

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LAW AND OF FAITH CONTRASTED | ROMANS 10:5-8

- Verse 5 –
 - There is absolutely no grounds to make this different from Romans 1:17 or Galatians 3:11.
 - If those passages say salvation is by faith, then this passage says salvation *was* (in the time of Moses) by **the righteousness which is of the law**.
 - Paul quotes Leviticus 15:8, and one should compare Nehemiah 9:29, Ezekiel 18:9, 20:11, and Luke 10:28.
- Verse 6 –
 - Notice the contrast highlighted by Paul. If there *was* a **righteousness which is of the law** but today such a righteousness is of no avail (the law being dead), then a dispensational position is a requirement. Note that Romans 4:5 speaks of this new dispensation.
 - The **righteousness which is of the law** (v. 5) has something of which to boast. However, the **righteousness which is of faith** must speak differently: no bragging allowed.
- Verses 6-8 –
 - Paul quotes (and adds commentary from Deuteronomy 30:12-14).
 - Because our faith is in Christ and not in the works of the Law, we do not need to "climb the highest mountain" to prove our righteousness.
 - In Deuteronomy 30:10-12, the Lord says that **this commandment...is not hidden from thee**. Now Paul changes the commandment to **Christ**, emphasizing the access to righteousness that is now available to everyone.

THE WORD OF FAITH AS TAUGHT BY PAUL | ROMANS 10:9-13

- Verses 9-10 –
 - Here Paul teaches **the word of faith** which is his message.
 - Is public confession required to be saved? No, this is not what the passage says. Is a verbal confession required? No, the mouth is clearly symbolic of confession just like the heart is symbolic of belief. If we do not require that the organ of the heart is used in belief, then we also cannot require that the organ of the mouth is required in confession. The heart and mouth are both symbolic of the inward and outward expression of faith.
 - Do not attempt to add a work where there is none. Salvation is not by profession, by testimony, by courage, or by witness, but by faith alone.
- Verses 11-13 -
 - The reality of these verses is the blessed truth of this age of Grace.
 - While it was always predicted that the day would come when **Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed**, a quote from Isaiah 28:16 and also spoken of by Jesus in John 3:16, what was *not foreseen* was that there would be a time of **no difference between the Jew and the Greek**.
 - All the millennial kingdom passages show the gentiles as coming to God *through the re-established Kingdom of Israel*, not in spite of the rejection of Israel.