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We have all done things that are displeasing to God. There is no one who is innocent. Romans 3:10-18 gives a detailed picture of what sin looks like in our lives.

The **second verse** of Scripture on the Romans Road of salvation, **Romans 6:23**, teaches us about the consequences of sin - "**For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**" The punishment that we have earned for our sins is death. Not just physical death, but eternal death (temporal and eternal punishment)!

The **third verse** on the Romans Road of salvation picks up where Romans 6:23 left off, "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." **Romans 5:8** declares, "**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**" Jesus Christ died for us! Jesus' death paid for the price of our sins. Jesus' resurrection proves that God accepted Jesus' death as the payment for our sins.

The **fourth stop** on the Romans Road of salvation is **Romans 10:9**, "**that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**" Trusting His death as the payment for your sins - and you are saved! **Romans 10:13** says it again, "for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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Each day as you follow the Romans Road of salvation, here is a simple prayer you can pray to God. Saying this prayer is simply declaring that you are relying on Jesus Christ for your salvation. The words themselves will not save you. Only Christ can provide salvation!

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