

Romans 10:8–17 sits within Paul's wider discussion in Romans 9–11 about Israel, salvation, and God's purposes. Paul contrasts trying to establish righteousness through the law with receiving righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. He stresses that salvation is available to everyone—Jew and Gentile alike—who believes in Jesus and calls on his name. The passage then moves from personal faith to the importance of proclamation. People cannot believe in someone they have never heard about, so the gospel must be shared. Paul concludes that faith comes through hearing the message, and the message is heard through Christ.

What do you find most challenging when it comes to sharing the gospel? - Read: Romans 10:8-17

1. What does Paul mean when he says, "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart"?
Romans 10:8; Deuteronomy 30:14
2. Is Romans 10:9 a formula for salvation? See also 1 Corinthians 12:3.
3. We often talk about the Cross being essential in proclaiming the good news, but why is the resurrection of Jesus just as important? 1 Corinthians 15:3–4, 14–17.
4. What distinction does Paul make between believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth?
Matthew 12:34
5. Read *Romans 10:11; Isaiah 28:16; Romans 8:1*. How might this encourage someone who feels unworthy to come to Jesus?

6. Read *Romans 10:13 & Acts 16:30–31*. How would you explain to someone, in simple language, what they need to do to become a Christian?
7. What does v14 teach us about the importance of Christians actually speaking about their faith?
8. Why does Paul say that someone needs to be "sent" to preach the gospel?
9. What do you think Paul means by, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news"? *Romans 10:15; Isaiah 52:7*
10. Can you think of someone whose willingness to share the gospel had an important impact on your life?
11. In v16 Why does hearing the gospel not automatically result in everyone believing it? *Isaiah 53:1; John 12:37–38*
12. Some Christians lose contact with people who are not Christians. Is there anything we can do to maintain opportunities to witness to others?



Prayer Points

Pray for the work of CAP, Foodbank and HUG as they support those in our community.

Pray for the ongoing conflicts in our world and pray against the threat of further escalation. Pray against the enemy that would seek to cause chaos and further fear in our world.

Sermon Notes



BIBLE STUDY

September 20th 2026

'From the Street to the Table'

The Street
Romans 10:8-17

Jesus calls His followers to “make disciples” and to teach them to obey everything He has commanded (Matthew 28:19–20). Where do you start with someone who is new to the faith? How do we engage with people in the first place? Discipleship is a lifelong process, not something we complete (Philippians 1:6). The goal is to become increasingly like Jesus, growing in love, holiness and maturity (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18), while encouraging and helping others to follow Him too. How does that happen in our church? This series maps out a simple understanding for how we make disciples as a church, not just new Christians, but throughout our lives.

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