

Romans 10

Jesus

Jacob I have loved...Esau I have hated

Conflict began in Garden when man declared war on God... Chose to usurp God's Authority/Word

- Abel vs Cain
- Jacob vs Esau
- Spirit vs Flesh
- Faith vs Human Effort
- Relationship vs Religion
- Narrow Road vs Broad Path
- God's Righteousness vs Self-Righteousness
- Humility vs Pride
- **God's Way vs Mans Way...**

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that **seems right to a man**, But its end is the way of death.

- **I'll do it my way/I'm a good person**

...**treasonous words to the King of Kings who died for our sins**

Philippians 3:18 [They are... the **enemies of the cross of Christ...** [Enemies of the King]

- Israel refused to come to Jesus on His terms [humility/repentance] and thus...
- **Israel forfeited her relationship w/God for a time...**

Romans 9:32 Why? Because they **did not seek it by faith**, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. 33 As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

- God's way or the Highway. **No exceptions...**

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father** except through Me.

Thesis: Pt 1: Longing to be righteous is a noble desire if it is for the glory of God not the praise of man
Pt 2: A way to the Living God has been made for all men...but there is only one way

I. Present Condition of the Jews Ignorant of God's Righteousness

1 Brethren, my heart's desire **and prayer** to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

We are to pray for people to be saved...even if it seems impossible to us

- Paul knew the hearts of his people were hard/**still prayed** that God would soften them
- Watched as they sought to be righteous before God/Crucified Son of God?

2 For I bear [Israel] witness that they have a **zeal for God**, but **not according to knowledge**.

- **Paul: They are just like I was.** Zeal for righteousness yet enemy of the cross

Philippians 3:3 [we...] worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have **no confidence in the flesh**, ⁴ though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he **may have confidence in the flesh**, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of

the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ **concerning zeal**, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, **blameless**. ⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be **found in Him, not having my own righteousness**, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection

Sincerity means nothing if you are sincerely wrong Saul was zealous/knew word of God... and on His way to hell

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which **testify of Me**. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

- Religious/Misdirected zeal **not according to knowledge...**

3 For they [Jews] being **ignorant of God's righteousness**, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

- **Ignorant...**
 1. God's perfect Righteousness
 2. Their total depravity apart from Him...thus ignorant/did not care to learn...
 3. How to become righteous in **God's eyes**.
- **Wrong focus...**
 1. **Outward Man:** Try harder/smell better/walk slower. Filthy rags
 2. **Inward Man:** Oh, what a wretched man that I am. Who will save me?

Luke 18:9 [Jesus] spoke this parable to some **who trusted in themselves** that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I **thank You that I am not like other men**—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, '**God, be merciful to me a sinner!**' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."...[Jesus uses child as e.g.] ¹⁷ Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

Jesus only railed on Self-Righteous...

Matthew 23:24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! ²⁵ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the **outside of the cup and dish**, but inside they are full of **extortion and self-indulgence**. ²⁶ Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also... ²⁷ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like **whitewashed tombs** which indeed

appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of **dead men's bones and all uncleanness**. 28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but **inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness**.

Self-Righteousness blinds men to the need of God's Righteousness

No salvation in our *Righteous Deeds* but by faith in the *Righteous One*

Romans 1:17 The just [*those declared righteous*] shall live [*be made alive*] by faith [*In finished work of Jesus*]

Saved by Grace Alone through Faith Alone by Jesus Alone. Period

It is Jesus' righteousness that is our ticket to heaven

Philippians 3:9 ... and be found in Him, **not having my own righteousness**, which is from the law, but that which is **through faith in Christ...righteousness...from God by faith...**

- **Religion says it's all about us:** Jews couldn't care less if anyone else was righteous
- **Relationship is all about Jesus and others:** Making sure others find Truth

God offered the Jews righteousness in Jesus

Instead...they sought to establish their own...

4 For **Christ is the end** of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

- Jesus is the end of **trying harder**
- Jesus is the end of **seeking God's approval by penance**
- Jesus is the end of **guilt and shame**
- Jesus is the end of **condemnation**
- Jesus is the end of **the law as a means of righteousness to all who believe**

Jesus is our rest. It is finished. [Same rt. as Be **perfect** Mat 5]

- **Jesus fulfilled the Law** perfectly on our behalf...

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy **but to fulfill**."

- The law teaches us we need more than the Law...**we need a Savior**

Galatians 3:24 ... the law was our tutor to **bring us to Christ**, that we might be justified by faith.

