

## Romans 10:1-15 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. <sup>2</sup>I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. <sup>3</sup>For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. <sup>4</sup>For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

<sup>5</sup>For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. <sup>6</sup>But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). <sup>7</sup>And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)." <sup>8</sup>In fact, it says,

"The message is very close at hand;  
it is on your lips and in your heart."

And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: <sup>9</sup>If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. <sup>11</sup>As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." <sup>12</sup>Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? <sup>15</sup>And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

## UPCC Doctrinal Statement on Salvation:

We believe that salvation is a free gift of God's grace based on the atoning work of Christ, and is received by repentance and faith in Jesus Christ alone (John 3:16; Titus 3:5).

As such salvation:

- Is complete union with Christ in which a believer becomes eternally joined with Christ spiritually
- Is consciously received by faith when a person freely believes in Christ as the only way to salvation
- Takes place by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit as He convicts an unbeliever of sin, and draws that person to Christ
- Includes the legal act of justification whereby God declares a sinner to be righteous by applying the sinner's sin to Christ's account and Christ's righteousness to the sinner's account
- Includes the experiential act of sanctification whereby the Holy Spirit transforms a believer into the image of Christ
- Is an *event* of regeneration that takes place at a point in one's life, and a *process* of sanctification by the Holy Spirit that is completed only at death

(John 1:12; Romans 6:23, 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:24-28; Revelation 1:5)