"A Need to be Saved" Romans 10: 5-15

- 1. Our text this morning states that we were justified by our righteousness under the Law; Old Testament
- 2. Under the New Testament, our righteousness is justified by our faith
- 3. However, Paul clearly states that to be saved, we must comply with the context of God's entire word
- 4. In other words, Christians need to understand the context of scripture and not employ parts of God's scripture as the complete truth
- 5. The problem that we Christians have is that we recite portion of scripture, as truth, without out considering the complete scripture.
- 6. "Whoever calls on the Lord will be saved;" which is partially true
- 7. We need to know the one who is calling on the Lord is in distress
- 8. But Paul contention is, the person calling on the Lord, did they have a relationship w/the Lord before calling, but more importantly, how strong was their faith when they called on the Lord
- 9. Secondly, once you call on the name of the Lord, 'one will abound in the Lord's riches (blessings)', because someone has called on his name
- 10. When calling on the Lord, one has to have faith that the Lord will answer
- 11. But in our scripture this morning, Paul's focus is on the good news, that there is no distinction when it comes to receiving the abundant riches that God pours out on all who call on Him
- 12. The real issue 'do you have faith enough to know that the Lord will answer your call?
- 13. all Christians should have one primary objective: To be saved before they die and face the judgment seat of Christ.
- 14. Paul's good news is all can be saved if they have faith.
- 15. Since every person is a sinner, a Christian main need is to be reconciled to God before they die.
- 16. Meaning, having believed in our Lord and Savior and having developed a relationship with Jesus
- 17. The good news that whoever believes in Jesus will not be put to shame.
- 18. Put shame, not in the physical sense, but knowing when one stands before the judgement seat, they will have Confessed their sins, and asked for forgiveness.
- 19. It means that at the judgment time, God will vindicate the one who believes in Jesus because of one's faith.
- 20. The point in our text is that no matter, how sinful your past, if you will believe in the Lord Jesus and call upon Him to save you, He will do it out of the abundant riches of His grace. This good news applies to every person from every race and from every walk of life: Call on the name of the Lord and you will be saved Because Christ's grace will make you righteous before His Father.
- 21. Today, confessing Jesus as Lord with one's lips is often limited to a worship setting in a church sanctuary. We invite people to confess their belief that Jesus is Lord as a part of the baptismal rite or the recitation of the Apostle creed, but we become silent afterwards.
- 22. Beyond the above examples, are you shouting out that Jesus is you Lord and Savior?