

Romans 10:8-10

8 But what saith it? *the Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach;*

9 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.

10 For with the **heart** man **believeth unto righteousness**; and with the **mouth confession** is made unto **salvation**.

The way you get born again is by speaking. You hear the Good News, (the Word of God), believe it in your heart - not just your head, repent, or turn from your sins and to God, then confess - say or speak out that Jesus is your Lord. You don't have to confess your sins to get saved, you do that after you are saved. You realize that you need a change in your life - that your sins separate you from God, and that Jesus made the way and is the way to the Father - the only way you can be pleasing and acceptable to God and be able to go to heaven! You see that if you've ever lied in your life, you are considered a liar in Gods eyes and if you died without receiving Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you would be condemned to hell because of your sin. If you've ever stolen anything and you died right now and stood before God, you would be judged as a thief and be condemned to hell! If you've ever even looked on someone with lust, God would judge you as an adulterer! (Matthew 5:28) God looks on the heart of a person, and you have to lust for someone before you actually have sex with them. You have to be choosy as to what you see and hear! If you have ever hated your brother, you are considered a murder at heart to God, because you would have had to hate them before you ever turned on them to kill them! (1 John 3:15)

These are just a few of the ten Commandments and most people committed most of them in their life at one time or another, because it's impossible on your own to obey every one. That's why in the Old Testament the people had to bring animals for sacrifices to "cover" their sins until the perfect sacrifice - the "Lamb" (Of God) could come into this world! When Jesus came, He did more than just cover peoples' sins - He actually took them away from them by taking them upon Himself. He took the punishment for all of our sins, and dying a criminal's death as if He committed them himself! Jesus loves you that much! Talk about covering someone - Jesus' blood covered you and took every sin you ever have committed away from you - He washed you and wiped your slate clean and you get a fresh new beginning, if you choose to receive Him into your life! Your sins would never be counted against you! Jesus loved you to "death" and His offer still stands as long as you do! This offer does expire when you do, and if you never took the initiative to receive Jesus and His absolutely free gift of salvation, then all hope will be gone forever of living in heaven with Jesus! You lose out - condemned to hell, and it will be your loss forever and ever!

You are an eternal (spiritual) being. God formed you in His image and likeness, and you are going to live forever somewhere! (Genesis 1:26) There are only two places to choose from - heaven or hell, and you choose which place you will go to! One hundred billion years from now, you will still be there, so you better make up your mind now where you want to be! If you never choose eternal LIFE, and stay living in spiritual darkness on this earth, separated from God because you never repented (turned from) your sins, wanting to do what you want to do and thinking you have many years ahead of you to receive Jesus into your life, then the devil just may get his way with you and cut your life short before you make that choice - he may just kill you so you will spend all of eternity with him! *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.* (John 10:10) Remember: **if you never make the decision** to give up your life in exchange for Jesus', you **already have made your decision!** Your appointment day is coming and it's closer today than it's ever been - you have an appointment with God and you won't be late! You will stand before Him, all alone, wide open, with absolutely nothing hidden. Would you be able to look at him confidently, knowing that you were found sinless and spotless in His sight because

you received His gift of salvation - His own Son, Jesus Christ into your life and you let Him change you forever, from the inside out? ... Or, would you stand condemned to hell, never changing - never giving your life over to Jesus and letting Him have free reign in your life, never accepting Him - a free gift from God out of love for you? Would you not be acceptable to Him because you continued to live your life as YOU please, never giving Jesus control - the reigns of your life? Would you stand condemned to hell as a sinner? **The choice is yours** to make - Jesus will never force Himself on you - He's a perfect gentleman!

*For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But **the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.** See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that **I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply:** and the Lord thy God shall **bless** thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that **I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life,** that both thou and thy seed may live: that thou mayest **love the Lord thy God,** and that thou mayest **obey his voice,** and that thou mayest **cleave unto Him:** for **He is thy life, and the length of thy days:** that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them. (Deuteronomy 30:11-20)*

*I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art **lukewarm,** and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: **be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.** To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (Revelation 3:15-22)*

Jesus is waiting for you to let Him in! You don't have to change or clean things up in order to invite Him in, either! He makes the change and cleans you up on your behalf - You just have to agree with Him - with God's Word, and let Him have His way - obey Him. You can't hold on to the things of this world - you have to let them go, until the only thing left is Jesus in your life! don't love the creation over the creator, Himself! Don't love the gifts of this life over the giver of life Himself! Don't put off the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! Don't make Him stand there knocking any more - Let Him in! He wants to bless you and be a Father to you. He wants to teach you and lead you. He wants to use you to bless others in many ways

Just think, you can receive the biggest miracle you could ever receive, by leaving your old life full of anxiety, fear, hopelessness, sin, poverty and lack, depression, doubt, unbelief, and sickness and disease, and begin a brand new life in Jesus, full of hope, faith, love, prosperity, peace, joy, power, and authority in the name of Jesus to do it! You can go from living in spiritual death to being alive spiritually! Now that's a miracle! *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

In order to become born again (from above - of God) you have to believe in your heart and **say!** You have to **confess** Jesus is your Lord, and if you really mean it, and you made the decision that you want a new landlord, then the devil doesn't own you any more - you aren't his house any more! He had to move out and Jesus moved in! You are now the temple of the Holy Spirit! *What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are Gods. (2 Corinthians 6:19-20)* When you got born again, you became the temple - the house where God's holy Spirit lives! He comes to live within you!

God has blessed you and has done so many great things in your life! Tell someone today just how good your Jesus is! Step out and let Him use you today to bless someone who has a need, since God has met all of yours through His riches in glory by Jesus! (Philippians 4:19)

*I have **not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation. (Psalms 40:10)***

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the **power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (Romans 1:16, 17)*** Let the righteousness of God be revealed in you through your faith! Show the world that God is not dead, but powerful in you and through you! Let them see Jesus in you and be a blessing wherever you go! He loves them and wants to bless them, but He needs your willingness to move with Him.

Jesus loves you!

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