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Highlight key: = grace / faith-truth · = precious promise · **bold** = key terms

God Will Not Put You to Shame

Believers step out of shame into the light of Christ — the cornerstone in Zion where faith, not failure, defines your standing.

Whatever your situation — failure, sickness, or shame — God will not let you down. Paul anchors Romans 9-10 in one promise: whoever believes on Christ will not be put to shame. Salvation, righteousness, and every blessing flow from faith, not performance.

When Paul repeats a truth, pay attention — he returns to “will not be put to shame” because shame is the enemy’s favourite weapon. You may feel you have nothing, that sickness defines you, or that failure is your final chapter. Scripture insists otherwise: the God who laid a cornerstone in Zion will never abandon those who trust His Son.

Romans chapters nine and ten sit together as one argument. Righteousness, faith, and salvation are not separate topics but one river flowing from the cross. The moment you believe, shame loses its legal right over your life.

- **No shame** — God refuses to leave believers in disgrace
- **Prayer for Israel** — Paul’s heart’s desire is that all may be saved
- **Call on the Lord** — whoever calls on His name shall be saved

- **Three threads** — righteousness, faith, and salvation woven through Romans 9-10
- **Repeated promise** — when Scripture repeats a line, the truth is non-negotiable
- **Believers secure** — shame cannot stick to those who trust the Stumbling Stone

Romans 9:33 (NKJV)

*“As it is written: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him **will not be put to shame.**”” — Romans 9:33 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:11 (NKJV)

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Romans 10:1 (NKJV)

*“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be **saved**.” — Romans 10:1 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:13 (NKJV)

*“For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be **saved.**”” — Romans 10:13 (NKJV)*

Faith Comes by Hearing

The answer to shame is faith — and faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Like opening a tap, when you hear God’s word continuously, the flow of miracles, healing, prosperity, and every covenant blessing begins to pour into your life.

Paul states the mechanism plainly: faith does not arrive by willpower, fasting, or striving. It comes by hearing — and hearing by the word of God. Every time you listen to Scripture preached or read, you turn the handle on heaven’s supply. Blessings already purchased at Calvary begin to move toward you.

Think of miracles like water behind a closed tap. The reservoir is full — Christ finished the work. Hearing is what opens the valve. Keep the word running through your ears and heart until faith rises to match what God has already said.

- **Faith tap** — hearing God’s word opens the flow of blessing
- **Continuous hearing** — keep listening until faith is full
- **Full inheritance** — every promise is received by faith through hearing
- **Power released** — miracles follow sustained exposure to Scripture
- **Daily habit** — sermons, Bible reading, and confession keep the tap open
- **Fullness of faith** — Romans 10 teaches completing faith through every stage

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

“So then **faith comes by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.” — **Romans 10:17 (NKJV)**

Four Stages of Faith

Romans 10 unfolds one pipeline: sent → hear → see → speak. Each stage must flow for faith to inherit what Christ secured.

Romans 10 unfolds four stages every believer must walk through to inherit what Christ secured on the cross. Each stage builds on the last — from being sent, to hearing, to seeing with the heart, to speaking faith aloud.

These four stages are not optional extras for super-saints. Every believer who inherits healing, prosperity, and peace walks the same path: someone must be sent, you must hear, you must see with the heart, and you must speak. Skip a step and the pipeline stalls — like Israel in the wilderness, hearing without mixing faith.

Stage	Action	Key question
1□ Sent	Preachers are sent with the gospel	How shall they preach unless they are sent?

Stage	Action	Key question
2☐ Hear	Faith requires hearing the word	How shall they hear without a preacher?
3☐ See	Eyes of the heart see hope's vision	How shall they believe without hearing?
4☐ Speak	Faith confesses what God says	The righteousness of faith speaks

1. **Sent** — gospel messengers carry good news
 2. **Hear** — receive the finished work of Christ
 3. **See** — envision blessing before it appears
 4. **Speak** — declare faith until manifestation comes
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1☐ **Sent — How Shall They Preach?**

Faith begins when someone is sent. God sends preachers with beautiful feet to proclaim the gospel of peace. The storehouse principle in Malachi shows God opening heaven's windows when His word is honoured — blessing flows where the gospel is sent and received.