- Jesus came to buy us back from bondage/futility trying to be good boy...failing
- No longer slaves but now **Sons/Daughters of God by faith**

Galatians 4:5 [Jesus came to...] to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the **adoption as sons**.

No longer trying harder and failing

Now God in us accomplishing His will as we yield to His Spirit

Philippians 2:13 ...for it is God who **works in you both to will and to do** for His good pleasure.

Jesus is our rest. It is finished.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things [all of them] shall live by them."

▪ **2 Choices:**

1. **Buy** [try to] Salvation: Keeping Law. Make God a debtor. Not worked 3500 yrs.
2. **Receive** Salvation as a gift from the One who did keep the Law

▪ **Israel zealously agreed to keep the law... implying they could**

Nehemiah 9:29b ... Yet they acted proudly, And did not heed Your commandments, But sinned against Your judgments, '**Which if a man does, he shall live by them.**' And they **shrugged their shoulders, Stiffened their necks, And would not hear.**

- God's wrath looms over those seeking Salvation by the Law. Read "being good"

Self-righteousness manifested in trying harder brings death/failure

Submitting to God's Righteousness brings Life/Victory...God's Glory

NOTE: We are not to seek to please God by trying harder does not mean that God will not have us do some **really, really, really hard things** but these by His Spirit...

Zechariah 4:6 'Not by [your] might nor by [your] power, **but by My Spirit,**' Says the Lord of hosts.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Zealousness for that which cannot save is futile. Self-righteousness is filthy rags in the sight of the Lord because it is **inadequate to save** yet pridefully glares at Cross of Christ...**as if it can.** [NJC]

- I'll do it my way/I'm a good person

... **treasonous words to the King of Kings who died for their sins**

- The man who does those things [all of them] shall live by them
▪ But no man can so all men that try will die in their self-righteousness and sin....

6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, '**Who will ascend** into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) 7 or, " '**Who will descend** into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

- **Righteousness of Faith:** Read "Salvation"

The way of Salvation does not speak of how high we can jump in religious zeal or how low we can stoop in false-humility. Salvation speaks of the cross and is an offence to the proud, religious, worldly-wise men. Why? Because the cross makes Jesus the focus and not man. Salvation speaks of God condescending to man, not of man's efforts at all. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. [NJC]

8 But what does it say? "The **word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart**" (that is, the **word of faith** which we preach) ...

How does a person get saved from their sins?

Exalting themselves in self-righteousness? Debasing themselves in false humility?

Easier than that...Not way up there or way down there

The Word [answer] is close. **Q.** How close? **A.** In our mouth and heart

- Word/Answer to the problem of sin is in all men
- I.e., All men have some Light/Revelation of God...

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and **the life was the light of men.** it... 9 [He] was the true Light which **gives light to every man coming into the world.**

- All men know what to do...**but most choose not too**

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth in unrighteousness,** 19 because what may be known of God is **manifest in them,** for **God has shown it to them.**

- All men know what to do/Most choose not to...**because they love sin**

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men **loved darkness rather than light,** because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

Men must stop suppressing the Truth/Respond to the Light/In turn receive more Light
Respond to Creation/Respond to Light of Jesus/Receive more instruction...

9 ...that if you **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved.** 10 For with the **heart one believes** unto righteousness, and with the **mouth confession is made** unto salvation.

- **Mouth** Confess/Agree with God's Word that Jesus is Lord
- **Heart** Believe the Father raised Jesus from the dead...**you will be saved**

No gyrations; i.e., jumping up to the sky or stooping down to ground

1 Kings 18:27 [Baal vs God. Bring down fire] And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked

them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened." 28 So they **cried aloud**, and **cut themselves**, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. 29 And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention.

To anyone with a mouth/heart... Salvation is Near!

