

Timeless Truth



ROMANS: CHAPTER TEN

WEEK TEN | CANDACE JERKINS

TIMELESS TEACHING |

Romans 10

PASSION, PURSUIT AND PURPOSE

I. PASSION

A. Paul's right passion

Paul's "heartfelt confession" is that he is eager for his Jewish brothers and sisters to rightly believe in Jesus. For them to not just see Jesus as a teacher and healer, but their one and only Savior.

B. People's misguided passion

They had passion and zeal for God, but it was misguided. They were trusting in the law. What a huge misunderstanding of the good news of the gospel! It's not about what we can do but what Jesus did for us!

Trusting in the law for salvation wasn't going to work no matter how passionately they wanted it. They didn't understand the good news of the gospel... that God came to save sinners through life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Salvation was made complete through him!

There must be a radical submission to the righteousness of God. Paul was living proof of this!

The reason that we need to know the difference and rightly understand is because protects us from hypocrisy and from being a jerk!

II. PURSUIT

God gave the Mosaic Law for two purposes...

- to reveal the character and standards of a holy God
- to regulate the moral, religious, and civil life of the children of Israel

They were law keeping when Jesus explained that he had come and fulfilled the law.

Wrong pursuit: trusting/pursuing the law for salvation

Right pursuit: trusting/pursuing Jesus for salvation

How do we pursue?

Confess: admit

- admit -agree with God that he is the remedy for our sin problem
- admit that Jesus is supreme, pledge your obedience, loyalty, worship

Believe: accept Jesus' work as true and real

- Believing is more than head knowledge. Even the demons know he's God.

The result: YOU WILL BE SAVED

"The faith that saves is not believing certain truths, nor even believing that Jesus is a Savior; but it is resting on him, depending on him, lying with all your weight on Christ as the foundation of your hope." (Spurgeon)

Is God sovereignly pursuing sinners? Yes

Does man have responsibility to turn away from sin and pursue Jesus? Yes

The relationship between God's sovereignty and human responsibility is complex, often leading to theological tension. However, the Bible presents these concepts as complementary rather than contradictory. (John MacArthur)

Best approach: be humble - How could God save a sinner like me?!

- choose to focus on this miracle- that God would save sinners
- choose to believe that God is sovereign
- choose to continue telling the good news of the gospel

III. PURPOSE

If we're living and breathing, then we have a purpose.

2 purposes in life: know Him and make Him known

*Are you living out your purpose?

We are the messengers! As we go, we get to bring the good news.

Whatever gifts God has given you, use them for the purpose of bringing the good news.

God could have chosen any means for the message of salvation to be shared, but He chose to use sinners to spread the good news. This doesn't have to be scary. Simply love people and share your story. (Who you were before- What happened- What's happened since?)

"beautiful are the feet"- activity, motion, and progress of those feet

Not about perfect presentation, but progress in boldly talking to people with purposeful conversation.

Why? Because at one time we were the person that needed to hear the good news. We were the lost sheep that Jesus was after.

We were the lost sheep. And there are more lost sheep that need to be found. God wants to use us on this mission.

Our purpose isn't to save. Our purpose is to love and tell.

The reality is, not everyone will accept the good news. Israel, for the most part, rejected Jesus. They rejected their own long-awaited Messiah, but that didn't surprise God or His prophets. It was prophesized this way. If some didn't accept him then, some won't accept him now. If they rejected him, they'll reject us.

Not everyone will like/accept our message but that's not up to us. We are simply to go and tell. (bring the good news) Its God who prepares hearts and situations. It's **God's job to save. Our job to tell.**

*Do we remember our purpose?

Salvation was divinely created for a purpose, but the glorious difference between salvation and the glass slipper is that salvation was not created for just one person. Salvation is for whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord! Praise the Lord this includes you and me and every tribe, every tongue, every nation....regardless of skin color, economic standing, and list of terrible sins. ANYONE who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!

Let's remember Paul's words as we go out...

- be faithful with the right kind of **passion**
- be faithful with the right **pursuit**
- be faithful to remember our **purpose**

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FOR CHRIST HAS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED
THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE LAW WAS
GIVEN. AS A RESULT, ALL WHO BELIEVE IN
HIM ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD

ROMANS 10:4 NLT

DAY ONE

ROMANS 10:1-4



TIMELESS TRUTH |

REFUSING TO ACCEPT GOD'S WAY, THEY CLING TO THEIR OWN WAY OF GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD BY TRYING TO KEEP THE LAW.
ROMANS 10:3 NLT

Read Romans 10:1-4

1. What was Paul passionate about here?

2. What were the people passionate about?

3. Define misdirected zeal.

4. Why is misdirected zeal harmful?

5. How did they refuse to accept God's way?

6. What did they do instead?

7. How is clinging to our own way detrimental?

8. In what ways do we do this in our lives today?

PRAYER MOMENT |

Lord, help us to passionately pursue you and trust only in you. May we never cling to the wrong things (our ways or man's opinions) but only cling to You!

