

End of the Quest

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Romans 10:1-15

One characteristic of the world's religions is the quest. Typically a neophyte enters upon a journey that is at least symbolically arduous. The goal of all this effort is believed to be salvation, nirvana, mystical power, spiritual ecstasy, or godlike status. It is all based on human effort.

Biblical faith is very different. It is founded on God's initiative through His Son, Jesus Christ. Our salvation is based on what He did for us, not the other way around.

The Apostle Paul knew that for his fellow Jews human effort was a particular temptation. They could not discover the righteousness of God, which comes by faith alone. Paul encourages them, and us, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

In that sincere declaration of faith the grace and power of God is released in us. We are transformed by what He does in us, not what we have done for Him.

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