**Does The Book Of Romans Teach Salvation By Faith Only?**

Many say the book of Romans teaches salvation is by faith only. They think a text like Rom 5:1 teaches such – “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Of course we have another text James 2:24 that decisively refutes that notion – “Ye see then how that **by works a man is justified, and not by faith only**.” As a matter of fact, Martin Luther was so set on thinking Rom 5:1 teaches salvation is by faith only, that he called James an “epistle of straw” because he knew it didn’t line up with his view. There is no contradiction; Rom 5:1 says we are saved by faith, but it doesn’t saved we are saved by faith only.

Even salvation by “faith only” advocates recognize conditions of salvation other than faith – which is a big inconsistency:

* Rom 10:9-10 That 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.

Let’s further examine th**e** book of Romans. Does the book seem to teach salvation by faith only, or does it teach salvation is conditioned upon faith and obedience like the rest of the Bible?:

* Rom 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for **obedience** to the faith among all nations, for his name:
* Rom 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the **obedience** of faith
* Rom 2:6-11 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God.
* Rom 10:13-14 For whosoever shall **call upon the name of the Lord** shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? ...

- How does one call on the name of the Lord? Ananias told Saul in Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, & be **baptized**, & wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

* Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized** into Jesus Christ were **baptized** into his death?

**Obedience is Necessary To Salvation**

* **Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he (Jesus) became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.**
* **Matt 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven**
* **I Pet 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth …**
* **James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.**
* **II Thess 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
* **Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**
* **II Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**