



EXALTING JESUS CHRIST

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GRACE

“Pursue and Proclaim – Part 1”

ROMANS 10:1-15

MAIN POINT: GOD HAS MADE A WAY FOR THE LOST TO CALL UPON THE NAME OF JESUS AND BE SAVED.

I. Who are the lost? (10:1-4)

See Romans 3:32a, 3:20

II. What do the lost need? (10:5-13)

“Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ – that is, to bring Christ down (as though he had never become incarnate and lived on earth)...or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ – that is, to bring him back from the realms of the dead, the nethermost deep (as though he had not already been raised up to newness of life)...No; this is what the good news of justification says: *The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart* – that is, the message of faith which we proclaim. It is with the lips and in the heart that the saving response to this message is made.” (F. F. Bruce)

See Leviticus 18:5; Deuteronomy 30:12-14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32

III. How are the lost to hear? (10:14-15)

See Isaiah 52:7

Application Questions:

- 1) When you hear about evangelism, does it evoke fear in your heart? If so, why? If not, why not?
- 2) In what ways do you see others seeking to be right with God on their own terms? What methods do they employ? Are there ways you seek to attain your own righteousness? If so, what do you need to be reminded of?
- 3) In what specific way has God not changed? How can this help you in giving you more focus in proclamation of the Gospel to the lost?
- 4) What is the Gospel message?
- 5) What are heralds meant to announce? Do heralds have other responsibilities? How can this help liberate you from undue pressure to make something happen?

Take time to pray: pray to love the Gospel more, pray to love others with the Gospel, pray for specific people to share the gospel with this week.