

Lordship Salvation #7: The Immediate Context of Romans 10:9-10

The context must be understood before **any** passage can be interpreted.

PRINCIPLE: Clear texts take precedent over unclear texts.

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.

Context of Romans 10:9-10: What does the BIBLE say?

- People attempt to connect these verses to **eternal salvation**.
- The Bible has many **better** passages that clearly teach salvation.

Context of Romans 10:9-10: What is the structure of ROMANS?

- **Condemnation:** The Need for the Righteousness of God (1-3:20)
- **Salvation:** God Provides His Righteousness (3:21-5:21)
- **Sanctification:** God Applies Righteousness to Living (6-8)
- **Vindication:** God's Righteousness and Israel (9-11)
- **Application:** God's Righteousness for Service (12-16)

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS:

a. What can we observe (not interpret) from this passage?

Romans 10:1-11 – The Immediate Context of Romans 10:9-10

¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel 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 them."

⁶ But the **righteousness** of **faith** speaks in this way, "Do not say in your **heart**, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) ⁷ or, "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (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 **heart**" (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 **believes** unto **righteousness**, and with the **mouth** confession is made unto **SALVATION**. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Whoever **believes** on Him will not be put to shame."

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 – The Passage Quoted in Romans 10

b. How does Deuteronomy 30 shed light on Romans 10?

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 **love** 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."

THOUGHT:

Is this Lordship Salvation or Lordship Sanctification?