DAILY REMINDER |

Evaluate your hearts daily: Am I passionate about the right things?

FURTHER READING |

Proverbs 3:5-6, Galatians 5:24, James 1:5, Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 16:3

*The world needs to see Christians burning, not with self-righteous
fury at the sliding morals in our country, but with passion for God.*

Kevin DeYoung

DAY TWO

ROMANS 10:5-13



TIMELESS TRUTH |

FOR MOSES WRITES THAT THE LAW'S WAY OF MAKING A PERSON RIGHT WITH GOD REQUIRES OBEDIENCE TO ALL OF ITS COMMANDS.

ROMANS 10:5 NLT

Read Romans 10:5-13

Paul shows us the difference (foolishness!) of the Israelites' ignorance of God's righteousness. They were trying to be made right by their own righteousness through law-keeping. They tried to justify themselves by keeping the laws that God gave Moses believing that their works could make them righteous. However, Paul emphasizes here that salvation is not earned by law keeping or any kind of good work. Faith in Jesus alone is the only means of righteousness and salvation.

The Law of Moses is often divided into three broad categories: moral laws, civil (or judicial) laws, and ceremonial laws:

Moral laws reflected God's holy, unchanging character. The moral laws included the Ten Commandments.

Civil laws were regulations on the day-to-day life of the Hebrew people. These laws governed such things as marriage and divorce, sexual conduct, and property rights and set the penalties for various crimes ranging from theft to kidnapping to slander.

Ceremonial laws related to the manner that the Israelites were to worship God. The ceremonial laws instructed on the proper way to offer sacrifices, perform rituals, and celebrate festivals. The laws governing what was "clean" and "unclean" were in this category.

The Law of Moses was an earthly copy of an eternal, heavenly, unchanging standard of holiness. "Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens" (**Psalm 119:89**). Jesus taught the unbending character of the Law of Moses: "It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law" (**Luke 16:17**). God's law is unchanging because God is unchanging (**Psalm 55:19; James 1:17**). Jesus Himself kept the law and often referred people to it (see **Matthew 5:27-28; 22:37-39; Mark 3:4; Luke 10:25-28; 22:7-8**).

The perfection of the Law of Moses is expressed all through Scripture, with the whole of **Psalm 119** focusing exclusively on the law. And we see this description of the law in **Psalm 19:7-11**: The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart; the commandments of the Lord are radiant, giving

light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true, being altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them indeed Your servant is warned; in keeping them is great reward.

Jesus fulfilled the Law of Moses in every respect (Matthew 5:17). With the coming of Christ, the Law of Moses had achieved its purpose (**Galatians 3:23–25**), and now that Old Covenant of animal sacrifices is replaced by the New Covenant of faith in Christ (**2 Corinthians 3:14**). “We have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code” (**Romans 7:6**). Praise the Lord, “Christ is the end of the law” (**Romans 10:4**). (gotquestions.org)

The Jews built on a false foundation and refused to come to Christ for free salvation by faith, and numbers in every age do the same in various ways. The strictness of the law showed men their need of salvation by grace, through faith. (Matthew Henry)

The law is like a mirror that reveals. A mirror reveals if my hair is a mess, but the mirror cannot fix it. The law reveals but it cannot save.

PRAYER MOMENT |

God, thank you for the law that reminds man that we need a Savior! Thank you that you did not just reveal the need, but you fulfilled the need for us. May we never get over this incredible truth!

DAILY REMINDER |

What the law could not do, Jesus did!

FURTHER READING |

Exodus 24:12-18, Acts 13:38-39, Luke 24:44

"The law reveals our sin but also points us to our need for redemption."

Martin Luther

DAY THREE

ROMANS 10:14-15



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“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF MESSENGERS WHO BRING GOOD NEWS!”

ROMANS 10:15 NLT

Read Romans 10:14-15

Read Matthew 28:18-20.

What are Jesus followers “commissioned” to do? How is clinging to our own way detrimental?

Read Acts 1:8.

What are Jesus’s followers to do?

Jesus’ followers are commissioned and sent! God does not need us because he lacks nothing, but he allows us to play a part in his story. What a gift that is!

How are the feet described that bring the good news? Why do think that adjective is used?

In what ways, are you “bringing the good news?”

If you're not, how can you change that?

PRAYER MOMENT |

Lord, help me be a willing participant in your incredible work. What a privilege to be used by you. Give me wisdom, discernment, boldness and strength.

