Bible Study and Romans 10 (Part 7)

Learning Bible study skills while studying an often misinterpreted verses.

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

BACKGROUND:

- What do we know about the Book of Romans?
- What do we know about what the Bible clearly says about how a person is saved?

OBSERVATION:

 What can we observe (not interpret) from these verses by just looking at them?

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS:

- You can believe but not be saved?
- You can confess but not be righteous?
- An extra requirement to confess to be saved?

PRINCIPLE: Clear texts take precedent over unclear texts.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:

- Confess may equal believe the way it is used.
- Salvation may have a different meaning.
- Some other explanation that does not conflict with clear passages.

Romans 10:1-10

- ¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel¹ is that they may be saved.
- ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.
- ³ For they being ignorant of God's **righteousness**, and seeking to establish their own **righteousness**, have not submitted to the **righteousness** of God.
- ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for **righteousness** to everyone who believes.
- ⁵ For Moses writes about the **righteousness** which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them¹."
- ⁶ But the **righteousness** of <u>faith</u> speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven¹?'" (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*)
- ⁷ or, "'Who will descend into the abyss1?"" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
- ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart¹" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):
- ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- ¹⁰ For with the heart one <u>believes</u> unto **righteousness**, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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Deuteronomy 30:11-20

- ¹¹ "For this commandment which I command you today *is* not *too* mysterious for you, nor *is* it far off.
- ¹² "It *is* not in heaven, that you should say, `Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'
- ¹³ "Nor *is* it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'
- ¹⁴ "But the word *is* very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. ¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,
- ¹⁶ "in that I command you today to **love** the LORD your God, to **walk** in His ways, and to **keep** His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.
- ¹⁷ "But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are **drawn away**, and **worship** other gods and serve them,
- ¹⁸ "I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.
- ¹⁹ "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;
- ²⁰ "that you may ove the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

Lordship	or Lordship	?
v. 9 – Possibly relates to spiritual		(salvation)
Condition #1: _		(aorist subjunctive)
Content: "	" (– Who Jesus Is)
• Condition #2:		(aorist subjunctive)
Content: "raised Him from the dead" (What Jesus Did)
Result: "You wi	ll be"	
v. 10 – Possibly relates to spiritual		(sanctification)
For		
in heart		
is	believed (indicative passive)
unto	righteousness	
and		
in mouth		
is	confessed (indicative passive)
unto	salvation	