

Accepting Christ into your life

Romans 10:9-10

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved.**

10 For **with the heart** man believeth unto righteousness; and **with the mouth** confession is made unto salvation.

Praise God for this truth!! But is this the plan of salvation for everyone? What about what we learned from the **same book** of Romans just **four chapters** earlier?

Romans 6:17-19

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye **have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.**

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the **servants of righteousness.**

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; **even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.**

In Romans 6:17 we find that the Apostle Paul says, “but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.” In Romans 10:9 above it read, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Does this make void the doctrine that they obeyed from the heart that was delivered to them?

As you can see from this example **you can not** just go to a certain scripture in a certain book **and decide** that you understand its meaning **without studying the rest** of the scriptures contained elsewhere. What you see here is the people **obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine** that was delivered to them and then **later on** those people were told that “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” This is because **these people had “obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered”** to them.

If we go back in **the same chapter** just 14 verses earlier we will discover **the topic of baptism** and that of **the promise** of the receiving of **the Holy Ghost.**

Romans 6:3-8

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore **we are buried with him by baptism** into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.**

5 For **if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death**, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Notice the **if clause** in verse 5. **If** we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. **Also** in verse 3 the Apostle Paul speaks of **the baptism in Jesus name** as the way that **we are planted together in the likeness of his death**. **This is that form of doctrine that they obeyed from the heart which was delivered to them.**

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that **the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now **if we be** dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also **live with him**:

If you are not planted together in the likeness **of his death**, the body of sin **will not be destroyed** and **you will perish in your sins** because your old man **was not crucified with him** and therefore **you will not be dead with Christ** nor will you be freed from sin **that you inherited from Adam**.

Acts 2:36-39

36 Therefore let **all the house of Israel** know assuredly, that **God hath made the same Jesus**, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they **heard this**, they were **pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For **the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.**

We are to repent of our sins **and to be baptized every one of you** in the name of **Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**. This is where the body of sin is destroyed that the Apostle Paul was referring to when he said, “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death**”. It is then **a promise of God** that if you repent of your sins and are baptized in Jesus name for the remission of your sins that you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.”

Colossians 2:11-14

11 In whom also ye are **circumcised** with the circumcision made without hands, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ:

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also **ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead.

Here we learn from the Apostle Paul that when we are **buried with Jesus in baptism** that you “are **circumcised with the circumcision** made without hands, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ”. **This is how the body of sin was destroyed as well as how your sins were remitted.**

Accepting the Lord Jesus into your life is admirable and is a must if you are to make heaven your home, but one must repent of their sins and be baptized in Jesus name for the remission of their sins to be **freed from sin and to be dead with Christ**. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection; if we do not continue on serving sin. Remember **it is a promise** that if you repent of your sins and get baptized in Jesus name **that you will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**.

Romans 6:1-2

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, **that are dead to sin**, live any longer therein?

Romans 6:16-18

16 Know ye not, that **to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey**, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, **but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you**.

18 Being then **made free from sin**, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 8:9-13

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, **if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, **he is none of his**.

10 And if Christ be in you, **the body is dead** because of sin; but **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness.

11 **But if the Spirit** of him that raised up Jesus from the dead **dwell in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead **shall also** quicken your mortal bodies **by his Spirit that dwelleth in you**.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, **not to the flesh**, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, **ye shall die**: but if ye **through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live.