



Life In The Spirit – Romans 10 – The Role of a Lifetime

1st Section (Chapter 1 – middle of Chapter 3): **Sin**

2nd Section (Middle of Chapter 3 – Chapter 5): **Salvation**

3rd Section (Chapter 6 – Chapter 8): **Sanctification**

4th Section (Chapter 9 – Chapter 11): **Sovereignty**

5th Section (Chapter 12 – Chapter 16): **Service**

Roman 9

Israel's **past**

Romans 10

Israel's **present**

Romans 11

Israel's **future**

Romans 9: **God's** role in our lives.

Romans 10: **Our** role in responding to God's work in our lives.

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV) *That 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. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

- God's work in our life is contingent upon two things **we must do:**
 - #1: **Confess** with your mouth.
 - #2: **Believe** in your heart.
- **Titus 1:16 (NIV)** *They claim to know God but by their actions they deny Him.*
- "Believe" means: *"to trust in, to cling to, to rely on, to commit to"*
- **James 2:19 (NIV)** *You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.*
- The KEY here is: **Commitment**

Romans 10:9 (NIV) *...believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead*

- The **resurrection** is the central issue in Christianity.
- **1 Corinthians 15:12-17 (NIV)** If you **deny** the resurrection, then you're NOT a believer.

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What are we to confess?

- Jesus is Lord = Jesus is **God!**
- **C.S. Lewis:** *A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse.*
- God expects us to **verbalize** our faith. **(WATER BAPTISM)**

The problem:

- It's easy to get our role and God's role all **jumbled together**, and end up with some sort of religious counterfeit.
- **2 Timothy 3:5 (NIV)** *...having a form of godliness but denying its power.*

Romans 10:1-4 (NIV) – They mixed up God's part with their part:

- #1: They didn't **listen** to what God told them.
 - **Romans 10:2 (NIV)**
 - **James 1:22-24 (NIV)**
 - **Ephesians 4:14 (NIV)**
- #2: They tried to be righteous by **good works**.
 - Salvation by **subtraction**
 - Salvation by **service**
 - Salvation by **standards**

Romans 10:14-15 (NIV) – Our responsibility:

- To share this amazing message with **somebody else**.
 - #1: God collaborates **with us** to reach people.
 - #2: All of us are **sent**.

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