

THE HEART OF GOD
Romans 10:1-17 (NIV)

I speak the truth in Christ--I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit--²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race.

Romans 9:1-3 (NIV)

❖ God's Heart DESIRE for All Mankind:

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ²For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Romans 10:1-4 (NIV)

1. You can be SPIRITUAL without being SAVED.

For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.

Romans 10:2 (NIV)

2. You can believe you are RIGHT with GOD because of your GOOD WORKS.

Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own...

Romans 10:3 (NIV)

3. The BEGINNING and the END of salvation is Jesus Christ.

Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Romans 10:4 (NIV)

❖ God's Heart ANSWER for Man's Rescue:

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Romans 10:8-11 (NIV)

1. First we have to acknowledge that JESUS is LORD of our life.

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:8-9 (NIV)

2. When you turn your life over to Jesus it is a HEART and a HEAD decision.
For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
Romans 10:10 (NIV)

3. When we say yes to Jesus, He promises us that He will ALWAYS be THERE.
As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."
Romans 10:11 (NIV)

❖ God's Heart PLAN to Restore Mankind:
How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)

1. For people to be saved and come to Christ they need someone to TELL THEM.
How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
Romans 10:14a (NIV)

2. For people to be saved from Hell we must SHARE Jesus and SEND others.
And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent?
Romans 10:14b-15a (NIV)

3. God will BLESS and REWARD those who are faithful to share His Good News.
As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
Romans 10:15b (NIV)

❖ Closing Truth: Even though all will HEAR, not all will RECEIVE.
But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.
Romans 10:16-17 (NIV)