

Romans 10:13 (KJV)

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

We all love this verse, but there is one little, tiny three letter word that is not there that would change everything if it were. What is it? The word “**and**”

Just think if it said: *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord “and”*

_____ *shall be saved.* With the blank being filled in with all sorts of things we would need to do to be saved.

- *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord* and tithe
- *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord* and goes to church every Sunday
- *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord* and stops _____ (You fill in that blank)
- *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord* and never say a curse word
- *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord* and stops drinking coffee
- *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord* and goes knocking on strangers doors.
- *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord* and feeds the poor

Now we could go on and on and on with our own “**and**” works statement, but even though we know how ridiculous some of these may sound. How many things do we add to try and do that, not to earn our salvation, but to make sure you don’t lose it? Paul wrote about this to the church in Galatia.

† **Galatians 3:2-4** *This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? Have you suffered so many things in vain--if indeed it was in vain?*

Now believe me, I know this all too well and so do all of you, yet at times we still try to do things for the wrong motives. Sure we may say we are doing it for the Lord, but if we are really honest with ourselves, and God, we would admit that there are times when we are trying to earn brownie points with God. Now don’t get your feathers all ruffled, because we have all done it, especially after we had just committed a really bad sin, so you are in good company.

This devotional is a very simple one. One that proclaims, “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*” Period. So do for the Lord, simply because you are saved, not to be saved or keep your salvation.

† **Galatians 4:9 (NLT2)** *So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?*