

BLOWN AWAY

Standing in Awe of God

Part 2: The Good News For Everybody

Three common mistakes of “religion”:

1. Confusing _____ **with** _____.
“...they're zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.” Rom. 10:2

2. Confusing _____ **with** _____.
“Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.” Rom. 10:3, 4

3. Confusing _____ **with** _____.
“Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: ‘The man who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that is by faith says: ‘Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? ‘The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, ‘...’” Rom. 10:5-8

The key:

Turning _____.
“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Rom. 10:9

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As Scripture says, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’ For there's no difference between Jew and Gentile --the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Rom. 10:10-13

Once I experience this, I need to remember:

1. God uses _____ **to reach** _____.
“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” Rom. 10:14

2. God's message is _____.
“And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’” Rom. 10:15

3. Not everyone _____.
“But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed our message?’” Rom. 10:16

4. Reaching people is _____.
“But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: ‘Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.’ ...And Isaiah boldly says, ‘I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.’ But concerning Israel he says, ‘All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.’” Rom. 10:18, 20-21

Daily Meditations

Here's a chance to “take it home”: Spend a few minutes every day reading Scripture, praying, and answering thought provoking questions about this weekend's topic!

This week's memory verse:

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

Monday

According to Romans 10:1-3, in what ways did Paul's own religious relatives make typical “religious” mistakes?

How do you see religious people taking this same path today?

Look back over your notes from this past weekend. Have you ever seen the first three points -- confusing our work for God's work-- at work in your life? How?

Ask God to help you live in the beautiful truth of verse 4-- that Christ is the end of the law for whoever believes! Thank Him that His acceptance of you is based on His grace, not your merit! Worship Him for that now!

Tuesday

Read Romans 10:5-9. These verses describe the two ways people can try to come to God-- on the basis of their own performance (v. 5) or on the basis of grace (vv. 8-9). How would the attitude of a person coming to God on the basis of his or her performance differ from someone coming solely on the basis of God's grace?

What does it mean to confess "Jesus as Lord"? Put it in your own words:

Scholars point out that the confession of Jesus as "Savior" occurs much less frequently in the New Testament than the confession of Jesus as "Lord" or "Lord and Savior". Why do you think this is?

Which is easier for you to say-- Jesus is my Lord, or Jesus is my Savior? Why?

Today ask God to help you put Him over everything in your life-- to truly allow Him to be Lord over all. Bring to Him specifically those areas where you struggle with control.

Wednesday

Read Romans 10:9-13. The central creed of the early church was "Jesus is Lord"; everyone else was saying "Caesar is Lord." Who-- or what-- are people saying is "Lord" today?

Who-- or what-- are some "gods" that compete with God for lordship over your life?

Recovery groups often say the key to health is turning over your life-- your mind, will, emotions, everything-- over to the control of God. This is a good definition of what it means to make Jesus your Lord. Why is this a key to recovery and sobriety?

What is one major way your confession of Jesus as Lord has influenced your life?

Confess in prayer today that "Jesus is Lord". Worship Him for His greatness and power!

Thursday

Read Romans 10:14-21. What's the purpose of Paul's series of questions in verses 14 and 15?

How does this underscore the importance of evangelism?

How does it help to know God himself is witnessing to your friends and family through nature (verse 18)?

What do verses 20 and 21 tell you about God's character, love, and patience?

Write the names of three people to whom you need to bear the message of good news:

Ask God for opportunities to share with these people! Thank Him for His love to you--and them!

Friday

Today, read the entire 11th chapter of Romans. Write down some of your questions and observations in preparation for this weekend's message on this chapter.

Today thank God again for His grace! Make Paul's closing affirmation yours today!!

Saturday

Finish up any devotions you may have missed this week, and memorize that verse on the top of the previous page! *Please pray for the weekend services!*