Before anyone can believe, someone must go. Paul quotes Isaiah's vision of beautiful feet — messengers running with good news. Sending is God's strategy: pastors, teachers, evangelists, and every believer who shares the gospel extend the reach of the word so others can hear and live.

- **Mission** — preachers must be sent before anyone can hear
- **Gospel of peace** — glad tidings of good things
- **Storehouse** — God supplies food in His house abundantly
- **Windows of heaven** — blessing poured out beyond capacity

Romans 10:15 (NKJV)

*“And how shall they preach unless they are **sent**? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”” — Romans 10:15 (NKJV)*

Malachi 3:10 (NKJV)

*“Bring all the tithes into the **storehouse**, That there may be **food** in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.”” — Malachi 3:10 (NKJV)*

2□ Hear — How Shall They Believe?

You cannot believe in Christ unless you first hear about Him. Faith means trusting what Christ did on the cross — He carried your sickness, poverty, and shame so you need not carry them. Hearing transfers that finished work from Scripture into your heart.

Faith is not guessing about the future — it is trusting what Christ already accomplished. If He bore your sickness on the cross, you need not bear it as your identity. If He became poor so you might prosper, poverty is not your destiny. Hearing implants those facts until the heart agrees.

Hope and faith differ: hope looks forward to what will be; faith brings that future into today's confession. You hope for healing; faith says, “By His stripes I am healed” now.

- **Cross finished** — Christ bore sickness and poverty on the tree
- **Must hear** — faith requires a preached word
- **Hope vs faith** — hope sees the future; faith speaks it into today
- **Prosperity path** — hearing the gospel renews your expectation

Romans 10:14 (NKJV)

*“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they **hear without a preacher**?” — Romans 10:14 (NKJV)*

3▯ See — Eyes of the Heart

Hope draws the blueprint; faith lays the bricks. Pray for the eyes of your heart to see prosperity and health before it appears outwardly.

After hearing comes seeing with the eyes of your heart. Hope paints the blueprint — like designing rooms in a house you will build. Faith lays the bricks daily, running straight toward the vision. Until you see yourself healed, blessed, and victorious, faith cannot fully act.

Building a house starts in the imagination — rooms, layout, finishes. Nobody pours concrete without a plan. Likewise, faith needs a vision from God's word. Pray Ephesians 1:18 daily: ask for enlightened eyes to see the hope of your calling before it shows up in the natural.

Psalm 1 paints the believer as a tree by living water — stable, fruitful, leaves that do not wither. When you read Scripture, do not rush through words; gaze at the picture the Spirit draws. That image becomes the pattern your life conforms to.

- **House analogy** — hope designs; faith builds brick by brick
- **Eyes of the heart** — spiritual sight of inheritance and glory
- **Psalm 1 tree** — planted by water, fruitful in season, leaf never withers
- **Spirit's picture** — Holy Spirit paints how your life should look
- **Long vision** — see prosperity and health before they manifest outwardly
- **Daily bricks** — each day of believing speech adds another layer to the house
- **See victory first** — call yourself blessed before the world agrees

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Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

*"I pray that **the eyes of your heart** may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people," — Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)*

Psalm 1:3 (NKJV)

*"He shall be like a **tree planted by the rivers of water**, that brings forth its **fruit in its season**, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." — Psalm 1:3 (NKJV)*

4□ Speak — Faith Speaks, Not Circumstances

Do not describe sickness — speak healing. Faith speaks what God says, not what eyes see; the mountain moves when the mouth agrees with heaven.

Faith must be spoken. The righteousness of faith does not describe your sickness — it declares healing. Jesus spoke to darkness and said, "Let there be light." Do not speak what you see in the natural; speak what God says. Whatever you confess is created in your life.

Many believers have faith in the heart but never activate it with the mouth. Jesus taught that saying and believing together move mountains. He did not stare at darkness and agree with it — He spoke light. Your body may show symptoms; your bank account may look empty. Faith refuses to agree with the report and declares God's word instead.

Whatever you consistently say tends to take shape in your experience. The weak say, "I am strong." The poor say, "I am rich in Christ." Silence lets faith sleep; confession wakes it up.

