

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Romans 10: 8-10

**...’The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.**

Today’s readings cause me to reflect on the earthquake in Haiti. Whenever there are hardships or disasters of any kind, I wonder about the prayers of people who are caught in such circumstances. The people who are spared tell of their prayers to be rescued and how much God must love them for them to have been saved. Yet the people who suffered and perished must have prayed too. Were their prayers any less sincere? Why weren’t they, too, “saved”? The salvation that the Bible talks about is the salvation of our souls. We don’t know what God’s plan is for us on earth but if we believe in our heart that Jesus is Lord and live that belief to the fullest, we shall have the reward of everlasting life in heaven.

**Do I have what it takes to be saved?**

*Dear Lord, Help us to live our lives according to Your Word  
and help us to be an example for others to follow,  
so that when our existence on earth is over,  
we may be saved and live with You for all eternity.  
Amen.*

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