

**THESIS: To show the dire need all humanity has for the powerful gospel.**

**INTRO:** I am coming to you with this lesson because I wish for this church to become an evangelical outreach station. For that to happen we need certain information and certain motivation.

Here are three **REMINDERS FROM ROMANS**. You will see how central these are to our need.

**I) THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE FROM SIN-Romans 1:16**

**A) *Gospel Is Good News. We were all dead in our sins, but God came to the rescue.***

- 1) This is specific good news. It is all about Jesus and his sacrifice for us
- 2) Salvation is only possible with God and God used Jesus to pay for us
- 3) We have been bought with a great price. [the life of our sinless saviour] cf **John 1:29**

**B) *The Specific Good News Is Clear And Unmistakable.***

- 1) The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus for our sins(**I Cor. 15:1-4**), is what saves and keeps us.
- 2) This is clearly the work of God. Imagine hearing Jesus call to a dead 4-day dead Lazarus, "Come forth!" You would think, "crazy man, does he not know that dead people can't hear?"
- 3) *This illustrates what takes place in the spiritual realm. See Eph. 2:1-5*

**II) THE GOSPEL IS ONLY ACCESSED BY FAITH- Romans 1:17**

**A) *Try To Gain Salvation Any Other Way And It Fails, 100% Of The Time.***

- 1) Faith suggests trust in the power of another not self.
- 2) Faith that saves also is specific

**B) *The Specific Faith Here Is In The Finished Work Of Jesus On The Cross For Me!***

- 1) While faith is described as "trusting to the point of commitment," there is more
- 2) We must have faith in sacrifice; that it is enough for us.
- 3) Jesus had to be perfect to be our sacrifice and God must be satisfied. He was!
- 4) Moses tried to do a similar thing but without success. **Exodus 32:31-33**

**III) THE GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED- Romans 10**

**A) *If God Gave His Son And The Son Gave Salvation To Us, What Should We Do?***

- 1) Go, preach the gospel to every creature **Mark 16:15,16**
- 2) Listen to the logic in **Romans 10:12-15**

**B) *Each One Of Us Has This Responsibility!***

- 1) Each of you can tell his neighbour better than I can.
- 2) Every Christian is a minister. "Minister" is a word that means servant. It is not a term of elevation and elimination. See KJ of **Mark 10:43,44** then check on a modern Bible like NIV
- 3) Was talking to a Jehovah's Witness lady. She told me all those who were baptized are ministers, ladies and men. I thought, "right on."

**C) *The Early Christians Knew This Information***

- 1) See Acts **8:1-4** and then jump to **Acts 11:19**
- 2) The material in between is parenthetical. Reading **10:4** and **11:19** make perfect sense.

**CONCLUSION:**

Unfortunately, modern man is much like the people of India following British rule for 300 years. Subsequent to independence, a group of sociologists entered India to determine the effect foreign domination had had on the people. Village after village was studied, month upon month went by, and the results were startling. The "people" of India were not only unaware the British had departed ... they were unaware the British had been there in the firstplace. Indians were born, lived, and died without ever knowing their sovereign lived in London, thousands of miles away. People today are born, live out their lives, and die ... not ever knowing their Sovereign lives in heaven across an infinite divide. How will they know their sovereign has provided a Deliverer unless someone is sent to tell them.

