

## GOD'S WORD IS LIFE

### Key Greek Terms in Romans 10

#### 1. "Righteousness" (δικαιοσύνη - *dikaïosynē*)

- Found in **Romans 10:3-6**, this term refers to a legal standing or moral quality of being right with God. In Romans 10, Paul contrasts the "righteousness based on the law" (v. 5) with the "righteousness based on faith" (v. 6).

#### 2. "End" (τέλος - *telos*)

- In **Romans 10:4**, Paul declares that "Christ is the end (*telos*) of the law." This term can mean either "end" or "goal," indicating that Christ is both the termination of the law's binding authority for righteousness and its fulfillment.

#### 3. "Confess" (ὁμολογέω - *homologeō*)

- In **Romans 10:9**, Paul emphasizes the importance of "confessing" Jesus as Lord. *Homologeō* means to acknowledge or declare openly, especially in a public sense.

#### 4. "Believe" (πιστεύω - *pisteuō*)

- Also in **Romans 10:9**, Paul pairs confession with belief in the heart. *Pisteuō* means to trust or have faith. In this context, belief refers to the internal conviction that God raised Jesus from the dead. It goes beyond intellectual assent to a trust that shapes the believer's identity and relationship with God.

#### 5. "Salvation" (σωτηρία - *sōtēria*)

- In **Romans 10:10**, Paul speaks of salvation being tied to both belief in the heart and confession of faith. *Sōtēria* means deliverance or rescue, often in a spiritual sense. Here, it refers to the complete deliverance from sin and death, which is accomplished through Christ.

#### 6. "Hear" (ἀκούω - *akouō*)

- Found in **Romans 10:14, 17**, this verb means to hear or listen. Paul emphasizes that faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ. In this sense, *akouō* refers not just to the physical act of hearing, but to the reception of the proclaimed Word, which creates faith.

#### 7. "Call" (ἐπικαλέομαι - *epikaleomai*)

- In **Romans 10:13**, Paul quotes Joel 2:32, saying, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." *Epikaleomai* means to call upon or invoke. In this passage, it implies an act of faith in which a person turns to God, calling upon His name for salvation. This calling is not a work but a response of faith created by the Word of promise.

