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# ROME

WEEK 20 | ROM. 10:14-21

## DOCTRINE & PRACTICE

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

### Preach & Pray!

<sup>14</sup> **How** then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And **how** are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And **how** are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And **how** are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"

<sup>17</sup> So **faith** comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

*Romans 10:14 - 17*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen -- they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.  
– Isaiah 52:7-8

And, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.  
– Ephesians 6:15

"This passage leaves us with two stark truths: that every human is responsible for how they treat the 'word of Christ'; and that every Christian is responsible for communicating that 'word of Christ.'"

– Dr. Timothy Keller, *Romans for You* (2014)

### What If It Doesn't Work?

<sup>18</sup> But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." <sup>19</sup> But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." <sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." <sup>21</sup> But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

*Romans 10:18 - 21*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. **Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.** In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.  
– Psalm 19:1-6

"It is dangerous to follow our little logic and reason and what seems to us to be so clear. That's the cause of most of our trouble. We want everything neat and tidy so we can encompass it. We mustn't do that with Scripture. It is because we don't know who is elect and who isn't that we should desire the salvation of all, we should pray for the salvation of all, and we should offer the gospel to all and press them to accept it! It is because I don't know that I offer it to all."

– Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd Jones, *Romans* (1963)