

Romans 5:10-11

"Saved By His Life"

Romans 5:10-11, "For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." "Turn in your Bibles to Romans chapter 5, open our Bibles together to Romans chapter 5. For the fun of it, let's read altogether verses 10 and 11 of **Romans the fifth chapter, verses 10 and 11** out of all of our varied translations. OK, you ready? On your mark, get set, **"For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only this, but we also exalt in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation."** We were reconciled to God through the death of his son. Throughout the Bible we see that the message of Christianity is a message of reconciliation. It's a message of God calling men and women to be brought back into harmony and friendship with him. To be reconciled means that you're back in friendship, you're back in harmony. When we say a marriage has been reconciled, often times we get a mental picture of a husband and wife who've maybe even separated and moved apart, but through the grace of God, I've seen many marriages reconciled, they've come back together, and they're friends and lovers again. And that's really a simplified version of what the Gospel is. Through sin we were alienated to God, we stopped being his friends. But through Jesus Christ, we can have a relationship re-established with God again. **Ephesians chapter 2, verses 13 through 16** says, **"But now in Christ Jesus, you who were formerly far off, have been brought near by the blood of Christ, for he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility."** [These verses are in context with the hostility between Jew and Gentile which Jesus reconciled and abolished, not that he abolished the moral law and ordinances of God, with the exception of the ceremonial laws and regulations which prevented Gentiles from

mixing with Jews. Got to take this in context with the subject. see <https://unityinchrist.com/whatisgrace/whatisgraceintro.htm>] We have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Jesus reconciled us to God through his body on the cross. Jesus needed a body, so that he would have something to offer as a sacrifice, and so the 2nd Person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ [Yeshua haMeschiach] came, he took on a body, that's what the Christmas celebration is all about [or should be all about-it has been horribly commercialized]. We call it the incarnation, he took on a body, that he might have a body to offer, something to offer as a sacrifice for our sins. In Colossians 1, let me just read it to you, I'm going to have you look up one in a second. **Colossians 1, verses 19 through 22** we read, **“For it was the Father's good pleasure, for all the fulness to dwell in him, and through him”** -- that's through Jesus -- **“to reconcile all things to himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross.”** And then he goes on to say, **“He has now reconciled you in his fleshly body through death.”** [Read the whole piece, it's beautiful] Jesus has reconciled us to God. This teaching of reconciliation is probably summed up in a bow put on it with 2nd Corinthians chapter 5. It's just a beautiful statement, and I would want us all to look at that together. If you have a Bible, go to the right of Romans to **2nd Corinthians chapter 5**, and we'll look **beginning at the 18th verse, 2nd Corinthians 5, verse 18.** [Actually this whole statement starts in verse 11 and goes through verse 21] And you might look for a key word. In fact, I'm going to tell you what it is. Look for the word **reconcile** or **reconciliation**. And with your Bible underliner or marker, here's some fun for you, underline every time he speaks of our being reconciled to God, it's a real neat statement. **Verse 18** – “Now all these things are from God, who” -- what? – **“reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation. Namely, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us, ‘We beg you on behalf of Christ be reconciled to God.’ He made him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf in order that we might become the righteousness of God in him.”** I like the way the *living Bible* translates **verse 20**, it says, **“We are Christ's ambassadors, God is using us to speak to you. We beg you as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, ‘Receive the love he offers. Be reconciled to God.’”** Now how were we reconciled to God? Going back to **Romans 5:11**, it says **“We were reconciled through Jesus Christ.”** **Verse 10** says, **“through the death of his Son.”** through Jesus Christ. How is this done? What has happened? I've got a little illustration that I need two guys to

volunteer to come up and help me out. Don't worry, it's nothing weird, I'm not going to make you do anything weird. But quickly, two guys. Don't everybody jump up at once -- OK, I got three. Since you've got the tie on, you can be God, OK? [laughter], nice to have the Lord with us. The Bible teaches us, when God created man, this man, he represents us -- this is God, with the tie -- this is us. So anyway, when the Lord created man, he created man perfectly, and there was this perfect relationship between God and man. Man was in friendship with God, they loved one another. But when man sinned, sin broke that relationship. OK? And man turned away from God. And when man turned away from God sin broke this relationship, and now there's this gulf between God and man. We've talked about that a lot, sin has broken the relationship. Now is God mad [angry] at us? No, God's still reaching out, but there's no bridge. That's where Jesus, Yeshua comes in. He came from the Father. And he bridged the gulf between God and man, and he gave his life to die for us, he offered his life as a sacrifice. So through him, man can have that **reconciliation** to God. Now the message is, **“Do you want to be reconciled to God?” “We'll you can through Jesus.”** It's through Jesus that we had that reconciliation, that relationship restored. We're reconciled now. And so you today can have that reconciliation to God. But you've got to turn around. You've got to understand, God's not mad at you, he hasn't turned his back to you. God has always been reaching out to you. God isn't some angry God, mad at you. In fact, the Bible says **“For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, in order that we might have eternal life”** -- if we put our faith in him, if we believe, if we trust in him. So you can be reconciled to God.

