

The Truth That Transforms: The Book Of Romans
“Developing A Heart For The Lost” Romans 10
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Big Idea: If we want real life change, we must allow God’s Word to transform us.

God’s Sovereignty And Our Freewill: God is all wise, all powerful and has a divine plan to save the world. In the complexity of God’s plan, He gave mankind the freedom and responsibility to make moral choices with blessings for obedience and painful consequences for disobedience. All of us have sinned and fallen short of God’s holiness and are therefore unable to save ourselves. God being just and merciful sent His one and only son Jesus to pay for our sins upon the cross. God offers the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. We have the responsibility to either accept or reject His gracious offer of salvation.

Three Questions To Help Us Develop A Heart For The Lost:

1. Will I Pray For The Lost?

“Dear brothers and sisters, the **longing of my heart** and my **prayer** to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. **Romans 10:1 (NLT2)**

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)**

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2. Will I Learn To Value People That Think Differently Than Me?

² I know what **enthusiasm** they have for God, but it is **misdirected zeal**.
³ For **they don’t understand God’s way** of making people right with himself. **Refusing to accept God’s way, they cling to their own way** of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For Moses writes that the law’s way of making a person right with God requires obedience to **all of its commands**.
⁶ But faith’s way of getting right with God says, “Don’t say in your heart, ‘Who will go up to heaven’ (to bring Christ down to earth). ⁷ And don’t say, ‘Who will go down to the place of the dead’ (to bring Christ back to life again).” **Romans 10:2-7 (NLT2)**

“Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you...²⁶ From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. ²⁷ God did this so that men would **seek him** and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though **he is not far from each one of us**. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' ²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring,

we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by man's design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, **but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.** ³¹ For he has **set a day** when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by **raising him from the dead."** Acts 17:22-23, 26-31 (NIV)

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3. Will I Share The Message Of Jesus Christ?

⁸ In fact, it says, **"The message is very close at hand**; it is on your lips and in your heart." And that message is the very message about **faith** that we preach: ⁹ **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.** ¹⁰ For it is by **believing** in your heart that you are **made right with God**, and it is **by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.** ¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, **"Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."** ¹² **Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect.** They have the **same Lord**, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For **"Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."** Romans 10:8-13 (NLT2)

¹⁴ But how can they **call** on him to save them unless they **believe in him**?

And how can they believe in him if they have never **heard** about him?

And how can they hear about him unless someone **tells** them?

¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being **sent**? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

¹⁶ But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "LORD, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ **So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. Romans 10:14-17(NLT2)**

We Are Without Excuse – God Is Reaching Out To Us

¹⁸ But I ask, have the people of Israel actually **heard the message**? **Yes**, they have: **"The message has gone throughout the earth, and the words to all the world."** ¹⁹ But I ask, did the people of Israel **really understand**? **Yes**, they did, for even in the time of Moses, God said, "I will rouse **your jealousy** through people who are not even a nation. I will **provoke your anger** through the **foolish Gentiles.**" ²⁰ And later **Isaiah** spoke boldly for God, saying, "I was **found** by people who **were not looking for me**. I showed myself to those who were **not asking for me.**" ²¹ But regarding Israel, God said, **"All day long I opened my arms to them, but they were disobedient and rebellious."** Romans 10:18-21 (NLT2)

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➤ **Who has God placed on your heart to pray for?**

My next right step, I will develop a heart for the lost by:

[] Praying, "Lord, give me a heart for those who don't know you." 3 weeks

[] Continuing or beginning to journal through the Romans devotional

[] Sharing my story of faith to someone I know.

[] Volunteering to serve: [] Children's Ministry [] Café [] First Impressions

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Icebreaker for families: Share a time when you were lost?

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Three Questions To Help Us Develop A Heart For The Lost:

1. Will I Pray For The Lost?

Read Romans 10:1

Who do you long for to have a relationship with Jesus?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Who are we to pray for? Why?

What prayer requests, intercession, and thanksgiving can be made for people at your work or school?

2. Will I Learn To Value People That Think Differently Than Me?

Read Romans 10:2-7

How does Paul demonstrate value to his Jewish friends who have rejected Jesus?

What are they missing?

Read Acts 17:22-23, 26-31

How does Paul address the council at Athens?

Where does he find common ground?

Although their practice of idolatry and prostitution would have been offensive to Paul, how does he treat them?

What can you learn from Paul’s approach?

What does this passage teach you about God’s sovereignty?

What does it teach you about free will?

3. Will I Share The Message Of Jesus Christ?

Read Romans 10:8-13

According to verses 9-10, what must one do to be saved?

What does it mean to call Jesus your Lord?

How would the attitude of one coming to Christ on their own performance (V. 10:5) be different then someone coming by faith?

To whom is salvation offered? Vv. 11-13

What does verse 13 promise us?

What does Romans 10:21 tell you about God's heart?

What keeps you from sharing your faith?

- Don't know how to bring it up?
- Afraid of possible objections?
- Don't pray for opportunities?
- Forgotten what's at stake?
- Don't care?
- Forgotten the power of the gospel?

What can you do this week to begin sharing Jesus?

Who is God calling you to share this message of hope in Jesus?

Close in prayer.