



## COMMUNICATE THE GOSPEL

Romans 10:14-17

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In Chapters nine, ten and eleven, we see Paul's concern for Israel's spiritual condition. The Jews long for a completed redemption. Yet, we know to "belong" to God is by faith in Jesus Christ. God is consistently revealing to the world — the need to have faith in the God who saves. We see God is effective at saving Jews and Gentiles by faith alone throughout the Old Testament and New Testament. One of the saddest and worst things in all the world is to see people who are steeped in religion but do not know God. As we studied last week, chapter 10 brings to light the simplicity of the gospel. The Son of God was given from heaven in human form to live perfect and holy, then die as a substitute sacrifice for our sins. Then, Christ was raised from the "abyss", the grave, and resurrected. So God makes it simple for everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord to find righteousness in Christ.

Paul asks four questions as to how the Gospel of Jesus is to be communicated, so everyone who does call upon the name of the Lord is saved.

### **Romans 10:13-17**

*"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? **15** 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!'" **16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" **17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."*

#### **1. A Person Must BELIEVE in the Gospel.**

#### **2. A Person Needs ACCESS to the Gospel.**

*"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't."* **John Piper**

#### **3. A Person Needs a PREACHER of the Gospel.**

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

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

**Revelation 7:9-10**

#### **4. A Preacher of the Gospel is SENT by God.**

"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." **Isaiah 52:7**

"Our own countrymen have the means of grace, and may attend on the word preached if they chose it. They have the means of knowing the truth, and faithful ministers are placed in almost every part of the land, whose spheres of action might be much extended if their congregations were but more hearty and active in the cause: but with them the case is widely different, who have no Bible, no written language, (which many of them have not) no ministers, no good civil government, nor any of those advantages which we have. Pity therefore, humanity, and much more Christianity, call loudly for every possible exertion to introduce the gospel among them." **William Carey, An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for Conversions of the Heathen, (London: Baptist Missionary Society, 1942) 18.**

#### **Salvation through Jesus Christ**

The single most important decision you could ever make is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death. Yet through God's love, only Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead — YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins, BELIEVE in Jesus thereby receiving His forgiveness. And identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.