

Romans 10:10 *“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”*

Matthew 5:40 says *“And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.”* This is our Lord Jesus. He is truly God’s Son. I said in last weeks study that the Love of God cannot be held back by anything. He would even sacrifice His Son to save us from the wages of sin: death. Sin must be atoned for. A price must be paid. Yet, if we said that Gods love was just a little bigger than ours, we would be mistaken. If sacrificing a Son measured Gods love we would we mistaken. The Matthew verse above tells the tale. The love of God always goes way farther than we could comprehend. In John 3:16 and in Romans 6:23 is the word gift. God allowed Jesus’ death to be an atonement for our sin. To celebrate that fact, he gave us a gift or two.

Imagine paying for a criminal’s fine so they did not have to go to jail. Then you bought them a car and a house too. Your kindness knows no bounds. Is that the way humans roll? God does! God in his magnificent heart offers us eternal life in his kingdom. He also offers us his Holy Spirit to reside within us. A direct line to God. We are now his child adopted into his kingdom forever. Yet, there is more. This Spirit helps us get past our sins. He helps us understand God’s word and ways. The very essence of who Jesus was is now sealed inside our hearts. A promise is made to never forsake us. To grow and teach us how to be Christians. Yes, to be Christ Jesus followers.

To this point you have made it clear that God did it. He is the creator of the heavens and the earth. You agree that you are a part of all fallen humanity. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. With all that behind us on the Romans road is our last stop. Romans 10:13 *“for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”* The Romans road has

done its part. Paul has crafted a good argument for God. He loves to include the words “all” in several places throughout this book. You are now standing at the crossroads between heaven and hell. Because you have been told the truth about God you are now without excuse. This is your choice and no-one else. This verse below is meant for you at this point. We were earthly children that did as we please. We were our own God just as Adam and Eve desired to be. Yet, now things are different. You have travelled the road. You know what repentance means.

Romans 2: 3-4 *“So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment? 4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”*

In the Christian world is a theme. There are those who confess with their mouth but (in their heart) only have knowledge about God. They know of God but they don’t know God. Through your history there was a certain knowledge of God. What did you hear? What do you think you know about Christians? The purpose of knowing God and accepting Jesus’ payment for you sin is to bring you back to Him. To bring you into a better place. A place that knows more, loves more, and sees more than just the world around you.

Psalm 32:1-2 *“Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.”*

It’s not some magical incantation that gives you clarity. The Christian walk is all about the journey. The Romans road is called such because it’s a path towards heaven. Yet, the path is long. There are no easy answers. The revelations of God into your life will be tough at times.

Yet, Jesus says in John 16:33 *“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”* Yes, Jesus overcame a world of injustice and death. Everything the Serpent represented has been crushed. Notice in the Genesis 3 conversation that God said the descendance of Adam and the Serpent will battle. The Devils children have a history of trying to take souls from God. Christians have a history of trying to save souls from the Devil. It’s a spiritual battle you may have never noticed outside of your world. Yet, now you know.

The two main verses I used in this lesson are for you to use. It’s time for you to take your soul back from the Serpent. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus’ death was to cover your sins and that you now call God “your God” then you are saved from the death that comes from the Serpents children. This is now known to you that “everyone” who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. You are now His! There is so much more to know. The Christian life does not stop with confession or acknowledgment. These things are good but the Spirit within you has a mission. It’s to help lead you to the knowledge of God. A knowledge that will help you understand your purpose in this world and beyond. Eternity is a gift that God gave you because it would take more than a lifetime to know God. This is a new road beyond Romans. The road of the saved. You’re now walking on it with everyone who called on the name of the Lord as you did. Welcome home!