



Go for God!

The Epistle to the ROMANS

Chapter 10

“Our Heart’s Desire & Prayer!”

> **Reminder:** In Romans chapters 9 – 11 we observe:

Chapter 9 - *Israel’s past election*

Chapter 10 - *Israel’s present rejection*

Chapter 11 - *Israel’s future restoration*

- As we look to Chapter 10, we discover the way of SALVATION and the need for PROCLAMATION!

> OUR HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER:

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

(v1-2) Paul’s heart’s desire and was that ALL ISRAEL would be SAVED! (Philippians 3)

- 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:

~ First to 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.*

~ Second to STIR THE HEART OF THE UNBELIEVER!

– As Peter preached Christ, the listeners were, “cut to the heart” - Acts 2:36-47 - *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon*

every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

~ **Third to 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** and **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 were 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 JESUS CHRIST TO YOU!*

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

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

- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 - *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. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

- **THAT CHRIST ROSE FROM THE GRAVE THE 3RD DAY!**

- 1 Peter 1:3-5 - *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, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 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 FROM ABOVE!** – Mark 16:15-16 - *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

2 – **THE CRY FROM BENEATH!** – Luke 16:27-31 (The rich man and Lazarus)

3 – THE CALL FROM WITHOUT! – Acts 16:9-10 - *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." 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.*

4 – THE CONSTRAINT FROM WITHIN! – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 - *For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, 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. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 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. 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. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*