

WHO IS JUDGE?

Romans 10:5-13

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“For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13

Paul uses some very powerful language and gets right to the point in these verses. This section is only eight verses but it says so much. If we choose to live by the law then we will be judged by the law. I find it impossible to live by every law as listed in Moses’ Books of the Law. But, even from the creation of the earth God knew we would be unable to follow every law that was given to us. Jesus and His dying for our sins was not a back-up plan. There are many examples of God extending His merciful grace to people in the Old Testament. From the very moment God laid the foundations of the earth He knew that His son would be the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world. Our Creator God has always been a God of mercy and love, but this did not become as apparent until Jesus came to earth as a living example of just how much God loves us and wants us to love Him.

Paul cautions us about thinking in our hearts that surely so-and-so is going to heaven or so-and-so is going to hell. These are not our decisions to make, they are God’s alone. Our decision is to “love the Lord your God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind. And the second is like it, to love our neighbor as ourselves”! Jesus said these are the two most important commandments and these two summarize the entire law. Matthew 22:34-40.

We are to not only believe in Jesus, but to confess our belief before God and proclaim that salvation to others. Who is this salvation intended to include? Salvation is for both Jew and Greek. Verse 13 says WHOEVER believes, doesn’t that mean ALL? Who gets to come to God? Who gets to determine if they have salvation? The only person I have any real control over as to whether they are saved is me. God welcomes ALL who come to him and confess their sin. God decides the condition and motive of the heart and God alone determines who is going to heaven.

Prayer: Dear Lord, instruct us in Your ways so that we do not sin and the motives and attitudes of our hearts remain pure and focused completely upon You. We thank you so much for the mercy and grace You show toward us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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