

Message.

Hearing and listening can be two very different things. Listening involves much more.

To truly listen to God, we must trust and obey His way, not ours. #bccBIGidea

Paul contrasts those who seek righteousness by legalistically following the Law and those who accept the path of righteousness gained only through Christ. The Jews wanted to stick to the letter of the Law but missed the purpose of the Law. We, too, must be careful not to think our actions or knowledge will gain us righteousness, or any other path we may come up with that's outside of God's way. Our confidence should solely be in God. This confidence will reorder our lives. This confidence will help redefine where we put our trust. Trusting in God, giving up full control over our lives, will result in us walking in obedience. This is what it means to live by faith.

Prayer.

Father

You are God and I am not. At times, I may think I know what is best, but Your way is The Way. I put my faith in You alone. Bring to surface the things in my heart and mind that cause me to veer away from You. Help me learn how to listen and surrender to You. I give You control of my life. Guide me with Your Word today.

Amen.

Scripture.

Romans 9:30-10:17

Engage.

You just read of contrasting ways of being made right with God: by faith and by keeping the law. What are the key differences highlighted for each, and what are the implications of choosing one over the other?

Looking at Romans 10:4, what do you understand the relationship between the Law and Christ to be?

How would you describe the previous question to someone who is not yet a believer and views Christianity simply as a morally restricting religion based on what they have heard of Scripture and the Ten Commandments?

The passage emphasizes that salvation is for everyone. What barriers or distinctions might people create that contradict this message, and how does the passage address them?

Romans 10:9 seems like a formula. How do you understand this passage and how does one live by this passage?

Romans 10:14-15 present a series of questions about how people come to believe and be saved. What is the overall message about the importance of proclaiming the "Good News," and what role do individuals play in this process?

"Faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ" (verse 17). What does this truth imply about the nature of faith and the ongoing need for evangelism or sharing one's beliefs?