DAILY REMINDER |

God chooses to use us!

FURTHER READING |

John 20:21, Acts 1:8, Psalm 107:2, 1 Peter 3:15

True witnessing flows from a heart transformed by Christ.

C.S. Lewis

DAY FOUR

ROMANS 10:16-17



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BUT NOT EVERYONE WELCOMES THE GOOD NEWS...

ROMANS 10:16 NLT

Read Romans 10:16-17

What reality does verse 16 remind us?

Who is responsible for the saving?

Who is responsible for the sharing?

“The gospel is given, not only to be known and believed, but to be obeyed. It is not a system of notions, but a rule of practice. The beginning, progress, and strength of faith is by hearing. But it is only hearing the word, as the word of God that will strengthen faith.” (Matthew Henry)

We are not saviors. It is God who saves souls. We are simply the messengers of the good news. It is simply our job to be obedient to God as he puts opportunities in front of us.

What is one way that you can share the good news of the gospel with someone this week?

PRAYER MOMENT |

God, help me remember that you are constantly at work orchestrating things for your purposes. Help me trust the opportunities that you give me knowing you have gone before and prepared the way. It is not my job to save someone. It is my job to obey you and share your good news.

DAILY REMINDER |

God saves. We share.

FURTHER READING |

Mark 16:15, John 14:6, Romans 1:16, Psalm 96:3

*Sharing the gospel is not an option;
it is a command from our Lord.*

John Piper

DAY FIVE

ROMANS 10:18-21



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“I WAS FOUND BY PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT LOOKING FOR ME. I SHOWED MYSELF TO THOSE WHO WERE NOT ASKING FOR ME.” BUT REGARDING ISRAEL, GOD SAID, “ALL DAY LONG I OPENED MY ARMS TO THEM, BUT THEY WERE DISOBEDIENT AND REBELLIOUS.”

ROMANS 10:20-21 NLT

Read Romans 10:18-21

“The text references Moses and Isaiah, two pivotal figures in the history of Israel. Moses, known for leading the Israelites out of Egypt and receiving the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai, foresaw a time when Israel would be provoked to jealousy by a people who were not a nation – a reference to the Gentiles coming into salvation through Christ. This jealousy was intended to stir Israel to come back to God and His ways. Isaiah, a major prophet who prophesied about the coming of the Messiah, emphasizes the unexpected nature of God’s revelation to those who were not actively seeking Him, reflecting God’s grace and mercy towards all people, not just the religious elite.... **The references to Moses and Isaiah serve to connect the Old Testament prophecies with the fulfillment of them in Jesus Christ, emphasizing the continuity of God’s plan of redemption throughout history.**”

(unknown)

Did not the Jews know that the Gentiles were to be called in? They might have known it from Moses and Isaiah. Isaiah speaks plainly of the grace and favour of God, as going before in the receiving of the Gentiles. **Was not this our own case? Did not God begin in love, and make himself known to us when we did not ask after him? The patience of God towards provoking sinners is wonderful.** The time of God's patience is called a day, light as day, and fit for work and business; but limited as a day, and there is a night at the end of it. God's patience makes man's disobedience worse, and renders that the more sinful. We may wonder at the mercy of God, that his goodness is not overcome by man's badness; we may wonder at the wickedness of man, that his badness is not overcome by God's goodness. **And it is a matter of joy to think that God has sent the message of grace to so many millions, by the wide spread of his gospel.** (Matthew Henry)

God is still at work! He’s working through people, ministries and churches, but he’s also at work in places that have never heard the name of Jesus. Think about people around the world. Think about those who live in busy cities, who live in slow rural areas, those in war torn persecuted areas, those who live in tribes yet to be discovered... how do they hear the good news of the gospel? GOD speaks. Sometimes through his people. Sometimes through his creation. Sometimes through man-made creation live TV and radio. And I’ve heard stories where people have heard the gospel through dreams! God makes himself known even to people who are not looking for Him.

Why do you think many still reject the gospel?

Why should we feel an urgency to share?

Many of us will never go to the ends of the earth, but we will host family gatherings or speak to a neighbor. Think about ways you can transition your conversations and make them gospel conversations.

PRAYER MOMENT |

Thank you that You're bigger than our minds can comprehend. Thank you that nothing is impossible for you. May many continue to hear the good news of the gospel through our words and your revelations.

DAILY REMINDER |

The good news of the gospel continues today even to people who are not looking for Jesus.

FURTHER READING |

Psalms 19:1, Colossians 1:16, John 5:17, Philippians 1:6

*In the absence of any other proof, the thumb
alone would convince me of God's existence.*

Isaac Newton

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