

## ROMANS—PART 66

### Romans 10:1-4

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1. Although salvation is completely the free gift of God, it is still our responsibility to receive what He offers to us.
2. *10:1* Paul's own spiritual ignorance was due to unbelief and rejection of what God revealed (1 Timothy 1:12-13).
3. *10:1* No one better understood God's sovereignty than Paul; yet he knew with certainty that the salvation of people who stood against Jesus was not impossible.
4. *10:1* Paul prayed because he fully believed God could save—no matter how unlikely—if they would only put their trust in Jesus.
5. *10:1* It is not our responsibility to try to determine whom God has chosen; rather it is our responsibility to share the gospel, to preach, to testify, and to intercede, fully believing that God "...desires all men to be saved" (1 Timothy 2:3-4).
6. *10:2* Certainly many are passionate [zealous], but passion and sincerity never saved a soul from hell...only Jesus can do that (Romans 3:20).
7. *10:2* The Jews had a certain kind of knowledge (gnosis), an intellectual awareness based in external behavior. They did not have the discerning spiritual knowledge (epignōsis) that is only gained from a genuine relationship with God.
8. *10:2* True salvation brings with it a true knowledge of God that opens the door to spiritual wisdom.
9. *10:3* The extreme tragedy in the history of Israel was their squandering of the privilege of having received direct revelation from God. The same tragedy holds true for all of mankind. We have been given the immeasurable privilege of having been given the revelation of God 1) in Creation (Romans 1:18–21), 2) in His written Word, and 3) in His only begotten Son, Jesus.
10. *10:3* The basic flaw is in thinking that God is less holy and more tolerant of sin than He has clearly revealed Himself to be.

11. 10:3 A weak view of God's righteousness brings a weak view of His judgment
12. 10:3 Perfection is the only standard acceptable to God (Matthew 5:48; 1 Peter 1:16); apart from being gifted holiness, no one will achieve it (grace).
13. 10:4 The purpose of the law is to lead us to Christ so that we might be justified by faith (Galatians 3:24).
14. 10:4 Christ is "the end of the law" in the sense that through His death and resurrection He has terminated the purpose of the law.
15. 10:4 The righteousness of the law is being fulfilled in the life of the believer through the power of the Spirit (Romans 8:4). But the reign of the law has ended (Romans 6:14).
16. 10:4 The thing God requires is that we stop trying to earn what we can only receive as a free gift.
17. 10:4 Belief in Christ brings to an end the sinner's futile quest for righteousness through his own attempts to fulfill the law.

## QUOTES

"God, I've saved all the elect, would you elect some more...?" ~D.L. Moody

Robert Murray McCheyne was passing out tracts and handed one to a well-dressed lady of society. She gave him a haughty look and said, "Sir, you must not know who I am!" McCheyne replied, "Madam, there is coming a day of judgment, and on that day it will not make any difference who you are!"

"Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling." ~A.M. Toplady

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