

ROMANS ROAD TO Salvation

WHAT PEOPLE THINK

"I am going to heaven because God loves everyone (except maybe Hitler), because I live in a Christian country, or because I have been "Christened""

"I am going to heaven because I am "spiritual", I do more good than bad, I believe in God, or I go to Church".

"Surely I can or *must* EARN my way into heaven by being "good enough" or by being "religious"?

"Spiritual things" and "salvation" are mysterious and can never be fully understood. No-one really can ever know whether they are saved or not."

WHAT GOD'S WORD ACTUALLY SAYS

Rom 3:23 — *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"*

Rom 6:23 — *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Rom 5:8 — *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Rom 10:9-10, 13 — *"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ... whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

DISCUSS / ASK

There is not a single person who can get into heaven without a miracle from God. Perfection is God's standard for getting into heaven, and no-one is perfect (except Jesus).

Heaven cannot be earned, it HAS to be a free GIFT. We could never earn such a valuable blessing. God has given it, but we must now RECEIVE it.

God has made a way for us to be saved - when we were still His enemies Jesus died on the cross for us. Jesus' sacrifice made a way for us to be completely clean and forgiven forever.

You can receive this gift, and know that you are saved. We must each surrender to Jesus as Lord. Pray this prayer:

"God, I know that I have sinned against you and am deserving of punishment. But Jesus Christ took the punishment that I deserve so that through faith in Him I can be forgiven. I now place my trust in You for salvation. Thank You for Your wonderful gift of eternal life! I am yours. Amen!"

ROMANS ROAD *AFTER* Salvation

WHAT PEOPLE THINK

"Believing in God / being a Christian doesn't require any changes in my lifestyle - I can keep living the way I used to - the same as everyone else around me"

"If I still feel guilty, maybe I am not fully saved yet. Maybe I need to get "saved again", or maybe I need to try harder to please God?"

"I can be a Christian on my own. I don't need Church or other Christians"

"There is nothing I need to do in order to grow in Christ. It will just "happen automatically".

WHAT GOD'S WORD ACTUALLY SAYS

Rom 6:18 — *"And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."*

Rom 8:1 — *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."*

Rom 12:4-5 — *"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."*

Rom 12:1-2 — *"...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God ... And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

DISCUSS / ASK

I now have a new master and I am a brand new person. Things must change and I must be different to those around me. I must do away with sin.

We live by faith, not by feelings. Faith means that I believe what God says about me. He says that there is no condemnation and that I am clean and forgiven, regardless of how I feel.

We need a Church family and the Church family needs us. We cannot grow or thrive as believers on our own.

I need to give God complete rulership over my life, and change my thinking by studying and obeying His word.

Rom 10:17- *"faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*