

## The Roman Road – Part 3

### The Road Map

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#### Introduction

In the book of Romans, the Apostle Paul outlines the path to salvation, which is what is known as “The Roman Road to Salvation”. So far, we discussed two of the main ingredients that are key to this process: (1) Works cannot earn salvation, only faith in Christ can and (2) We must recognize that we are sinful and separated from God before we can receive the gift of the atonement for our sins.

Today, we are going to put all of the pieces together and look at a map of this road to salvation.

#### First Stop: We must Recognize That We Are Sinful and Separated from God

The first verse on the Romans Road to salvation is **Romans 3:23**,

**"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."**

We covered this topic in Part 2 – Sin’s Equality.

We have all sinned. We have all done things that are displeasing to God. There is no one who is innocent.

**Romans 3:10-18** gives a detailed picture of what sin looks like in our lives.

*10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; 11there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. 12All have turned away, they have together become worthless;there is no one who does good, not even one."13 "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." 14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 ruin and misery mark their ways, 17 and the way of peace they do not know." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

## **Second Stop: - There are Severe Consequences for Sin**

**Romans 6:23**, teaches us about the consequences of sin –

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

The punishment that we have earned for our sins is death. Not just physical death, but eternal death

## **Third Stop: - Jesus Paid My Debt (Past, Present, Future)**

The third verse on the Romans Road to salvation picks up where Romans 6:23 left off,

*"but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

**Romans 5:8** declares,

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Jesus Christ died for us! Jesus' death paid for the price of our sins. Jesus' resurrection proves that God accepted Jesus' death as the payment for our sins.

#### **Fourth Stop: - I must confess my sin to the Lord**

**Romans 10:9,**

*"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Because of Jesus' death on our behalf, all we have to do is believe in Him, trusting His death as the payment for our sins - and we will be saved!

**Romans 10:13** says it again,

*"for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

John 14:6

*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins and rescue us from eternal death. Salvation, the forgiveness of sins, is available to anyone who will trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

#### **Fifth Stop: - Recognize That You Have Been Reconciled to God**

The final aspect of the Romans Road to salvation is the results of salvation.

**Romans 5:1**

*"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

**John 3:16**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Through Jesus Christ we can have a relationship of peace with God.

**Step 6: - Nothing Can Separate Take Away My Salvation**

**Romans 8:1**

*"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

Because of Jesus' death on our behalf, we will never be condemned for our sins. Finally, we have this precious promise of God from

**Romans 8:38-39,**

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*