11 For the Scripture says, "**Whoever believes on Him** will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek...

- **Whoever believes...**Available to every person with a mouth/heart

Romans 3:21 ...now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, **to all and on all who believe**. For there is no difference; 23 for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

- All have sinned and all can be saved...no matter what you've done. Level ground at foot of cross

Galatians 3:28 There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Acts 10:36b... Jesus Christ—**He is Lord of all...**

- Jesus died to save all us His precious creation/each as unique as every snowflake

12b... for the same Lord over all is **rich to all who call upon Him.**

- **Q. How is God rich to all who call upon Him?**
- **A.** Saving any/all who come to Him in humility. Richly saves us from ...
 1. Bondage to sin/guilt/shame
 2. Penalty of sin. Death/Hell

God's Richness to ALL who call on Him continues for all Eternity

Ephesians 2:7 ... that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

- **Jesus is rich to all who call upon Him...**

13 For "**whoever** calls on the name of the Lord **shall be saved.**"

Romans 10:1 ... my heart's desire **and prayer** to God for Israel is that they **may be saved.**

1 Timothy 2:3 ...this is good and acceptable in the sight of **God our Savior**, 4 who desires **all men to be saved** and to come to the **knowledge of the truth.**

- Paul personally knew God's mercy to a hard heart
- Paul prayed for God to soften/save those who were **just like he was**

Who do we know with a hard heart that the Lord desires to be rich to? Pray for them. Don't tell them about religion...tell them about Jesus

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Pt 2: A way to the Living God has been made for all men...but there is only one way

Salvation/Perfect Righteousness are available to you By Grace alone through Faith alone in Jesus alone

SUMMARY Present Condition of Israel Needs the Gospel

- **Does everyone have an opportunity to be saved?**

1. Jews of Paul's day?
2. Poor bushmen of Australia?

Thesis: God sends His messengers to those who through His grace have responded to His Light/Revelation as demonstrated in creation that they might call on the Name of the Lord and be saved.

- **Creation reveals** an awesome Creator worthy of our praise

Romans 1:19 ...what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse

- **First:** *Man responds* to revelation of God as Creator leading to accountability
- **Next:** *God sends* His Prophets, Apostles and now us to bring **further revelation**

If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world. [CS Lewis]

II. Present Condition of the Jews Israel Rejects Jesus

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? **15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the **gospel of peace**, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"**

- **Religious Jews of Paul:**

1. Who appointed you to preach this Jesus? A. Jesus did on road to Damascus
2. Why do we need Jesus if we have the Law? A. Because it can't save. He can

IOW's God sends His messengers to preach the Good News to those that **might hear** that they **might believe** that they **might call** on the Lord and **be saved**.

We [not angels] **are God's chosen vehicle to deliver the Good News of Salvation**

No wonder those who preach have beautiful feet – they partner with God for the salvation of men. The feet speak of activity, motion, and progress, and those who are active and moving in the work of preaching the gospel have beautiful feet. [Guzik]

- **We possess the Gospel of Peace**

1. Peace w/God
2. Peace of God

2 Corinthians 5:16 ... from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the **ministry of reconciliation**, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 [Message?] [God] made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace
Who bring glad tidings of good things

- **Jews in Rome might respond...**

1. What about the prophets in OT?
2. Did they speak of Gospel/Gentiles coming to God?

- **Paul gives two OT examples of those who did:** Moses/Isaiah

16 But they [Jews] have **not all obeyed** the gospel. For **Isaiah** says, "Lord, who has believed our report?"

- **In OT but you did not listen...**

Good News in OT preached by Isaiah and pals...
Messiah is coming and He will do just what Jesus is doing...

Isaiah 35:5 Then the **eyes of the blind shall be opened**, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.

- **Isaiah spoke of Jesus signs/wonders:** Did not believe Isaiah or Jesus

John 12:37 ...although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Gospel preached but they did not obey the Gospel
Did not obey? Listen AND believe

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

IOW's Faith comes by hearing the Word of God
With the intent of believing the Word of God

- Jesus said **be careful how you listen to the Word of God...**

Luke 8:18 ... **take heed how you hear**. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have [thinks that he has] will be taken from

him.”

- Dangerous to listen to the Word of God flippantly

Romans 10:21 ...I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and **contrary** people.

Jews heard the Word. Spoke against what they heard. Denied what they heard. Contradicted what they heard. Hardened hearts to God’s Word. Crucified the Son of God.

**As same sun that melts butter hardens clay
Soi the Same Word that Saves also Condemns**

Isaiah 55:11 ...My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It **shall not return to Me void**, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

- **God’s Word will always produce change**
 1. **Word Accepted?** Salvation/Relation with God
 2. **Word Rejected?** Hard Heart/Separation from God
- **God’s Word Divides...**

Genesis 1:3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and **God divided the light from the darkness.**

Hebrews 4:12 For the word [logos] of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the **division of soul and spirit**, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

- **God’s Word became flesh** Logos

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word [Logos] , and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God... 14** And the **Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

God’s Word Divides...Jesus is God’s Word made flesh...Therefore Jesus divides
When we share God’s Word listeners move to one side or the other

Matthew 10:34 Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring **peace but a sword.**

- God desires all men saved but all men will not be saved...

