

Romans 10:9-10 Explained

Romans 10:9-10 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

- a) The key point being made here is **not** confessing but **believing**. One must believe in their heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, then they shall be saved.
- b) Notice it does not say believe in your heart on Jesus or the Lord Jesus although it sounds right. Also, this does not say believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord or believe Jesus as Lord but believe in your heart. What should you believe? That God raise Him (Jesus) from the dead and thou shall be saved.
- c) This also does not say that confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, but **the Lord Jesus**. There is a difference. Jesus is Lord indicates that we have made Jesus the center and we have let Him into every part of our lives which is not a reality for anyone. We have not done this 100% and this is not what this talking about.
- d) This does not say that once one confesses the Lord Jesus, then they shall be saved. They have to do the believing in their heart first.
- e) The passages then go on to give us a reason why we need to believe with our heart not our head or mouth.
 - i) Have you ever wondered why the heart?
 - ii) **Believing is of the heart. The heart is the place of beliefs.** Confessing is of the mouth.

- o The head is a place of thoughts, not beliefs.
- iii) You cannot confess in your heart the same way you cannot not believe in your mouth. Soon or later when one believes something in their heart, they will confess it.
- iv) Confessing it does not and cannot cause heart belief. We need to confess from a place of having believed on the Lord—from our heart, not our mouth. Huge difference!
- f) The Word does not teach that we need to ask the Lord to forgive us our sins to be born again. Although a many teach and believe this, you can't find that in the Word. Although it does teach to confess our sins to receive cleansing from the Lord (1 John 1:9)—not for salvation. Salvation (being born again) does not come by confessing of our sins, but by believing.

Believing what?

The Word simply teaches us to believe in our heart that God raised Him (Jesus) from the dead and we shall be saved. When we do this, we have humbled ourselves and have as well acknowledged that we are sinners. When we believe, we instantly get healed.

A. In Mark 16:16, *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

- a) The key point being made is not water baptism but believing on Jesus. He that believes not is damned, not he that is not water baptized. Well, I guess the man on the cross who never got baptized never made it to Paradise that Jesus promised him, right? Wrong! He made it. How do I know? Jesus' word.

Confession

Confess = "Homologeō" (Greek). This comes from two Greek words: Homo—which means same and Logos—which means something said. Together, this word means: Saying the same thing. Saying the same thing as the Lord. We need to be agreement with the Lord not only in what we believe, but also in what we say.

Confessing is more than what we say. It is rather a reflection of our heart posture and disposition. You can confess without using the word, “confess.”

a) But brother Rich..... Wait!

B. 1 Johns 4:15 says.... *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*

a) See? All you must do is simply confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Right? Wrong!

i) Context teaches that one must know the Lord and the Lord dwelling in Him. This confessing follows knowing Him and Him dwelling in you which all point to having believed on Him.

ii) 1 John 4:1-3 *1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*

b) Look at the previous verses 1 John 4:13-14 *Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.*

i) Verse 14 reveals that there was already faith or belief that Jesus was the savior of the world. Again, simply confessing does not cause God to dwell in you. It is believing on Jesus that brings us into that place of God dwelling in us.

1 Johns 4:15 says.... *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*

o John 14:23 *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

- o 1 Corinthians 3:16 *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*
- o John 14:17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*
- o Romans 8:11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you*
- o Romans 8:9 *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

Another passage we can look at about confession is 1 John 1:9-10. This is speaking of confessing our sins to receive cleansing, not eternal salvation as some have made it to appear. Again, the same Greek word is used here.

1 John 1:9-10 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

- a) The word confess was translated from a Greek word: - HOMOLOGEO – it's a compound word made up of two words "HOMOU" and "LOGOS". HOMOU – "*the same*" and Logos "*something said*" so "Homologeo" means "*to speak the same thing.*"
- b) When we are in sin, we are not saying, thinking, or doing the same thing as the Lord. But when we confess (speak the same thing) we are turning from our way of thinking and agreeing with the Lord that we have done wrong.