

WHAT IS THE REAL ROMAN ROAD TO SALVATION?

Intro.

1. Maps are a wonderful thing - when used properly!
2. The NT is our “map” to salvation - heavenly home (Heb. 11:13-16).
3. Romans is an example of the gospel’s road map to salvation.

-”The Roman Road” is used extensively by those who believe & teach one is saved before & without water baptism (“faith only”).

4. Let’s see where the Roman Road takes us on its way to heaven.

I. THE ROMAN ROAD TO SALVATION: THE BIBLE MAP.

A. The Map: The Gospel of Christ - Rom. 1:16.

B. The Destination: Salvation & Eternal Life - Rom. 6:22-23.

C. The Obstacle: Sin.

1. All are sinners (Rom. 3:9, 19, 23; 5:12).
2. “Acquittal of the guilt of sin”, escape sin’s punishment (6:23).

D. The Route: Jesus Christ - Jno. 14:6.

1. God’s grace - Rom. 3:24-25; 5:8-11.
2. Man’s faith - Rom. 1:16-17; 3:21-22, 26-28; 4:1-5. Obedient faith is saving faith - cf. Rom. 1:5, 16:26; 6:17-18.
3. Result of God’s grace & man’s obedient faith:
 - a. Righteousness - Rom. 1:17; 4:5.
 - b. Freed from sin - Rom. 6:17-18.
 - c. Justified from sin - Rom. 6:7 (6:4-5).
 - d. Justified, saved & reconciled to God - Rom. 5:9-10.
4. Remain faithful to Christ - Rom. 6:1; 12:1; 11:22.

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II. THE “FAITH ONLY” ROMAN ROAD MAP.

Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9 - That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13 - for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

It is the word of God, but it doesn't go all the way down the road!

Please Notice:

1. Yes, God asks (commands) us to do something to be saved!
2. How does the Bible say to accept Christ as Savior & Lord? How do I “ask” for the free gift of salvation?

-(More than prayer & repentance - Acts 9:9, 11; 22:16)
3. The “faith only” map doesn't tell sinners everything they need to do to be saved!
4. This “Faith Only” map is not an accurate reproduction of “The Roman Road!”

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III. THE “FAITH ONLY” ROAD & THE BIBLE ROAD.

A. The Faith Only Map Of The ‘Roman Road’ Comes Up Short.

1. Believe Jesus died for you.
2. Confess you are a sinner.
3. Repent of your sins.
4. Pray the ‘sinner’s prayer.’

B. The Bible Map Of The ‘Roman Road.’

1. Believe in Christ - Rom. 1:16; 10:9-11.
2. Repent of sins - Rom. 2:4.
3. Confess faith in Christ as Lord - Rom. 10:9-10.
4. Baptized into Christ - Rom. 6:3-5.

-Saved, freed from sin, in Christ, no condemnation.

5. Be faithful to Christ - Rom. 6:1; 11:22; 12:1.

-It really is just that simple!

Conclusion

1. Which map will you follow: The Bible edition of the Roman Road map, or man’s edited version of that road map?
2. Lk. 6:46 - Don’t call Jesus Lord unless you are willing to do what He says!
3. Be saved by Him now! - Rom. 2:3-4

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