How We Are Saved By And Through Jesus' Life

Being reconciled to God means that you are the beneficiary then of Jesus' life. **“We shall be saved by his life,”** the Scripture goes on to say. The Good News doesn't stop with reconciliation, it goes on to say in verse 10, **the latter part of Romans 5, verse 10,** it says, **“Much more than having been reconciled by his death, we shall be saved by his life.”** You see that at the **end of verse 10,** **“Much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”** Well, what life? What life of Jesus, Yeshua saves us? The life that he gives us, the life that he gave for us on the cross. Yes, but at the same time, we're also saved **by the life that he lives right now.**

And we're going to look at both of those. We're saved by the life that he gave us. This is really illustrated in a true story I read, happened during the French-English war, when Napoleon was emperor of France. During this time, a man was drafted into the French Army. He was supposed to go and fight, and the officers came to deliver the papers and take him off to the army and he started fighting them, he said, *"No, no, you can't take me. You can't take me, I'm not going."* And they said *"Why aren't you going?"* And he said, *"Because I died two years ago!"* And they're looking at each other, like, *"Oh no, this guy's a loonie."* And so they started to arrest him, and he says, *"No, no you can't take me."* *"Why can't we take you?"* And he says, *"Because I died two years ago, I died two years ago, let go of me!"* They said, this guy needs help, they took him, they arrested him. And finally they became so insistent about this, they saw that everything else he talks about, he seems pretty sane, let's do some checking. And what they did was, they checked into the French military records and they discovered that truly two years ago he had been drafted. When the draft papers came, a good friend of his came over to his house and said *"I just heard the news that you've been drafted."* He says, *"You can't go, you've got a wife, you've got all these children to take care of. What if you die? Who would care for them? Let me go in your place. Let me take your place."* And so the man, his good friend, took his place, he took his name, he took his address, and he went and joined the army. Only, in one of the first battles, he was shot and killed. Word came back to the man who's place he had taken that his friend had died, and he realized, that actually he had died. Incredible. Well, when they heard this, they didn't know what to do. Do we let him go? Do we let a substitute take his place? Can another man take his legal responsibilities like that? Did he really die? And finally that case went all the way to Napoleon Bonaparte. And finally, when Napoleon, when he heard the case, Napoleon said, *"In his judgment, the man was free, because somebody had took his legal responsibilities for him, and had died in his place."* It was officially declared that he had died in the person of another. It was made official in the court records that that man had died two years before. And now he was free because his friend had taken his place. Interesting. Because in the same way, we are saved by the life that Jesus, Yeshua gave us. He took on himself the responsibility for all of our sins. He took the legal responsibility for what **we** were supposed to do. We were supposed to die for our sins, for the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), but Jesus, Yeshua took our place. **And if we receive him as our Savior and our friend, then we have died in him.** And that's the truth, that maybe for the first time you understand. Let's look in Colossians 3. Go to the right until you hit Colossians, the book of Colossians chapter 3,

verses 3 and 4. We have died in the person of another, we have died in Christ. It's not a morbid thought, it's a glorious thought. It wasn't a morbid thing for this man to send someone to take his service for him. And then when his friend died, he realized, *'My friend loved me so much, he actually died for me. But now I'm free, you can never draft me again.'* **Colossians 3, verse 3, "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ [Messiah] in God. When Christ, who is our life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory."** What is Christ? Christ is our life! He's *my* life, because he lived his life for me. He's *my* life. His death was *my death*. And his resurrection is *my resurrection*, all because of that linkage of faith. I've trusted him as my Savior, and I believe in him. So we're saved by the life that Jesus lived.

