

## Believe in Thine Heart

Romans 10:8-10 <sup>8</sup>But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

While many people have put confessing Jesus as the main point of getting saved but according to these verses, it is not. The emphasis of these verses is not on confession, but on **believing**.

- a) Prayer—a misconception added to the passage.
  - i) You cannot pray for someone to be born-again/saved. **People do not to become righteous through prayer of laying of hands.**
  - ii) We do not pray for people to be saved. "Repeat this prayer after me..." You have heard that. It is not the prayer that does the miracle of getting saved. The person must **believe** that God raised Jesus from the dead, then they are saved even if they have not received prayer.
  - iii) Paul did not call alter calls, nor did Jesus. Peter did not. No record of that. It is just necessarily wrong, but it is just how one gets born again. They simply just believe even without running to the alter.
- b) Believe
  - i) One has to "believe". Believing in their heart not prayer is what makes one born again.
  - ii) Believing What? You can't just believe anything but believe that He—Jesus Christ died for your sins, and **God hath raised him (Jesus) from the dead**. When one believes this, he or she instantly become righteous even without repeating a sinner's prayer. If you believe, you do not have to pray.
  - iii) "Thine heart"—Everyone has a heart. If you have a heart you must believe—children, adults, or all people.

- No one can do the believing for you. God has no grandchildren—meaning you do not become a child of God through your parent. God has only children. All are children who must do their own believing.
- These verses say that we must believe with the heart. Head knowledge and acknowledgement is not believing. After we have believed with the heart, then are we to confess. Just confession will not save a person. This must be a heart commitment and belief.
- iv) Notice we believe unto Righteousness. We do not perform unto righteousness. If you perform or think you can become righteous through performing instead of believing, you are mistaken.
- v) We cannot become righteous by performance but by believing. We can't work, perform our way into righteousness with God.
  - Romans 10:4 *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

#### c) Confession

- i) The mouth just like the heart has a part to play and this part is confession. Confession does not save. What comes first, it's not confession, but believing. Confession is a fruit or byproduct of believing not the other way around.
- ii) Confession is not what makes you born again or saved. Believing is what makes you born again.
- iii) Okwatula (Luganda) means to confess is commonly used to say that people get born-again when they Kwatula. This is not consistent with the Scriptures. We don't "*confess Jesus as our Lord and savior to be born-again.*"
- iv) We need to profess or confess what we possess.
- v) If we have truly believed, we shall confess—soon or later. It is impossible for one to believe on the Lord Jesus and never say so. Truly faith will be seen in confession and action—behavior.