

- **Rom. 10:6-13**—“But the righteousness of faith speaks thus: Do not say in thine heart, **Who shall ascend to the heavens? that is, to bring Christ down;** or, Who shall descend into the abyss? that is, to bring up Christ from among the dead. But what says it? The word is near thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: **that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord**, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from among the dead, **thou shalt be saved**. For with the heart is believed to righteousness; and with the mouth confession made to salvation. **For the scripture says, No one believing on him shall be ashamed**. For there is no difference of Jew and Greek; for the same Lord of all is rich towards all that **call upon him**. For every one whosoever, **who shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved.**”

That is:

But the righteousness of faith [*the righteousness which is by faith, as opposed to the righteousness that is by the law*] speaks thus [*according to the principle of grace announced in Deut. 30:11-13*]: Do not say in thine heart, **Who shall ascend to the heavens? that is, to bring Christ down** [*‘down’ from the heavens, for Christ is Jehovah as seen in vv. 9 and 13 below; justifying faith does not thus speak of a need to ascend to the heavens to find deliverance, to find the Saviour . . . as if the Son has not been sent in love and grace by the Father, as if He has not come down Himself as the incarnate Saviour, Jehovah-Christ*]; or, Who shall descend into the abyss? that is, to bring up Christ from among the dead [*justifying faith does not thus speak of a need to descend to the depths to find deliverance, to find the Saviour . . . as if the Son Himself has not accomplished the only ground of our salvation in His atoning death on the Cross and been resurrected as a result and proof thereof and as the sphere of our justification*]. But what says it [*but what says the righteousness of faith, according to the principle of grace further announced in Deut. 30:14*]? The word is near thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: **that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord** [*supreme Lord, that is, Jesus as Jehovah, Jehovah-Jesus, for see the application of Joel 2:32 to Him in v. 13 below*], and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from among the dead, **thou shalt be saved**. For with the heart is believed to righteousness; and with the mouth confession made to salvation. **For the scripture says, No one believing on him shall be ashamed** [*Isa. 28:16*]. For there is no difference of Jew and Greek; for the same Lord of all is rich towards all that **call upon him**. For every one whosoever, **who shall call on the name of the Lord** [*i.e., whosoever shall call on the name of Jehovah (Joel 2:32), as specifically applied to the Person of Jesus, Jehovah-Jesus*], shall be saved.

Compare:

“And it shall be that whosoever shall call upon the name of Jehovah shall be saved.” (Joel 2:32)

“And it shall be that **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord** [*i.e., the name of Jehovah (Joel 2:32), as specifically applied to the Person of Jesus, Jehovah-Jesus*] **shall be saved** And Peter said to them, Repent—and be baptised, each one of you—**in the name of Jesus Christ**, for remission of sins, and ye will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you is the promise and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God may call.” (Acts 2:21, 38-39)

“To the assembly of God which is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with **all that in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, both theirs and ours.” (1 Cor. 1:2)

“And there was a certain disciple in Damascus by name Ananias. And **the Lord** [*the Lord Jesus*] said to him in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, here am I, **Lord**. And **the Lord** said to him, Rise up and go into the street which is called Straight, and seek in the house of Judas one by name Saul, he is of Tarsus: for, behold, he is praying, . . . And Ananias answered, **Lord**, I have heard from many concerning this man how much evil he has done to thy saints at Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind **all who call upon thy name**. And **the Lord** said to him, Go, for this man is an elect vessel to me, **to bear my name** before both nations and kings and the sons of Israel: for I will shew to him how much **he must suffer for my name**. And Ananias went and entered into the house; and laying his hands upon him he said, Saul, brother, **the Lord** has sent me, **Jesus** that appeared to thee in the way in which thou camest, that thou mightest see, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. . . . And straightway in the synagogues he [Paul] preached **Jesus that he is the Son of God**. And all who heard were astonished and said, Is not

this he who destroyed in Jerusalem **those who called on this name**, and here was come for this purpose, that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" (Acts 9:10-11, 13-17, 20-21)

"To him [*Jesus*] all the prophets bear witness that **every one that believes on him will receive through his name remission of sins.**" (Acts 10:43)

"Be it known unto you, therefore, brethren, that **through this one** [*through the crucified and risen One, and only because, as we see everywhere in scripture, He is both God and Man in one Person*] **remission of sins** is preached to you, and from all things from which ye could not be justified in the law of Moses, **in him every one that believes is justified.**" (Acts 13:38-39)

"And they [*Paul and Silas*] said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved**, thou and thy house. . . And having brought them into his house he laid the table for them, and rejoiced with all his house, **having believed in God** [*believing on the Lord Jesus they thus believed in God!*]." (Acts 16:31, 34)

"Testifying to both Jews and Greeks **repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ.**" (Acts 20:21)

"And I said, Who art thou, Lord? **And the Lord said, I am Jesus** whom thou persecutest: but rise up and stand on thy feet; for, for this purpose have I appeared to thee, to appoint thee to be a servant and a witness both of what thou hast seen, and of what I shall appear to thee in, taking thee out from among the people, and the nations, to whom I send thee, to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that **they may receive remission of sins and inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me.**" (Acts 26:15-18)

"Yet I am **Jehovah thy God** from the land of Egypt, and thou hast known **no God but me**; and **there is no saviour besides me** [*God as such, who is the (now fully revealed) Triune Jehovah*]." (Hos. 13:4)

"Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that **I am HE: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, I am Jehovah; and besides me** [*God as such, who is the (now fully revealed) Triune Jehovah*] **there is no saviour.**" (Isa. 43:10-11)

"**And salvation is in none other** [*none other than Jesus Christ the Nazaraean, the despised and rejected—now risen—One, 4:10*], **for neither is there another name** under heaven which is given among men **by which we must be saved.**" (Acts 4:12)

"Jesus says to him, I am **the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father unless **by me.**" (John 14:6)

See also Acts 15:11 ("saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus")

Who but One who is Jehovah God in Person may rightfully—without involvement of blasphemy and idolatry—direct men's hearts, or have men's hearts directed, exclusively to Himself or equally with the Father? Keeping also in mind that:

"Thus saith Jehovah: Cursed is the man that confideth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from Jehovah. . . . Blessed is the man that confideth in Jehovah, and whose confidence Jehovah is." (Jer. 17:5, 7)
[*"A curse is (thus) pronounced on trusting in man, or in any one but Jehovah."* (JND)]

"Taste and see that Jehovah is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him!" (Ps. 34:8)

"It is better to trust in Jehovah than to put confidence in man." (Ps. 118:8)

"Blessed is the man that hath made Jehovah his confidence, and turneth not to the proud, and to such as turn aside to lies." (Ps. 40:4)

"Jehovah of hosts, blessed is the man that confideth in thee!" (Ps. 84:12)

“Put not confidence in nobles, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.” (Ps. 146:3)

“Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way, though his anger burn but a little. Blessed are all who have their trust in him.” (Ps. 2:12)

“For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, and boast in Christ Jesus, and do not trust in flesh.” (Phil. 3:3)

“I am Jehovah, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another.” (Isa. 42:8)

“Children, keep yourselves from idols.” (1 John 5:21)

Again we say: Who but One who is Jehovah God in Person may rightfully direct men’s hearts, or have men’s hearts directed, exclusively to Himself or equally with the Father?

“It is not in the power of language to express acts of confidence and homage of a higher character than those which the Scriptures frequently represent as rendered to Christ.” (Samuel Green)