

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 10

Lesson 12

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. From last week's lesson or lecture what aspect of God's sovereignty ministered to you?

2. Not only has God provided the means for salvation, but He *desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth* (1 Timothy 2:4). God's terms for salvation are by faith in the person and accomplishments of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. In fact, there is no possibility of salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12). The same holds true for Jew and Gentile alike. When the Jews came to Jesus asking, *What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?* Jesus definitively answered, *This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent* (John 6:28-29). In Romans 10, Paul highlighted the absolute need of faith in Christ for both the Jews and Gentiles. He first pointed out the folly of Israel's rejection of faith. From there, he expounded on the glorious results of faith, sounded the rallying call to faith, and warned of the ramifications of resisting faith. Use the divisions below to note and comment on the essentiality of faith:
 - a. Romans 10:1-4

 - b. Romans 10:5-10

 - c. Romans 10:11-15

 - d. Romans 10:16-21

3. Write a prayer asking God to use this study of His Word to stir up your faith in Jesus Christ.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
Romans 10:17

SECOND DAY: Read Romans 10:1–4

1. What was Paul's *heart's desire and prayer*? Romans 10:1
 - a. Recall Paul's attitude toward the Jews in Romans 9:1–3. What do you find remarkable about his attitude?
2. What did Paul acknowledge about the Jews in Romans 10:2?
 - a. Use Galatians 1:13–14 to explain why Paul could identify with them.
 - (1) Why is it dangerous to have *zeal for God* without *knowledge*? See also 2 Peter 1:5,9.
3. Use Romans 10:3 to note and comment on the Jews' folly concerning:
 - a. *God's righteousness*
 - b. *Their own righteousness*
 - (1) Paul previously held the same views as his fellow Jews, but the Gospel transformed his perspective. Use Philippians 3:7–9 to note and comment on his transformed view of:
 - (a) God's righteousness
 - (b) his own righteousness
4. What does Romans 10:4 declare concerning Jesus Christ?
 - a. Link this with Matthew 5:17. What do you see?
5. Using what you studied today, summarize the folly of those who reject faith in Jesus Christ.

THIRD DAY: Read Romans 10:5–10

1. According to Romans 10:5, what did Moses write about *the righteousness which is of the law*?
 - a. Why is this impossible? See also Psalm 53:2–3 and Galatians 3:21–22.
2. In Romans 10:6–8 Paul quoted Moses (Deuteronomy 30:12–13) to build his case that *faith's way of getting right with God* (NLT) does not come by attempting to reach heaven or breach hell. On the contrary, what did Moses declare about *faith*? Romans 10:8
 - a. Read the following quote by Spurgeon: *The fact is, all that can be done has been done. Why do you want to do what is already done? All that can be felt has been felt; why do you want to feel it? "It is finished," said Christ, why do you strive to do it over again?* How does this quote amplify the need for faith?
 - b. In Romans 10:5–8 Paul quoted from Leviticus and Deuteronomy, which contain the Mosaic Law. Why do you think he did this?
3. Use Romans 10:9 to fill in the blanks: *That if you _____ with your _____ the Lord Jesus and _____ in your _____ that God has _____ from the dead, you will be _____.*
 - a. What do you find most compelling about this declaration?
4. From Romans 10:10 record the activity and the results of faith that deal with:
 - a. *The heart*
 - b. *The mouth*
5. Gleaning from your study today, how would you lead someone to salvation in Christ?

FOURTH DAY: Read Romans 10:11-15

1. In Romans 10:11 Paul referred to Isaiah's prophecy concerning Jesus (Isaiah 28:16). What does *the Scripture* say concerning those who believe in Jesus?
 - a. How does this *Scripture* minister to you?
2. According to Romans 10:12, why is there *no distinction* between Jew and Greek (Gentile)?
 - a. What is the necessary requirement for *all*? See also Acts 4:12.
3. Print the truth Paul proclaimed in Romans 10:13.
 - a. Share a way this speaks to you concerning:
 - (1) The accessibility of salvation
 - (2) The simplicity of salvation
4. In Romans 10:14-15a Paul used a series of four rhetorical questions relating to the means of salvation. Write these questions in your own words, remarking on the importance of each:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - (1) How does this challenge you as a believer?
5. In Romans 10:15b Paul quoted Isaiah 52:7. What did Isaiah say about those who *preach the gospel*?
 - a. Link this with the following Scriptures and share any inspiration you receive:
 - (1) Proverbs 11:30b
 - (2) Daniel 12:3b

FIFTH DAY: Read Romans 10:16–21

1. Although the Gospel was preached to Israel, *not all obeyed*. Paul confirmed this by quoting Isaiah's incredulous exclamation, *Lord, who has believed our report?* (Romans 10:16). Why was Israel's unbelief so surprising?
2. According to Romans 10:17, how is it that *faith comes*?
 - a. Using Romans 10:17 suggest some ways you can strengthen your *faith*.
 - b. Share a time your *faith* was strengthened.
3. Paul then addressed Israel's rejection of the Gospel when he asked, *Have they not heard?* and, *Did Israel not know?* (Romans 10:18a, 19a). Remark on Israel's culpability using the following verses:
 - a. Psalm 19:4 (Romans 10:18b)
 - b. Deuteronomy 32:21 (Romans 10:19b)
 - c. Isaiah 65:1 (Romans 10:20)
 - (1) Note that these quotes are from the revered patriarchs and prophets of Israel (David, Moses, and Isaiah). How does this amplify Israel's rejection of the Gospel?
4. In spite of this, what did God say to Israel? Romans 10:21
 - a. What does this convey to you concerning:
 - (1) God
 - (2) Israel

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. Use your study this week from Romans 10 to note and comment on:
 - a. The folly of the Jews rejection of faith (Romans 10:2-5)
 - b. The accessibility of faith (Romans 10:6-13)
 - c. The announcement of faith (Romans 10:14-18)
 - d. The results of Israel's resistance to faith (Romans 10:19-21)
2. Why is faith in Jesus essential for salvation?
3. From your study this week briefly explain how someone can be saved.

For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.
Romans 10:13