

## **Runner On The Mountains**

### **Romans 10:1-21**

Salvation is a covenant we enter into not a contract we sign.

### **I. Climbing Into The Heavens**

*My beloved brothers and sisters, the passionate desire of my heart and constant prayer to God is for my fellow Israelites to experience salvation. For I know that although they are deeply devoted to God, they are unenlightened. And since they've ignored the righteousness God gives, wanting instead to be acceptable to God because of their own works, they've refused to submit to God's faith-righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law. And because of Him, God has transferred His perfect righteousness to all who believe.*

Romans 10:1-4

*We receive the faith-righteousness that speaks an entirely different message:*

*“Don't for a moment think you need to climb into the heavens to find the Messiah and bring him down, or to descend into the underworld to bring him up from the dead.”*

Romans 10:6-7

### **II. Speaking The Word Of Faith**

*The faith-righteousness we receive speaks to us in these words of Moses:*

*“God's living message is very close to you, as close as your own heart beating in your chest and as near as the tongue in your mouth.”*

Romans 10:8

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*And what is God's “living message”? It is the revelation of faith for salvation, which is the message that we preach. For if you publicly declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will experience salvation.*

*The heart that believes in Him receives the gift of the righteousness of God—and then the mouth gives thanks to salvation.*

Romans 10:9-10

### **III. Arriving At The Right Time**

*But how can people call on Him for help if they've not yet believed? And how can they believe in one they've not yet heard of? And how can they hear the message of life if there is no one there to proclaim it? And how can the message be proclaimed if messengers have yet to be sent? That's why the Scriptures say:*

*How welcome is the arrival  
of those proclaiming the joyful news of peace  
and of good things to come!*

*But not everyone welcomes the good news, as Isaiah said:*

*Lord, is there anyone who hears  
and believes our message?*

*Faith, then, is birthed in a heart that responds to God's anointed utterance of the Anointed One.*

Romans 10:14-17