

# POWER HOUR

5/24/2026

Lesson Text:  
Romans 10:1-13

Related Scriptures:  
Deuteronomy 9:4-12; 30:11-20;  
Leviticus 18:1-5; Ezekiel 20:1-26  
& Galatians 3:19-27

“THE END OF THE LAW”

NLT TRANSLATION

**Golden Text:** If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 NLT

**Time:** A.D. 57

**Place:** from Corinth

## Romans 10:1-13 NLT

<sup>1</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. <sup>2</sup> I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. <sup>3</sup> For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. <sup>4</sup> For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God. <sup>5</sup> For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. <sup>6</sup> But faith's way of getting right with God says, “Don't say in your heart, ‘Who will go up to heaven?’ (to bring Christ down to earth). <sup>7</sup> And don't say, ‘Who will go down to the place of the dead?’ (to bring Christ back to life again).” <sup>8</sup> In fact, it says, “The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart.” And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: <sup>9</sup> If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. <sup>11</sup> As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” <sup>12</sup> Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## INTRODUCTION

Romans 10:9 is a famous verse, and rightly so. It reveals how we may be saved, an issue with massive eternal ramifications. We have studied the wrath of God against sin, poured out on Christ and fully satisfied. In Christ alone can we find safety from God's wrath.

Despite the familiarity of verse 9, much of this chapter is often skipped over. A close investigation will reveal a chiastic, structure of mirrored, parallel statements. Not surprisingly, at the center of this chiasm we find Christ and how He is the end of the law. We will also see connections to the great prophecy of Isaiah 28

Everyone, both Jew and Gentile, may be saved by faith in Jesus. This faith is more than mere intellectual assent; it is a matter of the heart, which produces action. If you have never made peace with God, today is the day to do so! "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" (Romans 10:9 NKJV).

**1. The righteousness of works (Romans 10:1-4).** Paul's lamented over the Israelites and prayed for them. He knew they were zealous about the law, yet they lacked true knowledge of God. They became passionate about their own righteousness rather than the righteousness that is a gift of God. They missed the fact that their fathers were not saved by the law (Hebrews 11).

Jesus is the end (i.e., the fulfillment, goal) of the law for everyone who trusts in Him – for Jews and Gentiles alike. In Jesus we have been freed from the burden of a law we could never keep. God made a way to Him through Jesus, so our relationship to the law (particularly in its details of civil and ceremonial matters) has changed (Galatians 5:1-14).

**2. The righteousness of faith (Romans 10:5-13).** Having stated that Jesus has fulfilled the requirements and changed our relationship with the law, Paul contrasted righteousness by faith with the law, that the person who did the law would live by the law (see Leviticus 18:4-5). That quotation has two aspects to it. The first aspect implied that the person who does the law will have life because of their obedience. The other aspect is what Paul highlighted: whoever would live by the law would need to keep the entire law. That, being impossible, is contrasted with

faith, which saves us.

We cannot achieve salvation on our own without the mercy of God. We cannot bring Christ down or raise Him up. He has come down to us, has died for us, and has risen from the grave to set us free. We need only confess and believe in order to be saved.

Because salvation is not by the law but by faith, anyone can be saved. For the Jews, that was radical. They were correct that they were God's chosen people, but they missed the fullness of God's revelation. Salvation was never merely a matter of belonging to a particular nation (Deuteronomy 7:7-9; 9:4-6). It has always been about the mercy of God and our faith in Him. As a result, we can, and should, pray for any people we encounter, that they would see their sin and come to know Jesus as Savior.

## **PRACTICAL POINTS**

We ought to pray for our unsaved family and friends (Romans 10:1).

Sincerity of belief is no guarantee of truth (vss. 2-3).

We must rely fully on Christ, not our works or salvation (vs. 4)

Only someone who perfectly keeps every commandment can be justified by works (vs. 5).

We do not need to search for Christ or convince Him to save us; He has already freely come (vss. 6-8).

If you confess Jesus as Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (vss. 9-10).

Anyone and everyone who trusts in Christ will be saved (vss. 11-13).

## **CONCLUSION**

Salvation is a matter of the heart. Search deeply into your heart. We must have faith in Jesus and profess that faith. Paul prayed zealously for the Israelites that they might come to know that God is the One who saves. No one can be saved on account of his or her own righteousness because no one can perfectly keep the law. Jesus is the end of the law for all who believe because faith in Him alone is what saves us. At the same time, that faith transforms us and leads us to do good

works.

Are there any areas of your life where you are trying to earn your salvation through good deeds? Remember God's mercy and praise Him. On the other hand, are there any areas of your life that need gospel transformation? Consider taking some time to read (or listen to) the short book of James. As you do so, consider how each of James' exhortations is rooted in the gospel, and ask God to transform your life to reflect your faith in Him.

### **QUESTION(S)**

1. What is the relationship between the law and faith?
2. How is one saved?
3. Why is having zeal for God not enough?
4. Why is there no boasting from either Jews or Gentiles? Why is this good news?

**Next week**, This lesson covers "**Christ's Sacrifice Once for All**"

**Hebrews 10:1-10.**

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