



Romans 10:6-13

How Difficult Is It to Believe?

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Has God Asked the Impossible?

Romans 10:6-7 **But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows:** “DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, ‘WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?’ (that is, to bring Christ down), 7 or ‘WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).”

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Israel Was Given “Words of Faith”

Romans 10:8-10 But what does it say? “THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART”—**that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, 9** that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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Faith + Confession Chiasm

Vs. 9a confession with the mouth
Vs. 9b believing with the heart
Vs. 10a believing with the heart
Vs. 10b confession with the mouth

1. True faith comes from the "heart"
2. True faith leads to confession of Christ

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Salvation Has Always Been By Faith

Romans 10:11-13 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; 13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

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Applications

1. We should know that true faith leads to the confession of Christ.
2. We should understand the distinction between the universal and effectual call.
3. We must know that the sin nature of mankind makes us morally opposed to the gospel.

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True Faith Leads to Confessing Christ

Matthew 10:32 Therefore **everyone who confesses Me before men**, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

John 15:26-27 When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me, 27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.**

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Effectual Versus Universal Call

Romans 8:30 ...and these whom He predestined, **He also called**; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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The Noetic Effects of Sin

1 Corinthians 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and **he cannot understand them**, because they are spiritually appraised.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel...

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Man's Moral Aversion to God

John 3:19-20 This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and **men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.** 20 For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

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