

THE ROMANS ROAD TO SALVATION

Some denominations distribute a tract with the title "*The Romans Road to Salvation.*" Sadly, they do not teach all that Romans does about salvation. Men cannot be saved by following the instructions within the tract, which ends by telling people to pray the sinner's prayer and to receive Jesus as personal Lord and Savior.

If one looks at the book of Romans and did everything it said, then they would indeed be saved.

We must **believe** the gospel of Christ in order to be saved (**Rom. 1:16, 3:26, 10:9-10**). However, we must **hear** before can believe (**Rom. 10:14-17**). We must hear God's word.

The gospel includes teaching about the grace of God. If we really believe this truth, this will lead us to **repent** of selfishly living in sin (**Rom. 2:4**). We will determine to submit to Jesus' authority.

The authority of Jesus is preached (**Acts 8:12**). The same word we believe in our hearts unto righteousness is also in our mouth **confessing** the authority of Jesus as Lord (**Rom. 10:8-10**). This is a necessary part of calling on the name of the Lord by faith (**v.13**).

Baptism is another part of calling on the name of the Lord by faith. Paul said he was told this by Ananias in **Acts 22:16**. We are baptized into Christ (**Rom. 6:3**) where we find all spiritual blessings (**Ephesians 1:3**). We are baptized into the death of Christ where we contact the blood of Christ that washes our sins away (**Eph. 1:7**).

Then we are raised to walk in newness of life (**Rom. 6:4**). If we are faithful, we will receive a crown of life (**Rev. 2:10**).

Where on this road are you? What would keep you from continuing on this path to righteousness and salvation?