

SIMPLE STEPS TO SALVATION

ROMANS 10:9, 10

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “Not *behaving*, but *believing* is God’s way: behaving *follows* believing!” William R. Newell, *Romans Verse By Verse*, p. 234. Read **Romans 10:1-8**. “To separate the two clauses (believing and confessing) and look for an independent meaning in each is a mistake: a heart believing unto righteousness, and a mouth making confession unto salvation, are not really two things, but two sides of the same thing.” Kenneth S. Wuest, *Word Studies in the New Testament, Volume I (Romans)*, p. 178.

CONFESS JESUS AS LORD. The Greek word confess means “to agree with some person with reference to something. To confess the Lord Jesus means therefore to be in agreement with all that Scripture says about Him. Wuest, pp. 177, 178. “When the Holy Spirit brings faith and salvation to a heart, that heart proclaims the lordship of Christ... Scripture never separates Christ’s lordship from His saviorhood. **Lord** is from *kurios*, which signifies sovereign power and authority. In the book of Acts, Jesus is twice referred to as Savior but ninety-two times as Lord. In the entire New Testament, He is referred to some ten times as Savior and some seven hundred times as Lord. When the two titles are mentioned together, *Lord* always precedes *Savior*.” John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Romans 9-16*, p. 74. (**Romans 10:9, 10, fn 10:8-12, Romans 14:8, 9, I Corinthians 12:3, fn 12:3, John 13:13, 14, John 20:26-28, Acts 16:30-34, fn 16:30, 31, Matthew 7:21-23, fn 7:21-23**) *Why does God want you to confess that Jesus is Lord as part of salvation?*

BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD. History itself marks Jesus life and death (BC-AD). “But the truth of Jesus’ resurrection **from the dead** was the supreme validation of His ministry.” John MacArthur, p. 75. His death on the cross satisfied God’s demand that your sin be paid for, and His resurrection was proof that this was accomplished. If you believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead for you, you will be saved. (**Romans 10:9, 10, Romans 4:23, 24, I Peter 1:3, John 11:17-26, fn 11:25, 26, Acts 2:25-32, fn 2:25-32, John 6:28, 29, fn 6:28, 29, I John 3:23, fn 3:23, John 1:10-13, fn 1:12, 13, Hebrews 11:6**) *Explain how you would lead someone to Christ using these simple steps.*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.