

The Roman Road to Salvation

A Bible study based on how Paul says to be saved in the book of Romans.

Paul told the Romans what they needed to know in one letter. We can see what God wants us to do by studying this letter together and seeing the 15 “turns” we need to make on this road. Other passages have been added to reinforce what Paul is saying.

1. Romans 1:16-17 – The gospel is what saves us!

[1:16] For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [17] For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

I Cor. 15:1-4 – The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus!

[15:1] Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, [2] and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. [3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

2. Romans 3:23 – We all need saving, because we have all sinned!

[3:23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

I John 3:4 – We sin when we do what God says not to do!

[3:4] Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

James 4:17 – We sin when we know what we should do, but don't do it!

[4:17] So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

3. Romans 6:23 – If you are a sinner, you can either get the death that you deserve or accept the gift of eternal life!

[6:23] For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 59:2 – When you sin you separate yourself from God! This is spiritual death!

[59:2] but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

4. Romans 5:8 – Jesus came and died for us to show love for us, even though we were sinners!

[5:8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

5. Romans 10:14-15 – The gospel is spread by people preaching the word of Christ!

[10:14] But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

[15] And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

6. Romans 10:17 – Hearing the message of the word of Christ is the way to having faith in Christ!

[10:17] So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

7. Romans 2:4 – The gift of eternal life is given by God to those who respond in repentance!

[2:4] Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Luke 13:3 – If you do not repent, you will perish!

[13:3] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

8. Romans 10:9-10 – This gift of eternal life is given to those willing to confess their faith!

[10:9] because, 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. [10] For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

9. Romans 10:13 – We need to call on the name of the Lord as God says!

[10:13] For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Acts 22:16 – A passage from the account of how the author of Romans was saved showing us how to call on the name of the Lord!

[22:16] And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

10. Romans 6:3-5 – This gift of eternal life is given to those who obey the gospel by being baptized!

[6:3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Acts 2:38-39 – This is the way to be saved and it will never change!

[2:38] And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [39] For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Gal. 3:26-27 – We become sons of God and put on Christ in baptism!

[3:26] for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. [27] For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

I Peter 3:21 – The New Testament is very clear on the need for baptism!

[3:21] Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

11. Romans 8:9 – You must have the Spirit to be acceptable to Christ!

[8:9] You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Gal. 4:6-7 – After you become a son of God, God gives you the Spirit!

[4:6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" [7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

12. Romans 6:17-18 – When you obey the gospel you are free from sin!

[6:17] But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, [18] and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

13. Romans 8:1-2 – If you obey the gospel message, or that form of teaching, you are no longer under condemnation!

[8:1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

14. Romans 2:7-8 – Your destiny depends on your decision!

[2:7] to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; [8] but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

II Thes. 1:7-8 – There is a price for those not obeying the gospel!

[1:7] and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels [8] in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

II Tim. 1:10 – There are eternal benefits for obeying the gospel!

[1:10] and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

I John 5:13 – We can know if we are saved or not.

[5:13] I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

15. Romans 12:1-2 – You must then give your mind and body to God!

[12:1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 John 1:5-7 – We must follow Jesus or walk in the light!

[1:5] This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.