

# How Far Away is God

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 9:30-10.

B. Kierkegaard noted a great disparity between belief and practice among Christians.

C. Romans 9 stresses the sovereignty of God and Romans 10 stresses man's responsibility—Paul sets them side by side and maintains that both are true.

## II. The greatest problem faced today is casual Christianity.

A. This is a superficial religion—a complacency with the inside even though it is completely wrong.

B. The answer is never a program—it is always a person.

C. The great need is to come to face the claims and lordship of Jesus Christ.

## III. The simplicity of faith.

A. The just shall live by faith, and not doing anything.

B. If anything else would be required of man to please God, the feat would be too great.

C. Jesus is instantly available to anyone willing to recognize His lordship.

## IV. If Christ is all we need all that is left is the necessity of preaching Him.

A. Israel had no ground to complain for having not heard because they had heard.

B. When the Spirit of God comes into the life of a believer, he is capable of doing the works of Jesus and witnessing effectively to Him.

C. God is waiting for people who know Him to step out in faith and say, "here am I." (Isaiah 6)

## Application questions:

1. How do you see casual Christianity manifest today?

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2. What does the speaker mean by "the just shall live by faith and not doing anything"?

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3. How will you step out this week and say to God with Isaiah “here am I?” Be specific.

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