



Go for God!

## The Epistle to the ROMANS

### Chapter 10

#### “Our Heart’s Desire & Prayer!”

> **Reminder:** In Romans chapters 9 – 11 we observe *Israel’s past election* (Ch. 9); *Israel’s present rejection* (Ch. 10); and *Israel’s future restoration* (Ch. 11). As we look to Chapter 10 we discover the way of SALVATION and the need for PROCLAMATION!

> PAUL (OUR) HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER:

#1 – IS THAT ALL MAY BE SAVED! (v1-13)

#2 – IS THAT ALL BELIEVERS WILL PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL! (v14-21)

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(v1-2) Paul’s heart’s desire and was that ALL ISRAEL would be SAVED!

- Paul shares in Philippians 3:1-11 - <sup>1</sup> *Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.* <sup>2</sup> *Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!* <sup>3</sup> *For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,* <sup>4</sup> *though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:* <sup>5</sup> *circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;* <sup>6</sup> *concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.* <sup>7</sup> *But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.* <sup>8</sup> *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* <sup>9</sup> *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;* <sup>10</sup> *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,* <sup>11</sup> *if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.)*

- What about our family and friends? This starts with a DESIRE to be a SOUL-WINNER, then the devil’s strongholds on people’s lives are broken through PRAYER! (Let’s PRAY!)

(v3-13) Man made religion or good deeds religion nullifies CHRIST sacrifice upon the CROSS!

> Compare: “LAW RIGHTEOUSNESS” vs. “FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS”

Only for the Jew  
Based on works  
Self-righteousness  
Cannot save  
Obey the LORD  
Leads to pride

For “whosoever”  
Comes by faith alone  
God’s RIGHTEOUSNESS  
Brings salvation  
Call on the LORD  
GLORIFIES GOD!

**#2 – IS THAT ALL BELIEVERS WILL PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL! (v14-21)**

(v14-15) Jesus said “FOLLOW Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Soul winners are made! Therefore, to be an effective witness, you must be taught, trained, and motivated by the power of the Holy Spirit. When we witness, that is share your faith in Christ, we must trust the Holy Spirit to do three things:

(1) **ILLUMINATE THE MIND OF THE UNBELIEVER!** – All lost souls are in spiritual darkness - 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 – *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

(2) **STIR THE HEART OF THE UNBELIEVER!** – As Peter preached Christ, the listeners were, “cut to the heart” (Acts 2:37).

(3) **MOVE THE WILL OF THE UNBELIEVER!** – The PRODIGAL SON came to his senses, REPENTED and RETURNED home to his father, as we have returned to our HEAVENLY FATHER! (Luke 15:11-32)

> **HOW TO WITNESS:** First **PRAY** for souls! (Family, friends, co-workers, strangers and even your enemy.)

Second, ask GOD through our Lord JESUS CHRIST to fill you with **POWER/BOLDNESS** through the HOLY SPIRIT! Third, **PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE WORLD!**

- **Observe the incredible results of a bold witness for Christ:**

(1) 3000 saved on “Pentecost” as the 120 witnessed! (Acts 2);

(2) The Ethiopian eunuch was saved because Philip witnessed! (Acts 8);

(3) Paul was saved because Stephen witnessed, Jesus witnessed, Ananias witnessed! (Acts 7 & 9);

(4) Cornelius and his household were saved because Peter witnessed! (Acts 10);

(5) The Philippian jailer and his household were saved because Paul and Silas witnessed! (Acts 16);

(6) YOU are SAVED because SOMEONE WITNESSED TO YOU!

(v16-17) **What is the REPORT that people should believe?**

~ **THAT CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS!**

- 1 Corinthians 1:18 - *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

- **THAT CHRIST ROSE FROM THE GRAVE ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY!**

- 1 Peter 1:3-5 - *<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

**(v18-21) GOD HAS SENT HIS SALVATION INTO THE WHOLE WORLD!**

**> There are 4 motivations for us to PROCLAIM the GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE WORLD:**

**1 – THE COMMAND!**

**2 – THE CRY!**

**3 – THE CALL!**

**4 – THE COUNSEL!**

**~ Let us look to:**

**1 – THE COMMAND! – Mark 16:14-18 – *Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”***

**2 – THE CRY! – Luke 16:19-31 - *“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, <sup>21</sup> desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.***

***<sup>24</sup> “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham said to him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup> And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> But he said to him, If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”***

**3 – THE CALL! – Acts 16:8-10 - *So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.***

- Paul obeyed the vision. If the Macedonians needed help, then they would go to Macedonia (the northern and central parts of modern-day Greece). The Macedonian Call resulted in Paul and his companions' sailing from Troas to Neapolis, stopping for the night on the island of Samothrace. From Neapolis, they continued on to the Roman colony of Philippi, the leading city of that district of Macedonia (Acts 16:11–12). This area is still known as the gateway to Europe. Up to that point in history, the gospel had been limited to Asia, and many historians credit Paul's heeding the Macedonian Call with the spread of Christianity into Europe and the Western world.

Much happened in Macedonia. Lydia's conversion (Acts 16:14–15), the deliverance of a fortune-telling slave girl (Acts 16:16–18), Paul and Silas' imprisonment in Philippi (Acts 16:16–28), the conversion of the jailer and his household (Acts 16:29–34), and Paul's preaching in the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:16–34) are some of the highlights of the second missionary journey.

Paul planted several churches in response to the Macedonian Call. Local bodies of believers were established in Philippi (Acts 16:40) and Thessalonica (Acts 17:4) in Macedonia, and in Corinth in nearby Achaia (Acts 18:1–11). These churches were important in the growth of the early church and enjoyed a long-term relationship with the apostles. Five of the New Testament Epistles were written to these three churches.

The history of the church—and of the world—forever changed because of the God-given dream known as the Macedonian Call.

4 – THE COUNSEL! – Acts Ch. 13:13-52