

1. The Word of God teaches that if someone desires to keep God's Law in order to attain righteousness, then the only way to reach that righteousness is to obey the Law completely, never breaking a single commandment. Jesus Christ was the only man to ever live that never broke a single commandment.
2. Paul uses a similar wording to Deuteronomy here in Romans 10:6-8 because the concept is the same. No one needs to go looking for salvation elsewhere because God has put the possibility of salvation in our mouths and our heart. The way of salvation is very near to us.
3. If we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God has raised Him from the dead, then we will be saved. This is how salvation is near to us, in our mouth and our heart. When our heart believes we are justified and when our mouth confesses we are saved.
4. Submitting to Christ as Lord by keeping His commandments is not salvation by works. The works that true Christians do are the fruit of salvation, not the cause of it. Remember, when God elects us for salvation, He is the foundation of our faith, not anything that we do.
5. Everyone who believes in Christ will never be put to shame. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. It matters not whether they are Jew or Gentile because God is God of everyone and will bless everyone who calls on Him.
6. Paul here lays out the reality of the only way someone can be saved. They must call on Christ's name, they must believe in His work, they must have heard His Gospel. Someone must share that Gospel with them. And the person who shares must be sent by the Church.
7. Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. It is through the hearing of the Word of Christ, the Gospel, that God awakens faith through the work of the Spirit. God uses the evangelism of His people, the elect Church, to bring about the faith of His elect.

#### Application

1. Do not attempt to earn your own salvation by keeping the whole Law because we all have failed and will continue to fail to keep every last commandment of the Law.
2. Do live a life of increasing work of obedience to Christ by the work of the Spirit as you put to death the deeds of the body.
3. Since faith comes by hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ, passionately pursue the sharing of the Word of Christ with everyone around you so that God will awaken the faith of His elect people in your life.