

## Romans 10, Daily Devotions

### ☐ Monday - Jesus is Lord!

Romans 10:9

In the first century, emperor worship was enforced in varying degrees throughout the Roman Empire, and the people were forced to confess, "Caesar is Lord." But Christians resolutely refused and instead declared, "Jesus is Lord!" This was considered treason and as a result many Christians lost their jobs, their possessions, their freedom, and some lost their lives (Heb. 10:34; Rev. 2:13). Yet this is still the litmus test of authentic Christianity, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved" (Rom. 10:9). Twenty centuries later, this must be our confession too!

Read Matthew 10:32-33

### ☐ Tuesday - The Cure for Disappointment.

Romans 10:11

There are many disappointments in this life. People make promises that they will do certain things or be in a certain place and then don't follow through. Someone that you thought was a friend turns his back on you. Certain things that you were counting on in the future have fallen through. But even though people and circumstances in this world often disappoint us, Scripture gives us this assurance: "Whoever believes in [Christ] will not be disappointed" (Rom. 10:11). Friend, you can trust in the Lord with all your heart (Prov. 3:5-6). He will never let you down. Read 2 Cor. 1:20; Hebrews 6:16-19

### ☐ Wednesday - "Whosoever": a Genuine Invitation.

Romans 10:12-13

The apostle proclaims, "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for 'whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Rom. 10:12-13). As in John 3:16, much is made of the word "whoever," and for good reason. This is a real offer of eternal life to all mankind! But there is a problem: man is dead in sin (Eph. 2:1). What can dead men do? Nothing! (Rom. 3:9-12; 8:7) This general offer would be about as effective as a man handing out party invitations in a graveyard, if it were not for one huge difference. God is able to raise and renew those who are spiritually dead! Christian, give thanks to the One who has the power to raise the dead and who called you with an effectual call out of the graveyard of sin and death.

Read Ephesians 2:1-9

### ☐ Thursday - Beautiful Feet.

Romans 10:14-15

Concerning the *Great Commission* and the Lord's commandment to all Christians to make disciples (Mt. 28:19), the apostle Paul explains, "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!'" (Rom. 10:14-15). Every Christian is called to be a preacher, maybe not as a full-time profession, but in everyday practice. Christian, preach the Gospel first to yourself, then to your family and friends. Shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel" (Eph. 6:15), and then get them moving. We've got good news to share!

Read Isaiah 52:7

### ☐ Friday - The Spirit and The Word.

Romans 10:17

Faith is given by God (Eph. 2:8; Rom. 12:3; Acts 13:48), as a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22), and yet the Spirit of God never operates upon the human heart apart from the Word of God. Therefore, the apostle reminds us, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). And as the hungry heart of every true disciple cries out, "Lord, increase our faith!" (Lk. 17:5), the Lord produces new faith by sending forth the Holy Spirit to illuminate the minds of those who read or hear His Word. The Lord declares, "Behold, I will pour out my Spirit on you; I will make my words known to you" (Prov. 1:23).

Read Joshua 1:8