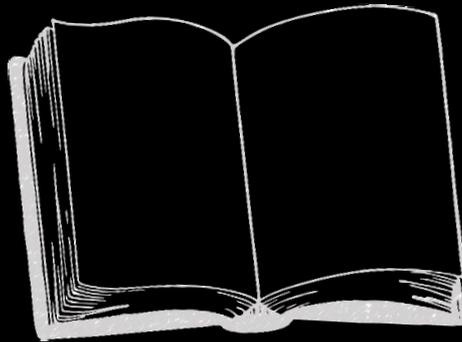




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BIBLE READING

Nehemiah 8 : 9-18

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”



11 The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.”

12 Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.



¹³ On the second day of the month, the heads of all the families, along with the priests and the Levites, gathered around Ezra the teacher to give attention to the words of the Law.

¹⁴ They found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded through Moses, that the Israelites were to live in temporary shelters during the festival of the seventh month ¹⁵ and that they should proclaim this word and spread it throughout their towns and in Jerusalem: “Go out into the hill country and bring back branches from olive and wild olive trees, and from myrtles, palms and shade trees, to make temporary shelters”—as it is written.



¹⁶ So the people went out and brought back branches and built themselves temporary shelters on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God and in the square by the Water Gate and the one by the Gate of Ephraim. ¹⁷ The whole company that had returned from exile built temporary shelters and lived in them. From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great.



¹⁸ Day after day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They celebrated the festival for seven days, and on the eighth day, in accordance with the regulation, there was an assembly.

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**CO-WORK AND
CELEBRATION**

HIS

JOY IS OUR
STRENGTH

Nehemiah

8.9-18





9- There is a time for mourning for our sins.



10-12 - There is a time for celebration.



10 - The Joy of the Lord is your Strength

What Joy is.



10 - The Joy of the Lord is your Strength

What Joy Does.



13-18

The Festivals served as reminders of what God had done and will continue to do.



Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the
life. No one comes to the Father
except through Me. John 14.6 CSB



For all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God. Romans 3.23 CSB



For the wages [paycheck] of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord. Romans 6.23 CSB

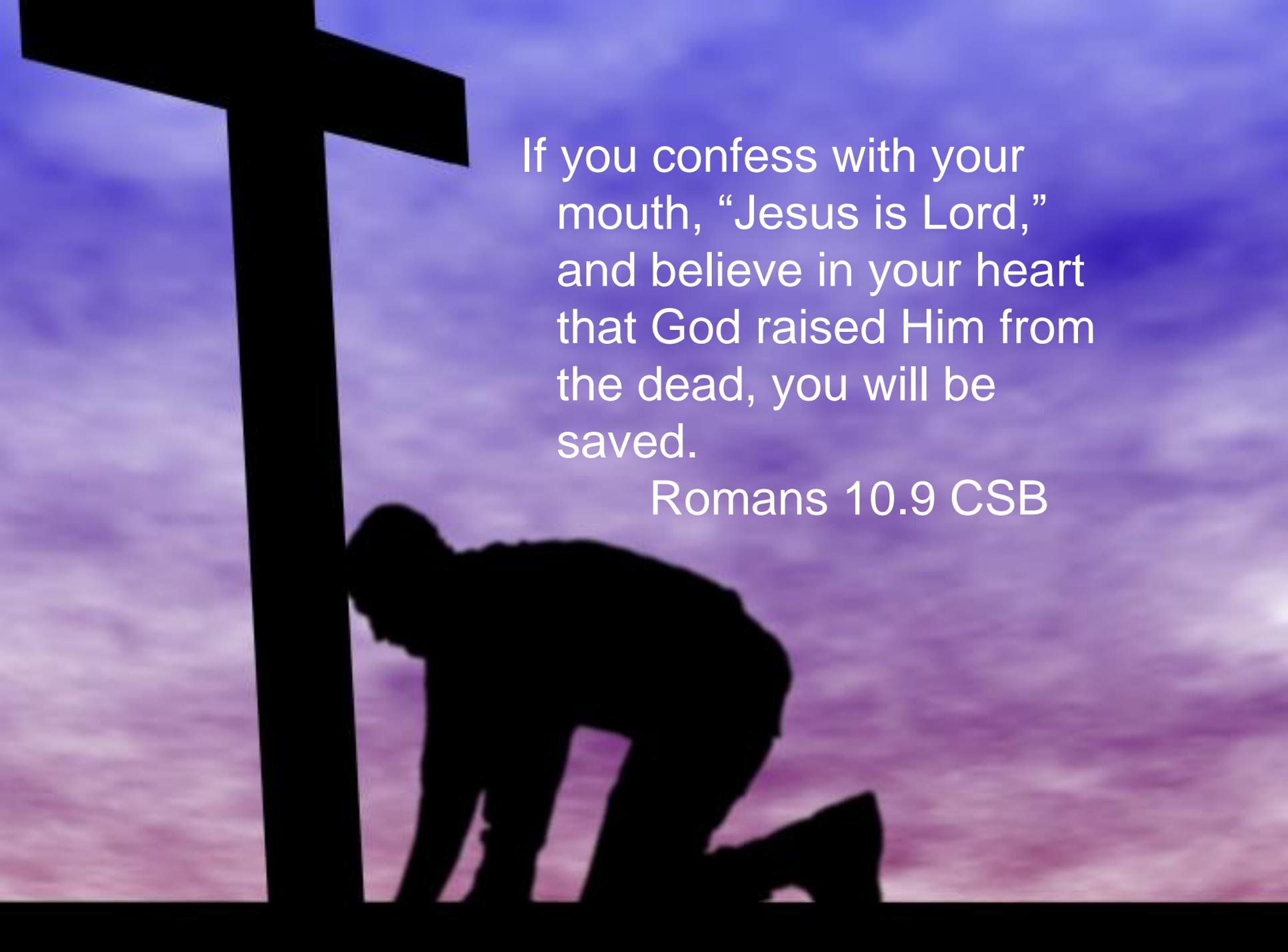


But God proves His own love for us in that
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!
Romans 5.8 CSB

For everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord
will be saved.

Romans 10.13 CSB



A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer next to a large cross against a purple and blue sky. The person is positioned in the lower left, leaning their head against the vertical post of the cross. The cross is a simple, dark silhouette. The background is a soft, textured gradient of purple and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10.9 CSB