

KIDS CATECHISM

Book/Chapter: Romans 10
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Parent to child(ren): Eight-year-old Johnny was just sure he was doing the right thing and no one could tell him differently. He just knew his Dad and Mom would be glad if he painted the garage from floor to ceiling for them because he heard them say with his own ears it needed a paint job real bad. Johnny was sure they would not only give him a big pat on the back, but reward with him with the biggest allowance he had ever gotten!

Now a couple of Johnny's friends did warn him that it was not a good thing for him to do. They said he didn't know anything about painting and so would just make a big mess and that this was a job for his father. Yet even though what his friends told him was true, Johnny would not listen. He was sure he was up to the job and could handle it just fine all on his own. So, that next Saturday morning, Johnny zealously marched out to the garage. But Johnny didn't know you first have to shake up the paint for a good while. He didn't know how to hold to use a roller properly or even how to hold the brush. He didn't know how to clean up messes he made or what to use. He didn't know about paint cloths for keeping paint off the floor. He didn't know how to attach the roller pan to the ladder. Yet none of these things stopped Johnny. He was so sure he knew exactly what he was doing and so just went to painting with everything he had!

In only a short time, both the garage and Johnny were a total mess. Streaked lines of unmixed paint were all over the walls. The door handles and floors were covered with smeared paint were Johnny tried to clean it with a soaking wet towel. Johnny's clothes and hair were covered in paint. There was paint on Daddy's lawn mower and on Mommy's car, which were in the garage. All of a sudden, the garage door opened. Dad and Mom were home. Before their eyes were the messiest garage and filthiest little boy they had ever seen in their lives. The damages to the car and the garage would cost his parents hundred of dollars. What Johnny set out to do with all his energy did not result in a reward for Johnny. It resulted in a big spanking.

In this week's chapter, we're going to learn about how some who believe in God and want to be saved go about it much the same as Johnny. They are very zealous and sure they can do it themselves. They give their best efforts. Yet because they refuse to listen to the truth that they can't save themselves but need their Father to do it. They won't get the praise and reward from God they want. They go at it their way, not God's.

- Q46.** Many people believe in God but refuse to believe the good news about how to be saved through Jesus. How do these people seek to be saved?
A46. They try to be found righteous in God's sight *by what they do.* (10:2-3)
- Q47.** How is a person really made righteous in God's sight?
A47. *By confessing that Jesus is Lord and believing in His heart that God raised Him from the dead.* (10:9-10)
- Q48.** Who can be saved this way?
A48. *Whoever would! Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord!* (10:11,13)
- Q49.** Why is it then so important that Christians share the gospel with others?
A49. Because *no one can believe in Jesus when they have not heard* about Him. (10:14-15, 17)
- Q50.** How does God seek to use Christians to bring people to Him who are trying to be saved by what they do?
A50. By filling our hearts with hope, joy and peace, *He wants to make them jealous* so they come to Jesus too. (10:19)

*** *Italicized words* can be used as shortened answers for smaller children. Older children can be helped to understand and learn the full answers.

SCRIPTURES TO HELP YOUR KIDS HIDE IN THEIR HEARTS

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Romans 10:9, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

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Romans 10:9, "If you confess with your mouth that 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."

Romans 10:17, "So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ."

----- Suggested Memory Work -----

Up to age 6 / answers only (shortened, *italicized* answers)

Ages 7 - 9 / shortened answers plus one scripture

Ages 10-12 / full answers plus one or two scriptures

Ages 13 & up / full answers plus all three scriptures

NOTE TO DADS: At least one day this week, sit and read the "Parent to child(ren) section with your family. Then, read **Romans 10** with them (let those who can take turns and share in the reading). Make sure everyone is using the same translation. Next, go over the questions with them and see how they do just getting the basic idea. After that, help them with the wording of the answers (giving them one Q & A on M-F and encouraging them to memorize the answer is one way you could approach this part). By reading God's Word to them and passing on to them the things God is teaching you at Calvary Chapel, you will be discipling your own family, equipping them to be strong in the Lord and mighty in His Word (*see, I John 2:14b*)!