We Also Saved By The Life That Jesus Now Lives

But we're also saved by the life that Jesus now lives. What Paul means is this. ***If his death made you secure in salvation, just think what his life can do to make you secure in your salvation.*** Look at John 14, verse 19. Jesus said the most amazing thing, and I'm really excited about it. **John 14, verse 19,** Jesus says, and we're just going to look at the very last part of the verse, and we're not really taking it out of context, because it stands all by itself. In the latter part of the verse Jesus says in **14:19, "Because I live, you shall live also."** Because Jesus is alive right now, I'm going to live. Jesus says, that because he is alive, I'm going to have the life too. [Now I want to put what Jesus said here in context with the rest of the verses around it. How will Jesus' life make us alive, what takes place here? Let's read starting in **verse 19 and go through verse 23, "Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."** How will this occur? **Verse 26** explains, **"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."** **Verse 16** elaborates a little more, **"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever -**

- **the Spirit of truth.”** **verse 18, “for he lives with you and will be in you.”** I.e. God the Father and Jesus Christ live within us, have made their home in us by and through the Holy Spirit whom he has placed within each and every believer. Jesus lives his life in us through the Holy Spirit living within us.] Because he is alive, I'm going to have the life too. Paul says in **verse 11 of Romans 5, “The result of this is that we exalt in God”**, we are really excited. Why are we exalting in God? Well, first of all because Jesus lives to be a compassionate High Priest. Jesus, Yeshua is living right now. We're not serving one of those religions who's god is dead. We're not following the founder of a religion who we can go and visit his tomb [except his empty tomb!], Jesus is alive. His resurrection is one of the most indisputable facts of history. There's so much evidence for his resurrection. Not just the hope of Christians, but the facts of the faith are founded in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He lives right now to be a compassionate high priest. Look at Hebrews chapter 2, and we're going to spend a little time in this book of Hebrews. Hebrews chapter 2, and we'll look at verse 17. **Hebrews 2:17, “Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in all things, that he might become a merciful”** -- or you could translate *'compassionate'* -- **“and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God to make propitiation [atonement]”** -- or to be the *'mercy seat'* -- **“for our sins”** -- *'for the sins of the people.'* **“For since he himself was tempted in that which he has suffered, he is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.”** **Jesus, Yeshua, we are told right now, lives to be a compassionate high priest.** Right now in heaven, your Savior is full of mercy and compassion for you. Hey, ever get around somebody who's never been sick in their life? And you, maybe, have your aches and pains? Ever be around them, and do you realize how cold they are toward you? You tell them, *'Oh man, you know, oh my back'* or *'oh my arthritis'* or something, *'oh, man, I.'* or whatever you've got. And they just sort of sit there and they almost act like you're a hypochondriac, you know. It's like, *'Well, come on! Cut it out! Act like a man.'* or something. *'Stop being such a baby.'* But do you know what happens to that person when they get sick? I've seen this happen to people where they get some kind of extended illness, and all of a sudden they're talking about *'oh, how we need to be so compassionate towards people who are ill and who are hurting.'* And I thought, *'Where were you a year ago?'* You see, they understand, because they've gone through it now. **And who do we have minister to other people? You try to find somebody who's gone through something, I try to find people who've gone through the pain of divorce to minister to others who are going through that, or long-term illness to minister to others, or those who**

have problems with their children, and you know, the Lord's given them some kind of victory so they can minister to those are going through the same thing. In a like manner, Our Lord is not in heaven going 'What's the matter with you guys!?! Come on! Get with it! He's compassionate. He lived on this earth. He was despised and rejected of men. He knows your loneliness. If you're the only Christian in your family, he understands what it's like to be the only Christian in the family. He knows what it's like to have people make fun of him. He knows what it's like to have people reject him. He knows what it's like to feel so far from God when all of our sins were laid on him, he was rejected of God. Wow! He understands. So in heaven right now, one of the things we exalt about is there's somebody who knows what it's like to have no money! Remember tax time came, the disciples panicked, **'We don't have money for the taxes.'** Jesus said, **'Peter, go fishing. First fish you catch, open its mouth and the money will be in there.'** What pond was that? I would like to find that pond. [laughter] He knows what it's like to have God supernaturally supply those needs, too. He is a faithful, compassionate, merciful high priest in heaven. **And he is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.** Amen? So we rejoice. He's alive right now, a compassionate high priest. Hebrews 5. But that's one of the qualifications for a high priest. In the Old Testament, he had to be a guy who could understand the people. "For every high priest, he says" in verse 1, "taken from among men, it's appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sin." So the high priest was supposed to represent God to the people. His life, even his clothing, of the high priest, actually, was to represent God to the people. And then in turn, he was to represent his people to God. He was the intermediary, he was the inbetween, he was the mediator as you call them. Well, isn't Jesus the perfect mediator? He's part man, part God, well not part, he all man and all God. It's a mystery of how he can be 100 percent of both, but he is. And he represents God to us. He says, **"If you've seen me, you've seen"** -- who? -- **"the Father."** And then he represents us to God, clothed in his perfection we stand complete in him. Hallelujah, what a neat priest we've got! But not only that, he also offered the sacrifice for our sins. The high priest's job was to offer the sacrifice once a year for the sins of the entire nation. Jesus, Yeshua did that [for the entire world!], only he was both the priest and the sacrifice. Incredible. He was the high priest, and at the same time as the priest, he offered himself to God. Incredible. Not only that, it goes on to say, that he needs to be the kind of guy, **verse 2**, who can deal gently with who? -- the ignorant-[the NIV has **"He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is [was] subject**

