

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO A WORLD IN UNBELIEF?

ROMANS 10: 8-13 *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" ⁹because, 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. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

- **CALL ON THE NAME OF JESUS: BE A VISIBLE WITNESS FOR JESUS**

ROMANS 10:14-15 ¹⁴How 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? ¹⁵And 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!"

- **PROCLAIM THE NAME OF JESUS: BE A VERBAL WITNESS FOR JESUS**

REFLECTION / LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Read Romans 9:1-10:15

- Have you ever asked the question why some people come to faith and others do not?
- Have you ever been tempted to question God's word or God's character in response to the unbelief you experience in this world?
- How is Paul's example of heartbrokenness for the lost similar or dissimilar from your own emotional response?
- How does the fact that your salvation is entirely the result of God's election move you to greater gratitude?
- How would Romans 9-10 answer someone who says God is unjust?
- How could you have "beautiful feet," sharing the Good News today?
- Do you have any unanswered question from this text you need to wrestle with?



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GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Romans 9-10 ~ JULY 27th, 2016

Romans 8:29-30

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

WHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHANGES,
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR WORLD CHANGES

HOW SHALL WE RESPOND TO A WORLD IN UNBELIEF?

ROMANS 9:1-5 (ESV) *I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.*

➤ HEARTBROKEN, NOT APATHETIC TO OUR UNBELIEVING WORLD

ROMANS 9:6-13 ⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

➤ IN OUR HEARTBROKENNESS FOR OUR UNBELIEVING WORLD WE CANNOT ALTER GOD'S WORD

- Election = Those who freely come to God are those that God has freely chosen.

ROMANS 9:14-18 ¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” ¹⁶So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” ¹⁸So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

➤ IN OUR HEARTBROKENNESS FOR OUR UNBELIEVING WORLD WE CAN NOT ALTER GOD'S CHARACTER

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD WHEN QUESTIONING JUSTICE

ROMANS 9:19-21 ¹⁹You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” ²⁰But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

- GOD MADE US AND HAS A RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP OVER US

ROMANS 9:22-24 ²²What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— ²⁴even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

- GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF OUR SALVATION WE ARE THE AUTHORS OF OUR SIN

ROMANS 9:25-31 ²⁵As indeed he says in Hosea, “Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’” ...³⁰What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.

- GOD CHOOSES TO BLESS THOSE WHO DO NOT DESERVE IT & COULD NOT HAVE PREDICTED IT.