

Road Trip Devotions - Romans 10:8-12

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“In fact, it says ‘The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart.’ And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.” (Rom 10:8-12; NLTse)

Once again Paul addresses questions about who will be saved and what it takes to be saved.

Your salvation is not dependent on your ethnicity, your ability to follow the law, or your goodness. Paul said God’s salvation is right in front us. God will come to us wherever we are. All we need to do is respond and accept his gift of salvation. It is not a complicated process. If you believe in your heart and say with your mouth that Christ is the risen Lord, you will be saved.

So the question is, “Why do we complicate salvation?” It is my opinion that we cannot understand how someone (like me), who is so bad, can be saved by belief in the Lord. We believe salvation has to more difficult than simply believing. Surely, I must need to do something more. And there are those who think, “God cannot save me because my sin is the worst.”

Paul said there was no one as bad as he was, and God chose him to bring the message of God’s salvation to the lost. Goodness or being so bad has nothing to do with your salvation. No one can work or earn their salvation. God saves us by a belief that Jesus, the perfect sacrifice, died for me.

Everyone has opportunity to be saved. It is up to us to tell people about the gift God has for everyone. Once you believe in God, you will want to work for Christ. One of the most important things you can do is spread the wonderful message about God’s love for everyone.