

Believe and Confess, God's Awesome Plan

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Romans 10:1-17

1) His Grace (Romans 9)

Election and Choice

I follow Jesus; that is the only man that I follow!

"Does scripture speak of election, yes and does scripture speak of choice, yes, how do the two work together? I don't know but I know they do." ~ **Danny Akin**

God knows who will trust in Jesus and be saved, I don't. I don't need to wring my hands with the semantics, but trust that God knows and it's my job to live and share the Gospel.

"Do you feel yourself to be a lost, guilty sinner? Go straight to the cross of Christ, and tell Jesus so, and tell Him that you have read in the Bible, 'Whoever comes to me I will never cast out.' Tell Him that He has said, 'The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' Look to Jesus and believe on Him, and you shall make proof of your election directly, for as surely as you believe, you are elect. If you will give yourself wholly up to Christ and trust Him, then you are one of God's chosen ones."

~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:44

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Romans 10:13

We have the tendency sometimes to focus on things that we may not be able to fully comprehend and often spend much time trying to. What can be agreed on, known and trusted is that Jesus is our only hope and we are to put our trust in and follow Him.

We are saved only by God's Grace.

2) His Son (Romans 10:2-13)

We must not "create" or "grab at" another way (false gospel – vs. 2).

We must preach the full Gospel, not half or false Gospel.

- Legalism
- Prosperity
- You are good enough

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 17:3

Notice they had zeal for God, and probably looked the part, maybe even "worshiped" God, followed His laws and made good choices. However, they were seeking their own gospel.

Their righteous was keeping the law; what is yours?

- Being **born** in America
- **Parents** are Christians
- Good **works**

Trying to do it on their own (law) - vs. 3.

Trying to get to God any other way than through **Jesus** is a waste, wrong and Hell bound!

Give **up**, give **in** and let God.

Verses 9-13 shows us they believed God, the law and also they could be made right before God through Jesus.

Three important words:

- **Believe**
- **Confess**
- **Repent**

3) His **Means**

You and me

Now that's just for "preachers". The word preaching/preachers means to "**proclaim**". This is for all Christ followers.

So how does Faith come? By hearing and hearing by the Word of God! We proclaim the Word.

*Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:18-21***

Church...Community...Country...Continents

Church – Includes family (either saved or we want to see come to know Jesus) Salvation and discipleship.

Community – Be the Hands and Feet of Christ – Schools, Community needs, local authority, disaster relief (local), mentoring, to name a few.

Country – Pray for and be on mission with – family mission trips

Continents – Pray for and go. 3015 unreached people groups.

What are WE to do?

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20

Prayer Focus:

- **I would trust in God's sovereignty and plan.**
- **I would receive God's Grace.**
- **I would, out of obedience, share the Gospel.**