

Christ Has Been Brought Near to You!

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Main Point

Christ has come near to save you,
and His salvation is as near to you
as your heart and mouth.

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Deuteronomy 9:4

Do not say in your heart when the LORD your God has driven them out before you, **‘Because of my righteousness** the LORD has brought me in to possess this land.

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Paul and the other Apostles were preaching
a word or message of faith.

But what is faith?

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To believe in or with your heart is
to believe sincerely and wholistically.

Heart-faith is not simply saying the message
as true but personally embracing it for life.

Heart-faith does not compartmentalize faith
but allows it to govern every area of life.

What is the content of our faith?

Romans 10:8-9

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if you confess **with your mouth** Jesus as Lord,
and believe **in your heart** that God raised Him
from the dead, you will be saved.

Faith does not say that salvation is out of your reach but that it is as near to you as your mouth and heart.

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if you... believe in your heart **that God**
raised *Jesus* from the dead, you will be saved...

If God did not raise Jesus from
the dead, we are still in our sins
and under the curse!

Christ is Near – Believe in Him!

What does it mean to believe in Him?

What is the result of belief?



Romans 10:10-11

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Romans 4:5

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Call on Him!



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What does it mean to call on Him?



Romans 10:13

“Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Joel 2:32

And it will come about that
whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be delivered.

What does it mean to call on Him?

Genesis 4:26

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Genesis 12:8

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To call on the Lord is to determine
to worship Him.

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And from His temple He heard my voice,
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To call on the Lord is to cry out to Him in your need, believing that He will hear and answer.

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The Lord is abounding in the riches of His grace for all who will acknowledge their need and call on Him in faith.

Have *you* called upon Him?

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Call on Him!

Confess Him!



Romans 10:9

Confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord.

Christ is Near – Confess Him!

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Matthew 12:34

“For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.”

Confession is saying what the heart believes.

To *confess* the Lord Jesus is
to express a genuine belief that
Jesus is who He says He is.

Psalm 107:1-2

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
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To confess is to “say so” about Jesus.

It is to say, “He is Lord.”

It is to say, “He is good.”

It is to say, “His lovingkindness
is everlasting.”

Christ is Near – Confess Him!

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Confession is not another step
on the pathway to salvation.

It is the testimony of a
believing heart.

For Reflection

Have you believed in your heart that Jesus is Lord
and that God raised Him from the dead?

Have you called on the name of the Lord in your
need and are you believing He will save you?

Have you confessed Jesus as Lord –

Are you saying so!