to weakness.”] Now that's me a lot of the time. How about you? The ignorant. That is a good word for us. You say, *'I'm offended by that.'* Well, sorry. But maybe you don't know that you're ignorant. And that's really being ignorant. [laughter] He can deal how? Gently, with the ignorant. Oh boy, that's not the way I am. How about you? These ignorant drivers on the freeway [laughter]. That ignorant person who crowded in front of you in the grocery store. That ignorant relative of yours who's making your life a hassle. He deals gently with the ignorant, doesn't he? And, he says, **“with the misguided.”** A lot of people in life, ignorance and being misguided are their biggest problems. That's their problem, they're just ignorant. They're misguided. And he can deal gently with them, since he himself was beset with weakness, he knows what it's like to go through the same things that you and I go through. And yet he's standing before God [and don't forget, he is God also, God the Son, he was more than likely the Yahweh of the Old Testament, the Great I AM]. It's incredible. [**Hebrews 4:14-16, “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are -- yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”** That is Jesus job right now, he's the high priest, and he will yet sit in the Millennial Temple after he returns and be the King of the world (Zechariah 14:9) and he will also be the high priest for the whole world, for those who believe then. Just as he functions for us right now in that role, he will return and function for all those who believe then, in the Temple, as a perfect high priest. Isn't it amazing how the whole Plan of God comes together?]

*Jesus, Our Advocate, Defense Attorney Before God The
Father*

Secondly, we exalt in the fact that he lives to be our advocate with the Father. Look **1st John chapter 2, the first verse, “My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin”** -- in other words, I'm trying to help you live a godly life -- **“and if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and he himself is the propitiation (or Mercy Seat)**

for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.” Jesus is the Mercy Seat, the Atoning sacrifice for our sins, and if we sin, he is with the Father, the One who gave his life to die for that sin, and rose again after paying for that sin, now stands next to God the Father when you commit the sin. I mean, you've got it all in Christ, Messiah. He's standing before God as your advocate, or we could translate it, defense attorney. Not that God's out to get you. But I'll tell you who he's defending you against, he's defending you against the accusations of the evil one, of Satan. In Zechariah, we won't go there, but in Zechariah 3 there's an interesting occurrence. Joshua the high priest is standing before the Lord to minister to the Lord, but Satan is standing at his right hand to accuse him. He's pointing out all of Joshua the high priest's sins. Symbolic of his sins, Joshua the high priest who should be clothed in a white garment is clothed in filthy rags. Satan's saying **'Look! Look! Look what a sinner he is. Look at how filthy he is, look at how dirty he is.'** And then an interesting thing happens. The Lord stands up in his defense, and says **'The Lord rebuke you, the Lord rebuke you Satan. Is not this man a brand plucked out of the fire.'** In other words, it's like you saved a piece of wood from getting burned in the fire. And then the Lord says, **'Now clothe Joshua the high priest with clean clothes, because this is what I'm going to do for my people.'** Satan is called the accuser of the brethren in Revelation chapter 12, and he truly is there to accuse you before God day and night. And Jesus, Yeshua is the defense attorney. Jesus says, **'The Lord rebuke you Satan, I died for Mark and he's covered with my righteousness, I've covered him with clean robes and clean garments.'** Isn't that cool? God is good. Jesus pleads for us. And he stands there in heaven, the trophy of a finished work. There's no more work to do to save you. It's all been done. Jesus is proof of that. His blood guarantees our justification. And it guarantees that we're going to escape the wrath of God, and it best guarantees our reconciliation with God. And now his present life guarantees that we're going to heaven. [Or for some, *'We're going to be given entrance into the kingdom of heaven, wherever that might be or end up (cf. Rev. 21)'*]

