

Step 3 - Victorious Christian Living.

With the mouth confession is made unto **“Salvation”**

Romans 10:9-10 – (9)That if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Here we are going to focus on this part of the scripture:

“and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Before we do let's define Salvation:

Salvation: Has to do with appropriating into your life everything that Jesus Christ did for you on the cross. It is walking in the “Victory” that Jesus Christ provided while you are still here on this earth. I heard a preacher once say “Salvation, in the old testament, meant total victory over our enemy. In this case our enemy is “Satan” and the fact is we have total “Victory” over Satan while we are here on this earth. We just need to learn how to manifest the Victory Christ won for us on the cross into our lives.

This concept of “With the mouth confession” is a very powerful concept. As a matter of fact there was and is a whole movement called the “Faith Movement” built on the idea of “Confessing with the Mouth” would somehow move the hand of God. I studied the faith movement for year and please don't get me wrong I totally believe in the “Faith Movement” and I am very “Thankful” for the teaching of the Faith movement. The only reason why I am where I am in my Christian walk is because of the “Faith Movement”. I am just going to fine tune it a little bit. In order to do that I feel we need to look at a little more scripture:

Romans 10:11-17 (11) For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (12) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: because the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him (13) For whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14) How then shall they believe in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (16) But E-sai-as saith Lord, who haith believed our report? (17) So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

There is a lot here in this scripture so let's get started.

Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Wow right there is a show stopper for most of us. In today's world I completely understand but in order to live the victorious christian life you can not be “Ashamed” of being a “Christian”. As a matter of fact you should first identify yourself as a “Christian” a “Believer in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior”. I often wonder how many of us, including myself, would act as the early “Christians” did and when faced with going into the coliseum and being put to death if we would admit we were a “Christian” would you admit to being a Christian?

1: If you are a Christian, be Proud that you are a Christian, and be ready to shout it from the roof tops.

Romans 10:12-13 (12) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: because the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him (13) For whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

When I first looked at this scripture I thought what great news for the Greeks they can be saved and go to heaven. But when I really thought about it this is tremendous news for both “Jew and Greek” alike. The reason being is because for the Jew it meant by calling on the name of Jesus you would be found “Righteous”, born into “Jesus's Righteousness”. That meant no more having to keep the “Law” for a Jew if they confessed, as anyone needed to, that “Jesus Christ was their Lord and Savior”. This new should be exciting to both Jew and Greek because by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior it not only made you the “Righteousness of Christ” but also gives you complete “Victory” over the works of Satan (Sin and the effects of sin), but it also allowed you to return to the “Father/Child” relationship that was available to Adam before the fall. The benefits of reaching “Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior” has so many benefits to both Jew and Greek that it would impossible to fully explain now. The fact is that the term “Saved” does not only refer to being saved from going to hell when you die but it also refer's to being “Saved” from all the attacks of Satan while you live here on earth.

2: Call on the name of Jesus Christ as your lord and Savior and you shall be Saved includes being saved from all the attacks of Satan while you live here on earth.

Romans 10:14-15 (14) How then shall they believe in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

In order to understand what is being said here we must look up the definition of “Preach”. When I did I found the following definition:

Preach:

To deliver a sermon or religious address to an assembled group or people, typically in a church.

I was really glad to see that definition because it released me of all responsibility. Then I read this:

Publicly proclaim or teach (a religious message or belief) “He preached the Gospel to them”.

I personally did not like that definition as much because it put the responsibility on me. See I liked being a “Closet Christian”, leave the preaching to the preachers, after all that is what they get paid to do. Well let me ask you this “Do you want beautiful feet in Gods eyes?” Do you want to live the “Victorious Christian Life” that Jesus Christ purchased for you on the cross? Then you better be ready to “Preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things”. Not from the pulpit but everywhere hat your feet take you. The message of the “Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ should burn in your heart to the point that you are ready to share it with everyone that your feet bring you in contact with.

3: Everywhere your feet take you be ready to preach the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:16 But E-sai-as saith Lord, who haith believed our report?

I absolutely love that God put this here in this scripture. I believe what God is saying here is “Don't worry about the results – expect that most will not believe your report. It's not your job to produce the results it's your job to share the Good news. I don't know about you but that actually sets me free to just go out and share, share, share, “The Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ” because God is not rewarding me on the results but instead God is rewarding me for my “Faithfulness to Preach”, my faithfulness to talk to someone about my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In our results driven world that is hard to accept but it is the truth. Let me share another scripture with you to drive home the point:

1 Corinthians 3:7 So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God giveth the increase.

What this is saying is both the *he that planteth*, originally talks to someone about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or the *one that watereth*, come to the person a second time and talks about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is “*anything*” because they don't have the power to make them believe, “*but God giveth the increase*” only God has the power to make someone believe. Our God is the God of the harvest, we are the messenger, the preacher, and our job is to tell people about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In salesman's term, don't worry about the sales God is going to reward you for the number of showings.

4: Your Job is to “Preach the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ”. Don't worry about the results, just keep on preaching. God is the God of the Harvest.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Being part of the “Faith Movement” you have no idea how many times I have heard this scripture. Let me tell you I spent many years in the faith movement and never really understood what this scripture meant. Needless to say there was many times I tried to step out on Faith and feel flat on my face. It was truly embarrassing but instead of giving up I dug deeper and I am so glad I did.

So let me tell you how I now believe this works. Recently I heard a preach say “What you say with your mouth you believe more than anything you read or someone tells you”. Another words what you hear yourself say you believe more than anything else in the world. See I now believe that Faith come from hearing you say the word of God out loud as you are preaching the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As you hear yourself say it out loud you believe it more and more which eventually leads to you accepting it as fact in your heart. That accepting it in your heart is called “Revelation Knowledge” and once you have “Revelation Knowledge” on a subject it's yours, it's Fact. See in order to really walk in the “Victorious Christian Life” you must first “Believe in your Heart” and then “Confess with you Mouth”.

5: Confess the word of God to everyone you come in contact with because by confessing the word, you reinforce our belief in the word and before long it is the truth you believe.

So let's recap the steps to walking out your “Salvation” and living the “Victorious Christian Life” while here on earth.

1: If you are a Christian, be Proud that you are a Christian, and be ready to shout it from the roof tops.

2: Call on the name of Jesus Christ as your lord and Savior and you shall be Saved includes being saved from all the attacks of Satan, effects of Sin and the fall of man, while you live here on earth.

3: Everywhere your feet take you be ready to preach the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

4: Your Job is to “Preach the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ”. Don't worry about the results, just keep on preaching. God is the God of the Harvest.

5: Confess the “Word of God” to everyone you come in contact with because by confessing the word, you reinforce your belief in the word and before long it is the truth you believe.