

- Which Is Found In:
- The Writings Of The New Testament - Like The Book Of Romans!

4. Well - In The Verses We Come To Next:
 - In Romans 10:5-9 - The Apostle Paul:
 - Takes These Two Messages & Contrasts Them:
 - To Show Us That:
 - There Really Is:
 - Only One Way To Be Made Right With God!
 - Let's Look At Those Verses Together:
 - Romans 10:5-9 - "For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. / But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down [from above]:) / Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) / 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; / 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!"
5. In These Verses:
 - Paul Wants Us To Really Understand:
 - The Message That God Communicated To Us:
 - In His Word!
 - And So - First:
 - He Wants Us To See The True Nature Of:

1. ***The Righteousness Of The Law:***

- Which He Describes For Us:
 - In 10:5 - "For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them!"
 - In This Verse - The Apostle Paul:
 - Simply Quotes From The Message Given By God To & Through Moses:
 - In Leviticus 18:5!
 - And The Message:
 - God Wanted His People To Know:
 - Even Back Then Was:
 - The Righteousness Required By The Law Of God:
 - Is To Far & To Hard:
 - For Anyone To Achieve!
 - Because - If You Were To Be Right With God:
 - Through The Law Of God:
 - It Would Require:
 - A Personal Righteousness!
 - From Leviticus 18:5 - We Are Told That:
 - This Is A Requirement For:
 - Every "Man!"
 - "The **Man** Which Doeth Those Things!"
 - So - Every Person In This World:
 - Has A Personal Responsibility:
 - To Keep The Word & Law Of God:
 - If You Want To Be Right With God!
 - And - This Applies To Every:
 - Man, Woman & Child!
 - Whether Jew Or Gentile!
 - But - This Would Also Require:
 - A Persistent Righteousness!
 - Again - Paul Tells Us That:
 - Every Person Must Be:
 - "Doing Those Things!"
 - What Things?
 - From Leviticus 18:5 - The Lord Said:

- “Ye Shall Therefore Keep My Statutes, And My Judgments!”
- So - The Emphasis Of Righteousness:
 - Is “Doing” And “Keeping” Everything:
 - That God Said:
 - All The Time! Actively & Persistently! But Also With:
- A Perfect Righteousness!
 - The “Statutes” & The “Judgments” Of God:
 - Refer To:
 - All That God *Said* - *And*:
 - All That God *Meant*:
 - When He Said It!
 - Perfect Righteousness Means:
 - That You Obey God’s Law:
 - Not Just According To Its Letter:
 - But Also According To Its Spirit!
 - And - All Of This:
 - Is Required:
 - If You Would Seek To Stand Before God, And “Live”:
 - On Your Own & In Your Own Righteousness!
 - But - There’s Even More To This Kind Of Righteousness!
 - It Also Requires:
- A Perpetual Righteousness!
 - We Are Told Again:
 - “That The Man Which Doeth Those Things Shall Live By Them!”
 - In Other Words - The Requirements For:
 - A Personal, Persistent, And Perfect Righteousness:
 - Never Ends!
 - In Order To Be Right With God:
 - You Would Have To Live This Way:
 - Forever!
 - Because Then & Only Then:
 - Would You Receive:
 - The Promise Of Righteousness:
 - Which Is Life!
 - Not Just A Good Life In This World:
 - Like Was Promised To The Children Of Israel In The Old Testament:
 - But An Eternal Life:
 - In Fellowship With God!
 - This Was The Message:
 - That God Gave To Man:
 - About The Righteousness:
 - That Comes By The Law!
 - But - Unfortunately:
 - When God Gave This Message:
 - It Seems To Have Got Lost In Translation!
 - **IE**: Confused Message - Telephone Game!
 - This Happened With God’s Message About The Law - Because Then:
 - People Started To Think That:
 - This Kind Of Righteousness Was Possible!
 - So - As We Were Told Back In:
 - 10:3 - People Started “Going About To Establish Their Own Righteousness!”
 - Which - Based On The Requirements We Just Looked At:
 - Was & Still Is Impossible!
 - The Duties:
 - Required By The Law:
 - In Order To Be Right With God:
 - Are Impossible For Sinners To Keep!

- Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God!"
- James 2:10 - "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all!"
 - But Not Only That:
- The Demands:
 - Required By The Law:
 - For Those Who Aren't Right With God:
 - Is Also Impossible For Sinners To Endure!
 - Romans 5:12 - "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned!"
- So - The Point Of God's Message:
 - To & Through Moses Was This:
 - Righteousness By The Law:
 - Is Too Far & Is Too High:
 - For You To Obtain!
 - It Is Impossible!
 - This Was Even The Case:
 - For Adam & Eve Before The Fall!
 - Even Though They Were Righteous Before God:
 - And They Obeyed Him:
 - Personally, Persistently, And Perfectly!
 - Yet - Even Their Righteousness:
 - Was Not Perpetual!
 - Even In The Garden Of Eden - That Paradise On Earth:
 - The Threat Of Temptation Was Present! And Still Is!
- And Since We Still Don't Seem:
 - To Understand The Point:
 - Of This Message:
 - That "There Is None Righteous, No, Not One!"
 - God Gave Us Another Message!
 - A Message About:
 - A Better Way & A Better Righteousness!
 - A Message About:

2. ***The Righteousness Of Faith:***

- Which Is Then Described For Us - In Contrast With 10:5:
 - In 10:6-8 - "But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down [from above]:) / Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) / 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!"
 - In These Verses - The Apostle Paul:
 - Partially Quotes From:
 - Deuteronomy 30:11-14!
 - These Words Were Also:
 - Written By Moses - But Here:
 - They Are Described As Being Spoken By:
 - The True "Righteousness, Which Is Of Faith!"
 - In Other Words:
 - Moses Himself Knew That:
 - A Righteousness By The Law:
 - Was To High For Sinners Like Us!
 - So - Another Righteousness:
 - Needed To Be Brought Near:
 - In Order For Anyone To Be Saved!
 - And Through Jesus Christ:
 - And His Righteousness:
 - It Was & Is!
 - Even As We Were Told Back In:

- 10:4 - “For Christ [is] the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth!”
- And So - What The Apostle Paul Wants Us To Know:
 - Is This - When It Seems Too Far & Too Hard:
 - To Stand On Your Own:
 - Before God:
- Do Not Doubt:
 - What Jesus Christ Has Already Done:
 - To Put His Righteousness:
 - Within Your Reach & Grasp!
 - Again - In 10:6 - Paul Quotes From:
 - Deuteronomy 30:12 - To Admonish Us:
 - “Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down [from above:]!)”
 - Perhaps When God Convicts You:
 - Of Your Sinfulness:
 - You May Start To Doubt:
 - If Salvation Is Even Possible:
 - For Someone Like You!
 - You Might Even Wonder:
 - “Who Shall Ascend Into Heaven!”
 - After All - God Is In Heaven & God Is Holy!
 - You Know That:
 - You Can’t Ascend There!
 - You Are Too Sinful, Not Only In Your Conduct, But Especially In Your Character!
 - Well - When You Say Something Like This:
 - And Believe Something Like This:
 - You Are “Bringing Christ Down!”
 - In Effect - You Are Doubting & Disregarding The Fact That:
 - Christ Has Already Ascended Into Heaven! And:
 - He’s There Right Now!
 - This Means That:
 - He Has Already Fulfilled:
 - Every Single One Of The Righteous Duties Required By The Law – For You!
 - And - In Heaven Itself:
 - “He Ever Liveth To Make Intercession” For You:
 - If You Just Believe In Him!
 - And Now - What Jesus Said:
 - In John 14:19 Can Be True For You!
 - “Because I live, ye shall live also!”
 - There’s No More Need For You To Doubt!
 - But Even More:
 - Do Not Deny:
 - What Jesus Christ Has Already Done:
 - To Bring His Righteousness:
 - Within Your Reach & Grasp!
 - Paul Continues To Partially Quote From:
 - Deuteronomy 30:13 - When He Says:
 - In 10:7 - “Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)!”
 - Perhaps When You Are Smitten:
 - With The Guilt And The “Exceeding Sinfulness” Of Your Sin:
 - You Start To Wonder:
 - If There’s Any Help & Hope:
 - For Someone Like You!
 - You Might Even Think:
 - “Who Shall Descend Into The Deep?”

