

SERMON SUMMARY

Romans 10 challenges us to examine the foundation of our faith and what it truly means to confess Jesus as Lord. We're reminded that salvation isn't about climbing our way to heaven through good works or religious performance, but about receiving the gift that God has already brought down to us through Christ. The passage confronts us with a sobering reality: many people have zeal for God but lack true knowledge, trying to establish their own righteousness rather than submitting to God's righteousness revealed through the cross. We discover that faith isn't merely intellectual agreement or a one-time prayer, but a transformative view of Jesus that shapes everything we say and do. The confession that Jesus is Lord means pledging our highest allegiance to Him above all political ideologies, personal ambitions, and cultural pressures. This isn't easy believism, it's costly discipleship that demands everything yet offers infinitely more in return. The question we must wrestle with is whether our lives serve as breadcrumbs leading others to Jesus, or whether we've allowed our view of Christ to be obscured by the distractions and voices competing for our attention.

Key Takeaways from the Sermon

- 1. Faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ - Our view of Jesus is shaped by Scripture, not culture, media, or personal preference.**
- 2. Christ is the end of the law - Righteousness cannot be earned through good works or religious effort; it comes only through faith in Jesus.**
- 3. Confession means allegiance - Confessing Jesus as Lord isn't just saying words; it's pledging complete allegiance to Him above all else.**
- 4. Salvation is by grace through faith - We are justified (given new status with God) by His unmerited favor, not our own merit.**
- 5. There is no distinction - God's plan includes both Jew and Gentile; all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

INTO THE SERMON

- 1. Pastor Sam said, “How you see Jesus determines how you connect with Him.” What shapes your view of Jesus most right now, and how has that affected your relationship with Him?**
- 2. The sermon emphasized that Christianity is not about “earning” righteousness but receiving it through faith in Christ. Why is it so easy to drift back into trying to prove ourselves to God?**
- 3. Pastor Sam described confession as “allegiance to Jesus” rather than simply saying a prayer. What areas of life most clearly reveal where our true allegiance is?**
- 4. The sermon challenged believers not to just consume sermons, podcasts, or Christian content, but to personally open and study Scripture. What helps you stay engaged in God’s Word consistently, and what tends to distract you?**
- 5. Pastor Sam asked, “If someone followed your life like breadcrumbs, would they meet Jesus?” What kind of witness does your everyday life currently give to the people around you?**

INTO THE TEXT

Romans 10 || Jesus Is Lord

- 1. Read Romans 10:1–4. What does Paul say Israel misunderstood about righteousness, and how were they trying to establish their own?**
- 2. Read Romans 10:5–10. What contrast does Paul make between righteousness based on the law and righteousness based on faith?**
- 3. In verses 9–13, what does it mean to confess “Jesus is Lord”? How did Pastor Sam explain that confession is more than simply saying words?**
- 4. Read Romans 10:14–17. According to Paul, how does faith grow in a person’s life, and why is sharing the gospel so important?**
- 5. After reading Romans 10, what does this chapter teach us about who Jesus is and what true salvation looks like?**

TAKE AWAY / NOW WHAT

1. What is one truth about Jesus from this sermon that you want to remember throughout the week?
2. Is there an area of your life where you need to more fully surrender your allegiance to Jesus as Lord? What would that look like practically?
3. What is one step you can take this week to spend more intentional time in God's Word and allow your faith to grow?
4. Who is one person in your life that may need to hear or see the hope of the gospel through you this week?
5. After hearing Romans 10, what is one way you want your life, words, or attitudes to better reflect genuine faith in Christ?