Jesus Our High Priest

And that's the third thing Jesus is living to do for us right now, he's living to get you to heaven [or entrance into the kingdom of heaven,

called in other places, the kingdom of God]. Chapter 7 of the book of **Hebrews**, again Hebrews describes the word of our high priest. **Chapter 7, verse 25.** You know I'd rather start with verse 22, and the discussion here, is he's talking about the Old Testament priests and how they were representative of what Jesus would come to do. But there had to be many of them, because they die. You know, they'd live so long, and die. Another one would come on, live and then die. But Jesus has an endless life. **Verse 22** says, **"So much the more also, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. And the former priests on the one hand existed in greater numbers, but that was because they were prevented by death from continuing. But he on the other hand, because he abides forever holds his priesthood permanently, hence also, he is able to save forever those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."** Jesus lives forever to make intercession for us, and he's able to save-how long? -- forever, those who draw near to God through him. Now the King James Version translates this interestingly, it says **"he is able to save to the uttermost,"** and for years I thought that meant. I thought, well, you can be the worst of sinner, and Jesus will save you. **"Saved to the uttermost,"** and I'd hear preachers say *'even to the guttermost,'* they would say. Well it sounds good when you're preaching, but it's not what the verse means. It is true that Jesus can save guttermost, he can save you in a gutter, he can save you from your drugs, he can save you in your sin. To the woman caught in adultery he right there offered her salvation [and said to her, **"go and sin no more"**], to crooked businessmen like Levi, he offered him salvation. Another crooked businessman, Zachias who was really up a tree, he offered him salvation. So it's true that Jesus will save us in our sin [and through the indwelling Holy Spirit, save us out of our sin, helping us to come out of our sins]. But that's not what this verse means. This verse means that he'll save you to the uttermost point, he'll save you from here to forever, to infinity. ***It's a term that means forever -- that point that never ends out there.*** That's how long, that's how far his salvation saves us and how far it reaches, and how far it continues, it's a forever salvation. Can you say Amen to that? It's a forever salvation. And he's living right now to make it possible for us. Remember that song, maybe you sang it? *"I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today, I know that he is living, no matter what men may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the hour I need him, he's always there."* And the chorus is *"He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!"* *"He walks with me, he talks with me, along life's dreary way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart. [cf. John 14]"* Jesus lives, that's the message

of Christianity [and now Messianic Judaism, Yeshua lives]. The cross of Christ, Messiah is a wonderful message, but if it stops there, people, we'd all be dead [dead in our sins, with no power to overcome them]. The cross is not all of it, you have to have a risen Saviour. You have to have both. That's why the symbol for Christianity isn't really Christ, Messiah hanging on a cross, that's not all the gospel. Paul says **“I delivered unto you the gospel that I preached to you that Christ died for our sins, and that he was buried, and he rose again the third day.”** And so that's why so many Christians prefer the empty tomb, because it reminds them that the One who died for them is now living for them in heaven. And also in application to all of this, it means that you don't need an earthly priest in order to intercede for you to God. You know, I'm not your priest. And we don't have a group of priests here. And you don't need a priesthood, an Aaronic or Melchizedekian priesthood. Why Jesus, if you read the book of Hebrews, Jesus is a priest *forever*. He holds his priesthood ***permanently, after the order of Melchizedek.*** Melchizedek was a king and a priest [some think he was actually Yahweh, in some human form during the time of Abraham, who later became Jesus Christ, Yeshua haMeschiach. This is one Biblical mystery of many that will be cleared up at Yeshua's 2nd coming]. So I don't need an earthly priesthood bestowed upon me. I don't need an earthly priest. But it is wrong to say, *“I don't need a priest.”* Sometimes I hear Protestants saying that. *“Well, I'm a Protestant, I don't believe I need a priest!”* Wrong, you need a priest. You just don't need him on earth, you need him in heaven. You need a priest. You need someone to represent you to God, and someone to represent God to you, and that is Jesus Christ, Yeshua haMeschiach. And he's alive, gang! I know it's not resurrection Sunday, but every day is, really, because he's alive and he lives in us, and his life [on the cross] took my place. And when Satan comes knocking on my door and he says **“The wages of sin is death”** I can say **“You can't have me, you can't have me, I died, I died two thousand years ago!”** People think you're crazy until they actually read the records. And they read the legal document that says, ***“yes another man took your place, yes, it's all been paid in full, you're free, you can go.”*** So we exalt, Paul says, we exalt, we rejoice in what Christ is in his life, in his ministry. Praise God. You can have that life this morning. Many sitting around you have that life already. But you can have the life of Christ credited to you this morning. *“How?”* you say *“how? How can I be reconciled to God?”* The Bible says you've got to turn around. Just like you saw here. You're facing in the wrong direction, the Bible says to turn around, that is what the word “repent” means. It means “turn around.” And you'll discover if you turn around, just like you've heard today, that God is reaching out his arms to you. God isn't mad [angry] with

