



DO vs DONE! How Anyone Can Go to Heaven • Part 3 Lesson 22 • Romans 10:5-13

How Can Anyone Go to Heaven?

1. **REPENT:** Come to Terms with the Fact that You Can Never **DO ENOUGH** to Obey the Whole Law Perfectly. (10:5)

You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. Leviticus 18:5

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. James 2:10

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them." Galatians 3:10

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "the one who does them shall live by them." Galatians 3:11-12

2. **BELIEVE:** Choose to Trust in What God Has **ALREADY DONE** in Christ to Save You. (10:6-13)

"But the righteousness based on faith says..."

"Do not say in your heart..." Deuteronomy 9:4; 8:17

"Do not say in your heart when the LORD your God has driven them out before you, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is dispossessing them before you." Deuteronomy 9:4

"Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day." Deuteronomy 8:17-18

"Who will ascend into heaven? ...or "Who will descend into the abyss?"..."The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" Deuteronomy 30:11-13

God Has Done What We Couldn't Do, So...

- **DON'T DENY** that what God has done in Christ is sufficient to save anyone—including a sinner like you!

Two Issues We Struggle with as Sinners in Coming to Christ:

- 1) Taking **TOO MUCH** responsibility—I can do this alone! I can do this with a little help!

- 2) Taking **TOO LITTLE** responsibility—I can't even believe! It is too hard to take God at His Word and Just trust in Christ alone by faith alone!

- **DO DEPEND** completely on what God has done in Christ as sufficient to save you!

- 1) Christ and what He has done is **EASILY** available—it is “near” to anyone!
 - Confess with your mouth: *Jesus is Lord!*
 - Believe in your heart: *God raised Him from the dead!*

- 2) Christ and what He has done is **EQUALLY** available—it is “near” to everyone! [*Do-gooders and law-breakers*]
 - Jesus is Lord of all whether they call or not.
 - Jesus is only rich to all who call.

Anyone Really Can Go to Heaven

1. Because the work of salvation is done by God not us—*Salvation is of the Lord!*

2. Because the message of Jesus Christ—the God-Man—who lived, died, rose, and reigns as the sovereign Savior is proclaimed.

3. Because the response is easy in that all it requires is one's heart and one's lips, but it is also hard in that one must surrender all that they are to all that He is by faith.