

SPIRITUAL MAINTENANCE

ROMANS 10:1-13 - ⁸ But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word [the message, the basis] of faith which we preach— ⁹ because if you acknowledge *and* confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord [recognizing His power, authority, and majesty as God], and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart a person believes [in Christ as Savior] resulting in his justification [that is, being made righteous—being freed of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God]; and with the mouth he acknowledges *and* confesses [his faith openly], resulting in *and* confirming [his] salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED [in his expectations]." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile; for the same *Lord* is Lord over all [of us], and [He is] abounding in riches (blessings) for all who call on Him [in faith and prayer]. ¹³ For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD [in prayer] WILL BE SAVED."

It is one thing to believe, and be saved, but another thing to maintain your salvation. It takes work ... Just as with the body (well health), and Marriage (longevity), so it is with spiritual salvation.

The Apostle Paul ministering to the church at Philippi said;

"not that I have already attained or am already perfected; but I press on that I may lay hold of that which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching for those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14

He understood the price of maintaining spiritual salvation.

One cannot expect to be in well health if one does not eat right get proper rest & exercise.

One cannot expect longevity in marriage if one does not think of the other person as part of himself. Respecting, caring, & honoring one another.