

The Romans Road

Welcome back and here we go! Today I promised we would go down the Romans Road. We will start with a basic understanding. If you research it, the best description is this:

The Romans Road to Salvation is a simple way to share the Christian message of salvation through faith in Christ using verses from the Book of Romans.

I will just say, if you memorize just these verses, you can feel confident in sharing the Good News, and actually be able to lead someone to Christ.

- 1) What would you say to someone to convince them to accept Christ?

I am not sure how long that round took, but it is an important question! So, the beginning of this process starts where we left off last week.

Romans 1:16-17 ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

You see it is not about the knowledge, although that helps. It is really about your love for Christ and your willingness to share. If someone needs CPR, I say, "I know G.P.S." meaning I can get you to someone else ----- but I know enough about my own need. My life was a mess.

Romans 3:23 ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- 2) Why is it important to know that "all ... sin ..."?

Everyone sins and sin keeps us from living an abundant life. Yet God so loved us....

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Christ has already paid the price for your sin. That is how much God loves you. God wants a relationship with you.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- 3) How does sin separate us from God?

So far we are here:

- a) I am not ashamed.
- b) I am a sinner.
- c) Jesus died for that sin.
- d) Our sin separates us from God.

First, you establish that we all have sin and we all need a savior --- that the alternative is to die in our sin.

It is from here that we make the transition to asking a person if they are ready to make a commitment. I generally start with a straightforward question: *“Are you ready to make a commitment”?*

They may or may not say yes, so I then continue with...

Romans 10:9-10 ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

In order to receive a new life with Christ, you must believe that He died for you. If we are having this conversation, the Holy Spirit got us here. So now, trust Jesus and not yourself. (Here is where people get *“ashamed”*.)

- 4) Why do we get afraid to ask? Or do you?

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

People get opportunities to share the Gospel. People can't believe in what they don't know..... You don't have to be a preacher, you just have to believe the **Word of Truth** and be ready to share.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

- 5) What does it mean *“there is now no condemnation”*?

That verse starts an amazing chapter that demonstrates our inability to lose salvation. So, it is up to us to share whenever possible.

Today, I sent out *Romans 10:13-14*. It is a reminder that God wants us to engage.

Next week: Romans chapters 2 and 3 ===== Legalism =====