- Or The Abyss! In Deuteronomy - Moses Described It As Being “Beyond The Sea!”
- The Deep Was Always Considered To Be:
 - A Place Of Darkness & Danger:
 - And Of Death!
- And So - When God Pricks Your Heart:
 - You Know That:
 - There’s **Nothing** You Can Do:
 - To Pay The Price For All Of Your Sin!
 - Even An Eternal Death:
 - Is Not Enough Pay Off The Debt You Owe To God:
 - Because Of Your Sin!
- Well - Like Before - When You Say Something Like This:
 - And Believe Something Like This:
 - You Are “Bringing Christ Up From The Dead!”
 - In Effect - You Are Denying & Disregarding:
 - The Very Death Of Christ - And:
 - The Fact That He Already Descended Into The Depths For You!
 - And This Means That:
 - He Has Already Fulfilled:
 - The Righteous Demand Required By The Law – For You!
 - When You Believe On Christ:
 - You Are Redeemed With:
 - “The Precious Blood Of Christ, As Of A Lamb Without Blemish And Without Spot!” (1 Peter 1:19)
- Do Not Deny:
 - That “Jesus Paid It All, All To Him I Owe! Sin Had Left A Crimson Stain, He Washed It White As Snow!”
 - But Even More Than This:
- Do Not Despair!
 - Because - As One William Hendrickson Once Wrote:
 - “The Really Difficult Task Is Not For Us To Undertake! It Has Been Accomplished For Us by Christ!”
 - And So - In 10:8 - The Apostle Paul:
 - Continues His Quote From Deuteronomy 30:14:
 - “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, [even] in thy mouth, and in thy heart!”
 - In Other Words:
 - The “Righteousness Which Is Of Faith”:
 - Which Is The Only Way:
 - A Sinner Can Stand Before God:
 - Is Not Only Available:
 - To You!
 - It Is Now Accessible:
 - To You!
 - “The Word Is Nigh!”
 - The Righteousness That God Requires:
 - For You To Have A Right Relationship With Him:
 - Is Not Out Of Reach!
 - It Has Been Brought All The Way From Heaven:
 - Not Only To You:
 - But For You! Because:

Conclusion:

1. As Paul Adds In 10:8-9 - “That Is – This Is – The word of faith, which we preach; / That – Because – 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!”
 - Your Salvation From Your Sin:
 - Does Not Depend On:

- Your Own Righteousness!
- Because - If It Did:
 - It Would Have To Be A Personal, Persistent, Perfect, And Perpetual Righteousness!
 - Which Noone Can Has Or Can Do!

2. No - Your Salvation:

- Depends On The Righteousness Of Christ:
 - Which Has Already Been Brought Near!
 - And Now, All That You Must Do Is:
 - Make A Confession - And:
 - Have A Conviction:
 - About The Lord Jesus Christ!
 - **IE:** Its Kind Of Like Making A “Pledge Of Allegiance” That Is Based On Your Belief That “There Is None Other Name Under Heaven Given Among Men, Whereby We Must Be Saved!” (Acts 4:12)
- You Simply Need To:
 - “Confess With Thy Mouth The Lord Jesus!”
 - This Means That You Come To Christ:
 - And Confess:
 - Your Condition As A Sinner:
 - In Need Of A Savior!
 - He Is Jesus!
 - This Also Means That When Come To Christ:
 - You Confess:
 - Your Comprehension Of Him:
 - As Lord! *The* Lord & *Your* Lord!
 - And - You Make This Confession Because:
 - You “Believe In Thine Heart That God Hath Raised Him From The Dead!”
 - This Means That You Come To Christ:
 - With The Conviction That:
 - “Christ Is All That He Claimed To Be, And That He Has Accomplished All That He Came To Perform!” (Charles Hodge)

3. And What Happens:

- When You Do This?
 - 10:9 - “Thou Shalt Be Saved!”
- Saved From:
 - All The Duties:
 - That The Law Of God Requires:
 - From You! And:
- Saved From:
 - The Demand:
 - That The Law Of God Requires:
 - Of You!
- And This Is:
 - “The Word Of Faith, Which We Preach!”
 - And - As We Saw In:
 - 5:1 - “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!”

4. Have You Done This?

- Have You Confessed With Your Own Mouth:
 - The Lord Jesus?
- Have You Believed In Your Own Heart:
 - That God Hath Raised Him From The Dead?
- Then You Have Been & Will Be Saved!
 - And As Jesus Said:
 - In John 6:37 - “Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out!”
- So That - Even Now:
 - When You Are Confronted Again With:
 - The Guilt Of Your Own Sin:

- Past, Present Or Future!
- You Don't Need To:
 - Despair:
 - About Your Standing Before God:
 - On Judgment Day!
- Because - Your Standing:
 - No Longer Depends On:
 - Your Own Righteousness:
 - And The "Righteousness Of The Law!"
 - But On The Righteousness Of Christ:
 - Which Is "The Righteousness Which Is Of Faith!"

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