

Theme: Embracing the Power of the Gospel

Topic: Understanding the Way of Salvation

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:1-17, 11:1-33

Proposition: The word of Faith brings salvation to all who believe in their hearts and confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. The Way of Salvation Must Be Clearly Understood Romans: 10: 1-3

- a. Paul's burden for the unsaved Jews V. 1
- b. Paul's concern for the Jews misguided zeal V. 2
- c. The Jews need to submit to God's plan for righteousness V. 3

2. The Way of Salvation Must Be Acted Upon Romans: 10:4-8

- a. Salvation by faith in Christ must be accepted and believed V.4
- b. Salvation by keeping the Law perfectly proved to be impossible V.5
- c. Salvation can be experienced by all who believe in their heart and confess the lordship of Jesus. V.6-8 (Inward belief and open confession)

3. The Way of Salvation is Simple, Easy and Indispensable Romans: 10:9-12

- a. The way of salvation is simple because the only sacrifice necessary has been made. V.9
- b. The way of salvation is easy because Christ finished the work and supplies the faith V.10
- c. The way of salvation is vital and requires a personal commitment for each recipient. V.11

4. The Way of Salvation Must Be Shared with Others Romans: 10: 13-17

- a. The desire and call for salvation is a response to the good news proclaimed V.13
- b. The way of salvation can only be believed and accepted when it is heard and understood. V.14
- c. The way of salvation is to be proclaimed by those who have accepted and received Jesus Christ as Lord. (V.15-17, Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
- d. We must faithfully share the good news, all will not believe, but some will believe. V. 18-21

5. The Way of Salvation is offered to All Romans: 11:1-3

- a. God desires to save all, even those who appear to be casted away. V.1
- b. God will always preserve Himself a remnant. V. 2-4
- c. Never give up on people. Things are often much better with the church of God than wise and good men think they are. They are ready to give up all for lost, when it is not so.

6. The Way of Salvation is offered by Grace Romans: 11:4-7

- a. Salvation is offered by the election of grace to both Jews and Gentiles. V.4, 5
- b. Salvation cannot be earned by merit, worthiness or works. V.6, Eph 2:8, 9
- c. Salvation was offered to Jews by grace, and offered to the Gentiles by the same grace. V.7-11
God allowed the Jews a temporary fall due to their rejection of Christ, but their fall would result in the salvation of the Gentiles. The Jews were chosen by grace, received and accepted by Grace.
- d. The election of Grace will at last cause the Jewish nation to be saved. V.12-16

7. The Way of Salvation is of the Lord

Romans: 11: 17-33

- a. Since salvation is of the Lord, remember God can cut off or included whoever He wills. V. 16-19
- b. Since salvation is of the Lord, those who are saved should be humble, not boastful or proud. V. 20
- c. Since salvation is of the Lord, those who are saved must lived lives worthy of the calling. V.21-24
As Gentile believers will be cut off unless they "continue in the goodness of God" [Ro 11:22], so the Jews, if they abandon their unbelief, shall again be grafted in. They are not cut off by a decree of God casting them away, but by their own unbelief.
- d. Since salvation is of the Lord, those who are saved must realize God will work out His plan in accordance to His will, promises and purpose. V. 26-29

Ro 11:33 ¶ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!