Luke 12:51 Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but **rather division**. 52For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 53 Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

- **God’s Word separates** wheat from chaff
- **God’s Word draws** every man to the Valley of **Decision....**

John 6:66 [v53] [All in? Eat My flesh/Drink My blood or no life in you] ... From that time many of His disciples went back and **walked with Him no more.** [Can’t handle truth]

- **Faith comes** by hearing/receiving the Word of God
- **Hard Hearts come** from hearing/rejecting the Word of God

Rejecting the Word of God is rejecting God Himself

Luke 2:34 [Simeon at Jesus baby dedication] "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for **a sign which will be spoken against** 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the **thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.**"

- **Different responses to God's Word...**

John 10:19 ... **there was a division again** among the Jews because of [Jesus] sayings. 20 And many of them said, "**He has a demon and is mad.** Why do you listen to Him?" 21 Others said, "These are **not the words of one who has a demon.** Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

Acts 14:4 [Gospel preached/Signs/Wonders] But the **multitude of the city was divided:** part sided with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

What you believe about Jesus determines your **Eternal Destiny Son of God. God the Son. Only Way to the Father ...or a nice guy**

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. **[C.S. Lewis]**

- **Jews did hear** the Gospel in OT and rejected it
- What about the Ubangi Tribesman w/out the OT...?

18 But I say, **have they not heard? Yes indeed:** "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

Psalm 19:1 [Paul quotes David] The **heavens declare the glory of God;** And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto **day utters speech,** And night unto **night reveals knowledge.** 3 There is no speech nor language Where their [heavens] voice is not heard. 4 Their line [sound/communication] has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.

Line: gr. *kav.* lit a musical string—line. rt. to expect more to come

IOW's: Act on the Light/Revelation of Universe/God will send more Light/Revelation

Q. Have the Jews not heard? **A.** Yes. Everyone has heard

- Once again Paul calls to the stand the **reliable witness of Creation** [Ch.1]

As the night sky sounds out a symphony of Light proclaiming the Creator to every man

So, the Gospel goes out to all the world...even the Gentiles

19 But I say, **did Israel not know?** First Moses says: "I will **provoke you to jealousy** by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation." [Deut. 32]

- **Moses** spoke of Israel's rejection/Gentiles accepting/Provoking Jews to Jealousy

Are we good Ambassadors of Jesus provoking unbelieving neighbors to want what we have?

Relationship w/Jesus that changes the way we function in this world?

- Did Israel not know they would miss the boat?
- **OT Prophets warned them:** Moses now Isaiah...

20 But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." [Isaiah 65:1]

- We were not looking for God but He found us

21 But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people."

Isaiah 65:2 I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way that is not good, According to their own thoughts...

- **Walk according own thoughts...**
 1. **Disobedient** Disobeyed the Gospel by rejection Jesus free gift
 2. **Contrary** Opposed His Word on every front as **Stephen rebukes them...**

Acts 7:51 "You stiff-necked [stubborn] and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, 53 who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it."

All day long I stretch out My hand to you...I have not given up on you but have done all I can to draw you back to Me ...apart from taking away your freewill. So, I will turn from you My wayward wife to My new Bride that you would become jealous and ask **why I bless her...**and she will answer...**because He is good.** [NJC]

- **Stretched out My hands...to Jews first**

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- First to **Jews** till Stephen was stoned to death
- Next to **Samaritans...**

Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city.

- Next, to **Gentile world** [Acts 11:1-18]

God continued to stretch out to hand to the Jews...

Acts 28:23 [Paul in house arrest in Rome] ... many [Jews] came to [Paul] at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them

concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. 24 And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. 25 So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word... **28** "Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been **sent to the Gentiles**, and they will hear it!" 29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed and had a **great dispute** among themselves.

Thesis: God sends His messengers to those who through His grace have responded to His Light/Revelation as demonstrated in creation that they might call on the Name of the Lord and be saved.

God continues to stretch out His hand to save a dying world

- Used Prophets, Apostles and **Today He uses us...**

Matthew 28:18 [Jesus] "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Amen.**

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace?

Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

When that last Gentile is saved...we are out of here. War over.

Salvation by **Grace alone** through **Faith alone** in **Jesus alone**

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