you, God wants to save you. That's what Christianity is all about. So you've got to turn around, and then you've got to believe. You've got to believe two things. Number one, that you need a Savior, you've got to believe you're a sinner. A sinner is somebody who isn't perfect, somebody who has missed the target. Have you ever made a mistake? 'Yes.' How many mistakes have you made? *'Well, I don't make many.'* Well, what if you made one a day? How many is that a year? 365. I heard a guy the other day saying, *'What if you appeared before a traffic judge and you tell him you're a good driver, I only make got one ticket a day.'* If you appear before a judge with 365 tickets what is the judge gonna say? *'You're a good driver?'* *'Get out of here. I know where to send you, and it's not traffic school.'* When you appear before God, even if you're a good person, you still can't plead that you're a good guy, because you've got too many tickets racked up. You're a sinner, admit it. Turn around. Admit that you're a sinner, believe that. And then secondly, believe that God has provided the answer for your sin, and that's Jesus who took your place and died for you. God made Jesus who knew no sin, Jesus wasn't a sinner at all, even his judge said that. His judge, Pilate said, ***'I find no fault in him.'*** Then why did they go ahead and execute him. Good question. The reason why they went ahead and executed him was because it wasn't for his sin he was dying, he was taking our places. He took our place, God put all of our sin on him. That great transaction, if you believe in it and accept it with all your heart, will save you. You've got to believe it. You've got to trust in it alone for salvation. Now look, we're not asking you to believe in a church, we're not asking you to believe in your baptism when you were a baby. We're not asking you to believe in your confirmation when you were 12 or 13, because the Bible doesn't teach that any of those things saves you. The only thing that can save you is faith, personal faith in Jesus Christ, your faith, not Mommy and Daddy's. *'Well, we got a priest in the family.'* My whole family thinks that they're going to heaven because, not me, but I have a cousin who's a priest. And I'm constantly hearing, *'Well, you know your cousin Myron.'* And I'm thinking, *'You guys, he's not gonna get us to heaven, because he didn't die for us. Only Jesus, Yeshua saves.'* *'Well, my mother was a great Christian woman.'* Yeah, but do you know Jesus? He doesn't have any grandchildren. You've got to be a child of his firstborn. And so look, I'm offering you today the option, heaven or hell, Jesus, to accept him or reject him. That's the decision today. Jesus says **"Because I live you can live"** -- you'll live also. But if you reject him, you are rejecting life. The Bible says, **"In him was the life."** And if you want life, you can have it now. In a moment, I'm going to give you an opportunity to ask Jesus to save you. I'm going to ask you to pray

a prayer, because the Bible says the way you get saved, you turn around, you believe, but then it also says that you must confess with your mouth what's in your heart. You believe Jesus died and rose again for you? Then you need to confess that and call on the name of the Lord, whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. So in a moment I'm going to give you that opportunity to pray that prayer. If you pray that prayer, there are four things that you can be sure of. Number one, you can be sure that the emptiness in your life that you've been trying to fill with things, cars, relationships, houses, clothes, that emptiness inside will be filled because God's place in your life will be filled with God. Secondly, you're not going to be lonely the way that you're lonely now. Because you're going to have Jesus, Yeshua with you, in you, and you're going to have the Holy Spirit in your life. God will come and live in you. Thirdly, you can get rid of your guilt, your guilt will be rolled off your shoulders, because Jesus died for all the things you did. You see, you're carrying it [now], but you can be sure that will be gone. And lastly, you don't have to fear death anymore. You can be sure that when you die, you'll be absent in this body, and you'll go directly to be with the Lord. That's what the Bible says. It's a great thing, and God has got his hands outstretched to you, and I'm his messenger, and today I'm begging you, if you haven't yet, be reconciled to God. Let's pray." [Transcript of a connective expository sermon on Romans 5:10-11, given by Pastor J. Mark Martin, Calvary Community Church, PO Box 39607, Phoenix, Arizona 85069] Go back to the end of the "Romans 5:9 part 2" transcript for a section on this short prayer, if you haven't seen it before.