- **Faith speaks** — righteousness of faith uses your mouth
- **Mark 11:23** — say to the mountain and do not doubt
- **Not circumstances** — refuse to confess sickness, poverty, or defeat
- **Word near you** — in your mouth and in your heart
- **Activate faith** — speaking puts dormant faith to work

- **Light in darkness** — God spoke over chaos; imitate His pattern
- **Confession creates** — the weak call themselves strong; the poor call themselves supplied

Romans 10:6 (NKJV)

*“But the righteousness of **faith speaks** in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above)” — **Romans 10:6 (NKJV)***

Romans 10:8 (NKJV)

*“But what does it say? “The word is near you, **in your mouth** and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach):” — **Romans 10:8 (NKJV)***

Mark 11:23 (NKJV)

*“For assuredly, I **say** to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but **believes** that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.” — **Mark 11:23 (NKJV)***

Israel’s Wilderness Delay — Joshua and Caleb

Israel wandered forty years because they would not speak faith; Joshua and Caleb inherited quickly when they believed God’s word about Canaan.

Israel left Egypt but wandered forty years in the wilderness — a journey that should have taken about two weeks. Joshua and Caleb saw the promised land with eyes of faith and said, “We are well able to take it.” The others saw giants and spoke fear — and perished in the desert.

The eleven-day route became forty years because an entire generation would not believe the report of faith. Ten spies saw giants; two saw God. Joshua and Caleb said, “Let us go up at once and possess it — we are well able.” Their speech aligned with promise; the others aligned with fear and died in the desert.

God had already given Canaan. Delay was not divine reluctance but human refusal to speak and act on the word. The same word was near Israel — in mouth and heart — yet they chose complaint over confession.

- **Forty years** — delay came from unbelief, not God's unwillingness
- **Two weeks vs forty years** — shame extended when they refused to speak faith
- **Joshua and Caleb** — spoke inheritance and entered Canaan
- **Majority fear** — "We are not able" brought death in the wilderness
- **Speak to inherit** — refusing to confess God's word forfeits blessing
- **Quick exit** — God wanted Israel out of shame swiftly into promise
- **Word was near** — blessing stood close while they spoke complaint

God wanted to bring Israel out of shame quickly. The same word was near them — in their mouth and heart — yet they spoke death instead of promise. When you stop speaking faith, stagnation follows.

Hearing Without Faith

Israel heard the gospel in the wilderness — yet it did not profit them because it was not mixed with faith. Hearing alone is not enough. The word must be received with believing hearts, or it produces no change.

Paul asks whether Israel never heard — and answers that the sound went to the ends of the earth. The problem was not absent preaching but absent faith. Hebrews warns that the gospel profited nothing when hearers did not mix the word with belief.

- **Sound went out** — the word reached all the earth
- **No profit** — hearing without faith produces nothing
- **Mixed with faith** — the word must combine with believing
- **Wilderness warning** — they heard but spoke unbelief

Romans 10:18 (NKJV)

*“But I say, **have they not heard**? Yes indeed: “Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world.”” — Romans 10:18 (NKJV)*

Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV)

*“For indeed **the gospel was preached** to us as well as to them; but the word which **they heard** did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.” — Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV)*

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What Is True Faith?

Paul contrasts two paths: Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness yet attained it by faith, and Israel who pursued the law yet stumbled. True faith confesses Christ, believes the resurrection, and receives God’s righteousness — not a righteousness of their own making.

True faith is not self-improvement. Gentiles who ignored religious scorecards received righteousness; Israel who chased the law missed it because they sought works instead of the Stumbling Stone. Zeal without knowledge still misses the mark.

Paul lays out the gospel formula: confess Jesus as Lord, believe God raised Him, and salvation follows — heart belief unto righteousness, mouth confession unto salvation. Jew and Greek stand on equal ground before one generous Lord.

