

THE ROMAN ROAD OF SALVATION

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I. The Roman Road for Sinners- What Christ has done FOR us. The Gospel to the Unbeliever. This frees them from the penalty of sin. This is Justification. This is the salvation of the spirit.

A. [Romans 3:23]

1. The beginning step towards salvation is to understand that you are a sinner before God.
2. The Law was given to Israel to reveal sins so that mankind would recognize they sinned because they were a sinner by nature. [Rom. 3:20]
3. God only gave the Law to Israel [the A team]. When they miserably failed to keep it and thus were condemned, the whole world [the B team-gentiles] were also condemned because they were not even God's people and were outside of His covenants. If Israel was proven to be sinners, it was apparent that the gentiles were also condemned being the B team! [Romans 3:19]

B. [Romans 5:8]

1. The next step towards salvation is to understand that God must judge sinners because of sin, **but He loves sinners, and wants them saved.**
2. [John 3:16]- Reveals the love of God for man. We naturally would avoid a God that hated us.
3. Faith is effective through God's love. [Gal. 5:6]

B. [Romans 6:23]

1. There must be the knowledge that the penalty for sin is not cancer, disaster, or lashes. The penalty is death. This brings out the seriousness and penalty of sin to God.
2. This verse reveals that man cannot atone for sin **by works**. You can only do works while you are alive! Only death can atone for the guilt and penalty of sin. The only death acceptable to God is the death of the perfect lamb of God- Jesus Christ

C. [Romans 10:9-10]

1. Salvation must be appropriated. Christ has done the work, but it must be appropriated by faith. God will not force anyone to receive from Him. Satan forces!

2. Belief in the heart unto righteousness- This is salvation received in the heart by inward faith seen by God.
3. Confession made unto salvation- This is man's action of faith which those can hear outwardly. This confession is- I am now saved! It is our statement of faith.

D. [Romans 10:13]

1. This is the Romans Road to Salvation of sinners encapsulated- Man is saved by calling on the name [authority and finished work] of the Lord

II. The Roman Road for Believers- What Christ has done TO us. The Gospel to the Believer. This frees them from the power of sin. This is Sanctification. This is the salvation of the soul.

A. [Romans 6:6]

1. Christ acted as man's covenant representative. What happened to Him [crucified, buried, raised, and seated], happened to us, because we were in Him as our representative.
2. Christ was crucified on the cross. Because he was our covenant representative, we were seen by God as being crucified in Him and with Him. **The old sinner we were died.**
3. The gospel to the unbeliever is that Jesus died for your sins. The gospel to the believer is that **YOU** died with Christ to sin.

B. [Romans 6:11]

1. Count on the fact that you died to sin- **This means we are to count on the fact that we are no longer the old sinner we used to be!**
2. Count on the fact that you are alive to God- **This means we are to count on the fact that we are born again as a righteous, holy, child of God and are a partaker of His Divine nature.** [2 Cor. 5:17, 21, 2 Peter 1:4]

C. [Romans 7:4]

1. Jesus body was the substance that cast the shadow of the Law. [Col. 2:17] When he died, our relationship with the Law died as well.
2. This means we no longer are responsible or obligated to try to produce life or spiritual fruit [our own godliness] by our will power and efforts. We cannot produce divine life or its fruit apart from union with God anyway! [John 15:5]

3. We no longer are required to produce for God, but we now can **produce from God**. We died to the Law, and are now in union with Christ so we can now bear fruit unto God by trusting in His Spirit within us. [**Gal. 5:22-23**]

4. Any effort to be the producer of the Christian life will be met with a resounding defeat and will frustrate the Spirit of grace from moving in and through us. [**Romans 7:15-23**]

D. [**Romans 8:2**]

1. The Christian life is Jesus Christ. [**Col. 3:4, Phil 1:21**]

2. The Spirit of Christ now provides and manifests God's life within us and through us as we trust Him instead of the efforts of the flesh. The Spirit of Life in Christ **HAS** set us free from sin and death.

3. We must believe and say what God says. He says the Spirit of Christ **HAS** freed us from sin. If we would but believe it and say this as our constant confession, we would experience it in our life. God demands faith, before manifestation. The natural man always wants to experience it first with their senses and then believe, just like Thomas. [**John 20:29**]

4. Through simple faith in the finished work of Christ and His Spirit within, the believer will experience the righteous and holy standards of the Law being accomplished IN them by the Spirit of Jesus, not BY their efforts.

E. [**Romans 12:2**]

1. We progress in the path of sanctification by the constant and on-going revelation of what God has done for us and to us in Christ.

2. Revelation and renewing the mind is progressive, therefore, the experience of sanctification and freedom is also progressive. [**2.**

Cor. 3:18]- Glory to glory, by the Spirit of Christ.

3. This encapsulates the daily walk of salvation for believers.