1. Salvation isn’t based on you being holy—it’s based on heart belief and mouth confession.

   “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Rom. 10:9).

   A. This is a firm commitment, a complete reliance, and an absolute trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master.
   
   B. You’re dependent on Him for salvation.
   
   C. Many folks simply won’t believe that it’s just faith in Jesus alone that produces salvation.
   
   D. There must be an outward profession on your part, but it only works once you have a heartfelt faith.

   “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Rom. 10:10).

   i. First you believe in your heart.
   
   ii. Then you speak it with your mouth.
   
   iii. It’s a combination of the two.

2. When you truly believe from your heart, God will never disappoint you.

   “For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed” (Rom. 10:11).

   A. This isn’t only talking about the initial born-again experience—it also means everything that comes as a result of what Jesus Christ did.
   
   B. In your born-again spirit, you’ve already got your healing, financial provision, or whatever you are believing for.
   
   C. The moment your natural mind is renewed to the truths of God’s Word, it will begin to manifest in the physical realm.
   
   D. God has already provided—through the atonement of Christ—everything we’ll ever need.
E. Now it’s up to us to believe and receive!

3. It doesn’t matter if you’ve lived holy or not, if you can release faith in what Jesus Christ has done, you can receive the benefits of salvation.

“For there is no difference between the Jew [the religious zealot] and the Greek [the heathen]: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him” (Rom. 10:12, brackets mine).

A. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be forgiven, healed, delivered, and prospered.

“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom. 10:12).

B. This is true for both the initial born-again experience and for the ongoing receiving for the rest of your life of everything Christ has provided for you through His death, burial, and resurrection.

C. Every benefit that’s ours through what Jesus Christ did comes to us by grace through faith.

4. Paul also discussed the two different types of righteousness in Philippians 3:4-6:

“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ” (Phil. 3:7-8).

A. “I had a standard of holiness that nobody could excel. No one was more zealous and diligent than I. But I gave it all up for Christ because the righteousness that comes through Him is infinitely greater than any righteousness I could have ever obtained on my own.”

B. Paul said the same things in Philippians 3 as he did over in Romans 9 and 10.

“That I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead” (Phil. 3:8-11).

C. He gave up everything—all of his trust in his own goodness and holiness—so that he could be found in Christ—not with self-righteousness, but with a righteousness that came through Jesus—through faith in Him.
D. The righteousness God gives us at salvation is infinitely greater than any righteousness we could ever obtain on our own.

5. These truths we’ve discussed here in this brief synopsis of the book of Romans are still just as pertinent today as they were back when Paul wrote them.

A. Our current religious system causes people to trust in their own goodness and performance for right relationship with God.

B. The fact that we’re trusting in our own performance is the very reason why Satan is able to defeat us.

C. The reason why we doubt God’s willingness is because we think that He moves in our lives proportional to our performance.

D. Even though we’re born again and not offering Old Testament sacrifices for our sin, receiving the mark of circumcision in our bodies, or praying three times a day, we still have the same mentality.

E. You may not think it’s Law because it isn’t Jewish tradition, but it’s still a Law mentality.

6. If we could really understand the Gospel and start walking in God’s grace, our faith would abound.

A. Victory would follow and we’d find out that the Gospel truly is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.

B. We must know the Gospel, understand the Gospel, and believe the Gospel—then that Word will profit us.

“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it” (Heb. 4:2).

7. I pray that this study through the book of Romans has really opened your eyes to the truth that God loves you independent of your performance. Thank You, Jesus!
Heart Belief and Mouth Confession
LESSON 17 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Romans 10:9, who must we confess with our mouths?

2. What must we believe in our hearts?

3. What results from this heartfelt confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?

4. According to Romans 10:10, what part of us believes?

5. What do we believe unto?

6. What part of us confesses?

7. What do we confess unto?

8. According to Romans 10:11-13, what does the Scripture say?

9. In God’s eyes, is there any difference between the religious zealot and the heathen?

10. The same Lord over all is _______ unto all that call on Him.

11. Whosoever shall _______ upon the name of the Lord.

12. They shall be what?

13. If anyone could have put confidence in the flesh and his own self-righteousness, it would have been Paul. What reasons for this did he list in Philippians 3:4-6?
   A. Circumcised the eighth day.
   B. Of the stock of Israel.
   C. Of the tribe of Benjamin.
   D. A Hebrew of the Hebrews.
   E. As touching the Law, a Pharisee.
   F. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church.
   G. Touching the righteousness which is in the Law, blameless.
   H. All of the above.

14. According to Philippians 3:7-8, what did Paul count all these things that were of natural gain to him?

15. He counted them all but loss for what?

16. What did Paul count all these things he had suffered the loss of?

17. Why?
18. According to Philippians 3:9-11, Paul wanted to be found where?

19. Did he pursue his own righteousness, which is by the Law?

20. What did he receive instead?

21. Who or what did Paul want to know?

22. According to Galatians 2:20, who are we crucified with?

23. Who lives in and through us?

24. The life we now live in the flesh, we live by what?

25. According to Galatians 5:6, how does faith work?

26. Hebrews 4:2 reveals that the Word we hear preached will only profit us if what?

27. Now that we’re born again and righteous in God’s sight, Hebrews 10:2 says that we should have no more conscience of what?

28. Instead of being constantly conscious of sin, we should be far more conscious of what?
“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom. 10:9-13).

“Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless” (Phil. 3:4-6).

“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead” (Phil. 3:7-11).

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).

“For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love” (Gal. 5:6).

“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it” (Heb. 4:2).

“For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins” (Heb. 10:2).