- **Two righteousnesses** — faith-righteousness vs law-righteousness
- **Stumbling stone** — Israel tripped over Christ by seeking works
- **Zeal without knowledge** — passion apart from gospel truth fails
- **Confess and believe** — mouth and heart together unto salvation
- **No distinction** — same Lord rich to all who call on Him

Romans 9:30 (NKJV)

*“What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even **the righteousness of faith**,” — Romans 9:30 (NKJV)*

Romans 9:31 (NKJV)

*“but Israel, pursuing **the law of righteousness**, has not attained to the law of righteousness.” — Romans 9:31 (NKJV)*

Romans 9:32 (NKJV)

*“Why? Because they did not seek it **by faith**, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.” — Romans 9:32 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:2 (NKJV)

*“For I bear them witness that they have **a zeal for God**, but **not according to knowledge**.” — Romans 10:2 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:3 (NKJV)

*“For they being ignorant of **God’s righteousness**, and seeking to establish **their own righteousness**, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.” — Romans 10:3 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:4 (NKJV)

*“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to **everyone who believes**.” — Romans 10:4 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:6 (NKJV)

*“But **the righteousness of faith speaks** in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above)” — Romans 10:6 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:7 (NKJV)

*“or, “Who will descend into the abyss?” (that is, to **bring Christ up from the dead**).” — Romans 10:7 (NKJV)*

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Romans 10:9 (NKJV)

*“that if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be **saved**.” — Romans 10:9 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:10 (NKJV)

*“For with the heart one **believes** unto righteousness, and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.” — Romans 10:10 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:11 (NKJV)

*“For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him **will not be put to shame**.”” — Romans 10:11 (NKJV)*

Romans 10:12 (NKJV)

*“For there is **no distinction** between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who **call upon Him**.” — Romans 10:12 (NKJV)*

God’s Righteousness vs Self-Righteousness

Self-righteousness stacks performance and still fails; God’s righteousness is received by faith in what Christ finished on the cross.

Israel delayed forty years because they established their own righteousness instead of submitting to God’s. The law exposes sin but cannot justify — only faith in Christ’s finished work makes anyone righteous before God.

Why did Israel wander forty years when the land was close? They pursued their own righteousness — measuring themselves by law instead of resting in Christ. Romans 3:20 closes the door on works: the law reveals sin; it cannot declare you righteous. God’s righteousness is a gift received by faith in Jesus’ sacrifice — not a wage you earn. Accept that truth, hear it, see yourself righteous in Him, and speak accordingly. That is how shame gives way to fullness.

Self-righteousness	God’s righteousness
Seeks to earn standing by works	Received by faith in Christ
Stumbles at the stumbling stone	Believes on Him — not put to shame
Law exposes every failure	Christ is the end of the law for believers
Forty years in the wilderness	Quick entry into promise by faith

- **Romans 3:20** — by deeds of the law no flesh is justified
- **Cross alone** — Christ’s sacrifice is sufficient; add nothing
- **No shame** — God will not leave you in disgrace when you believe
- **Four stages** — sent, hear, see, speak — activate covenant blessing

Romans 3:20 (NKJV)

“Therefore by the deeds of the law **no flesh will be justified** in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” — **Romans 3:20 (NKJV)**

God the Father loves you deeply and refuses to leave you in shame, sickness, or lack. Christ placed every covenant blessing within reach — sent through preachers, received by hearing, envisioned by the heart, and released by the mouth. Do not repeat Israel’s wilderness mistake: hear, believe, see, speak, and inherit.

Romans 9-10 is a rescue map for anyone stuck in shame. God repeats the promise — you will not be put to shame — because He knows how easily believers accept defeat. The exit route is always faith, and faith always comes by hearing. Send the word, hear the word, see the word, speak the word. That is how Israel should have entered Canaan in days instead of decades; that is how you step into healing, provision, and

peace today.

The Takeaway

1. **God will not put you to shame** — whoever believes on Christ stands secure
2. **Faith comes by hearing** — continuous exposure to God's word opens every blessing
3. **Walk four stages** — sent → hear → see → speak to inherit what Christ won
4. **Speak faith, not facts** — declare healing and victory, not circumstances
5. **Receive God's righteousness** — stop striving by self-effort; believe the cross
6. **Do not repeat wilderness delay** — mix every heard word with faith and confession
7. **God loves you** — He wants you healed, blessed, and walking in fullness

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Scripture-based study on Romans 9-10 — faith, hearing, and speaking. If it strengthened you, share it with someone who needs this truth today.