SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION
   a) Of all the needs that humanity has, what is the greatest need?
      i) If it were education, then when the Lord Jesus came to Earth, He would have come as an educator.
      ii) If it were financial, then the Lord Jesus would have come as an economist.
      iii) If it were peace, then the Lord Jesus would have come as a diplomat.
      iv) Why did Jesus come?
         (1) Luke 19:10
         (2) Salvation is man’s greatest need.
   b) Aboard the Titanic, the passengers sailed in different accommodations.
      i) Some sailed first class with very exclusive and fine provisions.
      ii) Others were below in the steerage.
      iii) But when the final tally came back to the New York office after the tragedy, all of the people were put into one of only two categories:
         (1) Saved
         (2) Lost
   c) There are only two categories of people in life:
      i) The saved.
      ii) The lost.
         (1) Some may be going to Hell first class, but there’s coming a day when we will all stand before God, and the thing that’s going to matter more than anything else is whether or not we are saved or lost.
   d) Romans 10:1-4

2) THE FREENESS OF SALVATION (ROMANS 10:1-4)
   a) Salvation is absolutely, totally free.
   b) Most people think that salvation roots in the merit of man.
      i) Many people hope that they are going to Heaven because they’re trying to live as best they know how.
      ii) They think that salvation is a reward for the righteous.
         (1) But salvation is not a reward for the righteous; it’s a gift for the guilty.
            (a) This must be understood in order to be saved.
   c) Romans 10:2-3
      i) The Apostle Paul is talking here about the Jewish nation.
         (1) They were very religious and zealous.
            (a) This is an example of something good becoming something bad if it keeps you from the best.
   d) Many people are on their way to Hell, not because they are drunkards or thieves, but because they never were.
      i) They think that the Gospel is for the harlot and the thief.
      ii) They think that they are too good to be condemned.
         (1) They are trusting in their own religion.
         (2) The Apostle Paul was one of these.
            (a) Philippians 3:4-7
Paul, a very religious man, was speaking of himself in this passage.

Paul took his heritage, his pedigree, accomplishments and zeal, and counted them as loss.

1. He counted his goodness as badness.

He counted his goodness as loss because those were the things that he was trusting in.

1. As such, those were the things that were keeping him from the Lord.

a. That’s what religion is without the Lord.

iii) The worst form of badness is human goodness, if human goodness keeps you from salvation.

Romans 10:2–4

i) The law says, “Do,” and we can’t.

ii) The Gospel says, “Done.”

1) The law demands perfection, but only the Gospel gives perfection in the Lord Jesus Christ.

iii) Belief is not just intellectual belief, but trust.

iv) Romans 10:4

1) We all need grace and a brand-new heart.

3) THE NEARNESS OF SALVATION (ROMANS 10:6–10)

a) Romans 10:6–10

i) Paul wanted his brothers and sisters in the flesh, the Jews, to be saved.

1) He told them the way to be saved.

ii) Paul is saying that if you want to be saved, salvation is very near.

1) He is saying that you don’t have to go on a pilgrimage.

2) You don’t have to go up into Heaven, appear before the throne and implore God to come down and help us.

a) He already did that one Christmas more than two thousand years ago.

3) You don’t have to descend into the deep.

a) The Lord Jesus has been raised from the grave.

4) The incarnation, the crucifixion and the resurrection have already taken place.

b) Romans 10:6–8

i) If you are not already saved, you are so close to being saved that the Lord Jesus and salvation are already in your mouth and in your heart.

1) Romans 10:8

a) The preaching of and sharing that salvation is by grace through faith puts it in your mouth and heart.

ii) Once it is in your heart and mouth, it is waiting on you.

1) Romans 10:9

2) You must then confess and believe, and you’ll be saved.
c) You don't have to bring Jesus down or bring Him up.
   i) He has already done that.
      (1) It is done; it's a finished thing.
      (2) Romans 10:4
   ii) It is now ready for you.
      (1) Romans 10:9
   iii) You can be saved and receive a new heart and a new nature, and one day you'll spend eternity with the redeemed.

d) The confession that you make with your mouth is that Jesus is Lord.
   i) This is where many people miss salvation.
      (1) They want to receive Jesus Christ as Savior, and that's it.
   ii) Jesus is Savior, but He is also Lord.
      (1) Romans 10:9
   iii) To confess Him as Lord means to take yourself off the throne of your life and put Jesus Christ upon that throne.

e) Salvation is not just some intellectual belief.
   i) It is trusting the Lord Jesus and committing everything to Him.
   ii) It is saying that Jesus Christ is Lord.
      (1) If we don't receive who He is, then we cannot have what He gives.
      (2) This is not saying that we are saved by good works.
         (a) It simply means that you bow the knee to Him and give Him your life.

f) Romans 10:9 is the capstone.
   i) When you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, then you believe all the rest of it.
   ii) Romans 1:4
   iii) If you believe the resurrection, then you have to believe in the crucifixion.
   iv) If you believe in the crucifixion, then you have to believe in the incarnation.
   v) If you believe in the resurrection, crucifixion and the incarnation, then you have to believe in the Deity.

g) Romans 10:8-9
   i) Confession is very important.
      (1) Luke 9:26
      (2) Matthew 10:32
      (3) Psalm 107:2
   ii) Confession shows possession.
      (1) Walking an aisle and shaking a preacher's hand can't save anyone.
         (a) It's what it indicates that saves us.

h) Romans 10:11
   i) The mark that we are really trusting Jesus is that we’re not ashamed of Him.
      (1) Don’t let pride keep you from coming to Christ.
   i) Salvation is so near.
i) Romans 10:8
  ii) You have to confess with your mouth and believe with your heart, and you will be saved.

4) **THE RICHNESS OF SALVATION (ROMANS 10:12-13)**
   a) Romans 10:12-13
      i) God wants everybody saved.
      ii) Whoever you are and wherever you are, He will save you if you will call upon the name of the Lord.
      iii) He will never fail us.
      iv) He is rich unto all who call upon Him.
        1) Not some, but anybody who wants to be saved.
   b) The Apostle Paul started out telling these people who were very religious, who had a zeal for God but not according to knowledge, that they needed to be saved.
      i) Paul called himself the chief of sinners.
        1) There is nobody so good that they don't need to be saved.
        2) There is nobody so bad that they cannot be saved.
   c) Salvation is by grace through faith.
      i) Trust the Lord Jesus.
      ii) John 3:16

5) **CONCLUSION**
   a) Paul's desire was for Israel to be saved.
   b) Are you saved?
   c) Have you given your heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ?
      i) Is He your Lord?
   d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      i) Romans 3:23
      ii) Romans 10:9-10
      iii) Romans 10:13
      iv) Acts 16:31
      v) John 3:16