

# The Journey

## Relationship and Salvation

We are embarking on a journey that will lead us through the work of the church (body of Christ) in this day and age. We will define our relationship with the father and then our relationship with each other. Thus bring us to the call of spreading of the Gospel. "He who has ears, let him hear." (**Matthew 13:9**)

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One of the first things we need to look at is our relationship with the Father. We are first called to have a relationship with the Father.

1. The old testament speaks:
  - a. Dt 6:4 "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."
  - b. The Father explained: Dt 6:6 "These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."
2. The New testament speaks:
  - a. **Matthew 22:36-40** <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Through this relationship we find the very heart of God. What He wants for his people and how much he loves each and every one of us.

To be able to do the second commandment we must first know God's very heart. Then by knowing we develop the same compassion He has for His people and then we can show that love to others.

It's not about us any longer. It's about others!

The second thing is about our relationship with Christ Jesus. He came down from heaven to fulfill the Law and that through Him we may have eternal life.

1. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."  
We all have sin in our hearts. We all were born with sin.  
We were born under the power of sin's control.  
*- Admit that you are a sinner.*
  
2. Romans 6:23a "...The wages of sin is death..."  
Sin has an ending. It results in death. We all face physical death, which is a result of sin. But a worse death is spiritual death that alienates us from God, and will last for all eternity. The Bible teaches that there is a place called the Lake of Fire where lost people will be in torment forever. It is the place where people who are spiritually dead will remain.  
*- Understand that you deserve death for your sin.*
  
3. Romans 6:23b "...But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."  
Salvation is a free gift from God to you! You can't earn this gift, but you must reach out and receive it.  
*- Ask God to forgive you and save you.*
  
4. Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us!"  
When Jesus died on the cross He paid sin's penalty. He paid the price for all sin, and when He took all the sins of the world on Himself on the cross, He bought us out of slavery to sin and death! The only condition is that we believe in Him and what He has done for us, understanding that we are now joined with Him, and that He is our life. He did all this because He loved us and gave Himself for us!  
*- Give your life to God... His love poured out in Jesus on the cross is your only hope to have forgiveness and change. His love bought you out of being a slave to sin. His love is what saves you -- not religion, or church membership. God loves you!*
  
5. Romans 10:13 "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved!"  
*- Call out to God in the name of Jesus!*
  
6. Romans 10:9,10 "...If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."  
*- If you know that God is knocking on your heart's door, ask Him to come into your heart.*

**Jesus said,**

7. Revelation 3:20a "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him..." [1]

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and asked Him into your life?

He is here right now knocking at your hearts door.

Do you have a personal relationship with the Father?

Do you hear him calling you?

Are you listening when He ask you to join him in his work?

Once we have settled these 2 things, now is when the work begins.

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<sup>1</sup> Roman Road from <http://contenderministries.org/romanroad.php>