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We come to Paul’s ultimate challenge to the Jews. He challenges them to say, “Jesus is Lord.” But, before we get to that, we need to be reminded that Paul’s heart was breaking for the Jews. This is obvious in Romans 9:1, 2; 10:1, 2; 11:1, 2. Paul has been responsible for saying some harsh things to the Jews. But, Paul is not harsh. He says all this with deep sorrow, with great anxiety.\* Read Romans 10:1-13.

The first thing Paul makes clear is that simply being a part of the nation of Israel will not be enough to make a person right with God. He affirms the Jews for their determination (zeal) in following what they thought was God’s will. And, they were determined. There are records of people who suffered all kinds of pain and sorrow, even death because they were determined to keep the law. The problem was that they had knowledge of what Scripture said, but no understanding of the spiritual application of that truth.

These laws Paul had lived with all his life. And, he had tried to obey all of them. The problem was that they were obeyed from the wrong point of view. Then Paul found the right way to God’s favor. In verse four, he says that Jesus is the end of the law for those who believe that Jesus’ righteousness is now available to everyone. Does that mean that we should ignore the law. No. It simply means that, as Jesus affirmed it in the Sermon on the Mount, keeping the law has do to with our good behavior. But, right relationship with God is what is ours in Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Paul quotes the Old Testament (Leviticus 18:5) to point out once again the inability to live perfectly by the law and, by doing so, have a right relationship with God. He said, in Galatians 3:12, 13 that the Law is not based on faith and if we try to keep the Law as our way to God, it may be a way of life, but it is not a successful way to God. Then Paul quotes from Deuteronomy 30:11-14 to discourage seekers from trying to do that which they cannot do. Doing, keeping of all the Law, is not possible. He goes on to say that rather than looking far beyond yourself, you should look at your heart which will guide you and to your mouth which can express the important things in your heart. Paul reached back into the words of Scripture that were so dearly loved by the Jews to point out to them the great hope of salvation in Jesus.

We now come to verses nine and ten. It is hard to think of anything that Paul said which is more important to believers than these two verses. They contain the basic confession, statement of belief, that all Christians must make. Every one who becomes a Christian must believe that Jesus is Lord. Those are the words that are the door to right relationship to God. The word Lord, as Paul used it, was the title given to the gods of the Romans. It preceded

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the name of the god. It was the title for the rulers, Caesar, of Rome. When Jesus is called Lord, He is recognized as different from anyone else, and has the highest rank or status.

Paul goes on to say that a qualification of our belief is the acceptance in our heart, the very center of us, that God raised Jesus from the dead and Jesus lives today. It is important for all Christians to believe that we are not worshipping a Savior who died a long time ago, like so many of our heroes. We worship a Savior who is Lord today...living today.

He goes on to say that it is not just something that is accepted, but it is something that we gladly speak out loud. It is not a secret belief, it is a spoken witness. If you know the truth, you will gladly testify to that truth in court. So it is with our salvation.

And finally this salvation is open to everyone...everyone...even you.

**Scripture Memory: “If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9, 10**

\*Underlined statements in this Teacher’s Guide appear in the Student Worksheet with blanks to be filled in by the student during the lesson. Words in the Student Worksheet may not appear exactly as printed in the Teacher’s Guide.

### **For the Teacher:**

**Lesson Goal: To lead the student to say, if they have not done so previously, “Jesus is Lord.”**

1. Keeping the Law was extremely difficult. It made life a very uncomfortable thing. The Sabbath law stated explicitly how many steps a person could take on that day. A person could carry nothing that weighed more than two figs. No food could be cooked on the Sabbath. When someone became sick, you could try to keep the person from getting worse, but you could do nothing to make them better. Now, one might think of these things as humorous, but they were very serious, and people made great sacrifices to keep these laws. Many stories are told of people who died for their belief in these laws.
2. The Greek word for lord is *kurios* (coor'-e-ahs). It compares to addressing someone as “sir.” It was also used in Greek translations of Hebrew Old Testament Scriptures for the divine name **Jehovah**.
3. Paul concludes his statement here by quoting two Old Testament Scriptures to which his Jewish audience would relate. Isaiah 28:16, “the one who trusts will never be dismayed.” The faith of the believer will never disappoint. And, Joel 2:32, “And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
4. We need to remember that Paul went first to the Jews. He had great compassion for them. See Acts 13:46; 18:5, 6; Romans 1:16.
5. You might want to consult the context of Deuteronomy 30:11-14 to be able to discuss it with your students.
6. The memory verses today are included in the “Roman Road to Salvation” always presented on the Student Worksheet. This will be a very good lesson during which you can include a discussion of those “Roman Road” scriptures and encourage your students to consider accepting Jesus as Lord, and/or giving that testimony in their life as they work, play, go to school, live together with their family, etc.
7. Major emphasis should be placed on the decision to ask Jesus to be Lord of one’s life. Major emphasis should be placed on giving testimony to that fact in daily living, both by Christian behavior, and verbal testimony.

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### *Student Worksheet*

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#### **A Roman Road to Salvation:**

**Romans 3:23** “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Everyone is a sinner and needs salvation.

**Romans 6:23a** “For the wages of sin is death.” The law of God is unchangeable. If someone sins the penalty must be paid, the payment is death.

**Romans 5:8** “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.” God loves us so much, according to John 3:16, that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins.

**Romans 6:23b** “But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The penalty for sin is spiritual death, but God, through the death of Jesus on the cross, took the penalty for the sins of all people, and now everyone can have eternal life. See also, II Corinthians 5:21

**Romans 10:9, 10** “That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” To personally receive the gift of God, eternal life in Christ Jesus, you trust God to be what He says He is. Believing that “God raised Him (Jesus) from the dead” is to accept all that the Bible says about God and His Son, Jesus. Then you speak (confess) the words, “Jesus is Lord,” as a statement of faith. Believing “with your heart” means that you believe with your mind and with everything that you are.

**Romans 10:13** “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” You have the promise of God Himself that if you do what Romans 10:9, 10 says, you will become God’s child and have eternal life.

**Romans 12:1, 2** “I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Becoming a Christian is a life-long act of faith and worship.