

Romans 10 - Part 19
Moses vs Jesus - Who you got?
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- Moses was one of the greatest leaders in history
- Moses was running from the law but God gave him the law

Ex. 34:29-30 (GW) Moses came down from Mount Sinai, carrying the two tablets with God's words on them. His face was shining from speaking with the Lord, but he didn't know it. When Aaron and all the Israelites looked at Moses and saw his face shining, they were afraid to come near him.

Matt. 17:1,2,5 (GW) After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John (the brother of James) and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. Jesus' appearance changed in front of them. His face became as bright as the sun and his clothes as white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them and were talking with Jesus... He was still speaking when a bright cloud overshadowed them. Then a voice came out of the cloud and said, "This is my Son, whom I love and with whom I am pleased. Listen to him!"

John 1:17 (ASV) For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- Old versus New

Romans 10:1-6 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God. For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)."

Moses Way:

1st) **ZEAL**.

Romans 10:1-2 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal.

- But they're wrong

Romans 10:2 (NABRE) I testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God, but it is not discerning.

Phil. 3:4-6 (ESV) though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

- A religion can't save you no matter how zealous you are
- Only a relationship with Jesus can

Jesus way: **TRUST**

Romans 10:11 (TLB) For the Scriptures tell us that no one who believes in Christ will ever be disappointed.

- “But God made me fast and when I run, I feel his pleasure.”
- The splendor of the human heart which trusts that it is loved, gives God more pleasure than any religious activity
- Trust is the rare and priceless treasure that wins us the affection of our Heavenly Father

Four Ways to Trust God:

Phil. 4:6-8 (NLT) “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done . . . Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

A) Don’t **WORRY**.

Matthew 6:34 (NLT) “Don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today”

B) **PRAY** about everything.

Romans 8:32 (NIV) “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

C) Live **THANKFULLY**.

1 Thess. 5:18 (GNT) be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus.

D) Fix Your **MIND** to think correctly.

- Things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and worthy of praise.

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) “You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!”

Moses Way: **EXCLUSIVE**

Romans 10:3 (NLT) For they don’t understand God’s way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God’s way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law.

- There is something in us that causes us to become the very thing Jesus came to prevent
- Maybe we believe that we’re not that bad and the Gospel isn’t that good
- Maybe it’s just that religion and rules are attractive because we want to do it ourselves and, more importantly, we want credit
- It could be that pride and self-righteousness are so much a part of us that we lean to that which affirms it in us
- They tried to save themselves by good works
- Salvation by self
- Salvation by subtraction
- Salvation by service

Jesus Way: **INCLUSIVE**

Romans 10:4 (NLT) For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

Romans 10:13 (NLT) For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

1 Tim. 2:4 (NIV) This is good and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to know the truth.

Romans 10:4 (ESV) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

- You have to choose!

Moses Way: **OBEDIENCE**

Romans 10:5 (NLT) For Moses writes that the law’s way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands

James 2:10 (NIV) For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

- Obedience is good

- Obedience to the law is impossible

Exodus 20:8 (NLT) “Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Galatians 3:24 (NLV) The Law was used to lead us to Christ. It was our teacher, and so we were made right with God by putting our trust in Christ.

Jesus Way: **FAITH**

Romans 10:6-7 (NLT) But faith’s way of getting right with God says, “Don’t say in your heart, ‘Who will go up to heaven?’ (to bring Christ down to earth). And don’t say, ‘Who will go down to the place of the dead?’ (to bring Christ back to life again).”

Mark 3:4-6 (NIV) Then he turned to his critics and asked, “Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?” But they wouldn’t answer him. He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.

- Why wait until the Sabbath to heal?
- The purpose of God is to restore the creation he made
- This is what Christianity is to do
- Restore us as a complete human being