

Sermon Growth Guide

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Who Can Be Saved? | Romans 10:8-13

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Key Verse: Romans 10:9 - "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Big Idea: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. No one is excluded. Through wholehearted faith—heart, soul, and voice—we are rescued from darkness and brought into the kingdom of God's beloved Son.

Foundations

Tragically, significant numbers of people consider themselves Christians based on their involvement in church life or the fact that they were 'born into' Christianity. They play the role of being Christian without the Holy Spirit having penetrated their hearts with transformation deep into the heart and soul of man.

Prayer may be perfunctory or absent. They live their lives week after week and year after year "as usual." There is no or little evidence of the radical change that comes from the gospel of Jesus. They experience no real or genuine relationship with Jesus, the Beloved Son who became truly Man (while still being truly God), who suffered and died for those who by nature were his enemies, and who rose from the dead to live and reign forever at the right hand of God.

Understanding God's Word

What qualifies a person to be saved? Salvation comes through genuine faith in Jesus Christ—believing in your heart and confessing that "Jesus is Lord." This faith transforms us and brings us from darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son (Colossians 1:13).

Who can be saved? Everyone! Because God's grace is available to all, followers of Jesus are called to love others, not judge them. No one is beyond the reach of God's salvation, so the gospel should be offered freely to all.

Applying God's Word

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Those who reject Christ remain separated from God, the source of life. God's gift of salvation is too important to treat lightly. As we reflect on what Jesus has done for us, our faith should grow deeper, leading us to lives marked by gratitude, devotion, and a desire to share the gospel with others.

Witnessing God's Word

The "Roman Road" offers a helpful way to explain the gospel, but our ultimate confidence is in the Holy Spirit, who guides and empowers believers. As followers of Christ, we are called to live out our faith and share the hope we have in Jesus. Above all, let us remain steadfast in prayer as we seek to follow Him faithfully.