



Insert from Chapter 6 on Soteriology

I would be remiss if the one reading this would happen to come to *Faith* in Jesus Christ now and not present a simple way for one to accept Christ by your newfound *Faith*. So I would like to present to you the easiest presentation of the Gospel message called the “Romans Road”. I am not sure who to credit for “Romans Road” so I will give the credit to the Apostle Paul, by *Inspiration* of the Holy Spirit, seeing how it is found in his *Epistle* to the Roman Church. This first point is to realize your problem of sin like we learned in *Hamartiology*:

Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

Anyone who has ever lived has inherited their sinful nature from Adam and Eve and willingly sinned against God. God being perfectly *Holy*, without sin, makes man separated from Him without any hope to be reconciled to Him. We are all guilty in the court of God’s *Holiness*. Our sin results in the death of our lives:

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Our physical deaths bring on the judgment of God and separation from Him *Eternally*. Thankfully God *Loved* us so much that Jesus came to Earth as a man and died as a *Substitute* sacrifice for our sins on the cross:

Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Jesus paid your debt to God for all of your sins for all of time and the punishment that comes from being guilty before a *Holy* God. That if you accept this free gift of *Grace* from God, by *Faith*, you can receive this forgiveness of sins and the free gift of *Eternal* life:

Romans 10:9-10 “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. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

If you truly believe in your heart what Jesus did for you and make the confession of asking and accepting Christ’s sacrifice for your sins then then you will receive the forgiveness of sins and the free gift of *Eternal* life:

Romans 10:13 “for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

If you come to this conclusion of *Faith* and would like to accept Christ as your Savior then just simply pray this prayer from your heart to God if you truly believe:

“Lord God I realize that I am a sinner separated from you by my sin. I understand that I am deserving of being separated from you forever but you loved me so much that you sent Jesus to die in my place for my sin. I change my mind and acknowledge that what Jesus did for me is the only way for me to get right with you by faith in Him. Please Lord Jesus come into my heart and save me. Thank you for what you have done for me and please use me for your eternal kingdom.”

It does not matter who you are or what you have done, if you ask God to save you and accept Jesus Christ then you will be saved *Eternally* with

God in Heaven. It is that simple that even a child can understand it. If you prayed that prayer then Jesus tells us in the Bible:

John 5:24 Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

Welcome to Christ's Church and family. The moment you accepted Jesus the Holy Spirit has entered your life and begun the process of *Sanctification*, that we will be discussing soon in this chapter, and has sealed your salvation with God (II Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13-14).

There are four things I encourage you to do in your new life in Christ. Pray: it is just like talking to anyone else but you are talking to God. Tell Him what is on your heart and ask Him to help and guide you. Read the Bible: which is how God talks to you on what He wants from you and how you can serve Him. Get yourself into a Bible teaching Christ preaching Church. There is strength in numbers and the support of other Christians is invaluable. Lastly, tell others about your decision to accept Christ. Most likely you have a parent or grandparent who has been praying for you for years. Tell them about your decision. You will definitely make their day. These steps will help you start your new journey that will take you into *Eternity*.

It is truly ironic that the Gospel is so simple and yet we can go on for a thousand pages talking about the theology of the Scriptures. For those of you who say that you are now saved and you do not need theology I would remind you that God did not give us these *Divine Revelations* to ignore.