it is nothing of yourself) – it is simply a conviction of heart and a confession with the mouth



No Rules Allowed! 10:5-13



- How many drops of the liquid manure would it take before you wouldn't drink that glass of water?



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Romans 10:9–13 (NIV84)

⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹ As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for,

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”



Five Precious Verbs 10:14-21

- Reversed the order to see the flow of thought
- Who initiates? Who drives this?
- What is expected of us?
- God **Sent**
- Those God sent **Preached**,
- God sent His word and sinners **Heard**,
- Those who heard the message God sent **Believed**,
- Those who simply believed - not earned - **Called**



Five Precious Verbs 10:14-21



- These verses capture the heart of God
- Thorny questions “Doesn’t the doctrine of election cancel out the love of God?”

John 3:16 (NIV84)

¹⁶ **“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**



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Luke 19:41–42 (NIV84)

⁴¹ As he (Jesus) approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.



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Romans 10:21 (NIV84)

21 But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.”



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Which Voice ?

**I must
do, do,
do!**



**Christ
has
done!
(it)**

