

I. Introduction to Romans

Turn back to the book of Romans, and we are going to start in Romans chapter 8 today, where we left off last week. We are coming through the New Testament now. We have come through the Old Testament, and we are taking it book by book to talk about how Christ is portrayed in each book of the Bible. We are not really laying out the book verse by verse, but we are looking at great aspects that teach you that when you think of a particular book in the Bible, you get a better understanding of how Christ is typified.

The Lord Jesus Christ is one of the central figures in the Bible. Much of the Bible is around His life in the New Testament and what He taught. Everything in the Old Testament is based around the prophecies that foretold His coming. He is a main character in the Bible, and when God put the Bible together, He took each book of the Bible and portrayed His Son from a different standpoint. In the book of Romans, for instance, we know that Christ is typified as our righteousness, and that is what the book of Romans does. We got halfway through it last week and got into chapter 8 and ran out of time, and we will finish it up this week.

My goal is to show you how some of these key books fit into the overall aspect of your Bible. It is very important that if you are ever going to get to the place in your life where you really have a good handle on the Bible, you have to know not only the books and the things about those books as far as what they teach, but you need to know how it fits into the overall plan of your Bible. That is very important.

We have taken a lot of time, especially with the New Testament, because that is what affects you and me. The Old Testament affects us too, but in a more direct way, we live in the New Testament. Understanding everything that is going on around us, everything in our history, like our own country, the history of the world as far as the New Testament times, and certainly the future, all hangs on you understanding how the Bible lays itself out. The key to that is understanding how these books in the Bible all fit together. We have taken a lot of time to show you these things and try to get you, and hopefully you are fitting it in as we go along.

I talked to you about the Gospels, and I told you how those are your historical books. They really show you the foundation and the history of the New Testament. It starts with John the Baptist and then moves into the apostles, and each book ends with the crucifixion of Christ. Everything in there is something that you need to know and understand and helps further our understanding.

Then we came to the book of Acts. Where Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were four historical books that laid a foundation, Acts then is a transitional book. Acts begins to bring us through the changeover from the Old Testament to the New Testament, from the Jew to the Gentile. By the time we get to Acts chapter 28, the church is firmly established and on its way. That is why Romans is so important, because now that the church has been established, Romans, this book we are studying now, is the book that once the church is established, we are given our doctrinal

foundation. We are told in the book of Romans what we believe and why we believe it. That is why it is so important.

Once Paul gets done setting that book down, notice how the books are in a specific order here. Then Paul writes to seven churches, and after he writes to those seven churches, he writes to three individuals who are New Testament Christians. He builds on the doctrine that he established in Romans and lays it out for us now that we as New Testament Christians know exactly what we believe and why we believe it.

Let me say that the Bible is the absolute final authority for all things in faith and practice. That is a true statement. When I say that, I simply mean this: The Bible is the absolute final authority for you and me in all things in faith. That is what you and I believe. That is what constitutes New Testament Christianity. When I talk about the Bible being the absolute final authority in all things in faith, I mean as far as what you and I hold to as a New Testament church. We know the true line. We have studied it through the book of Acts. We took a lot of time with Acts, and you know why this church stands on what it stands for and why this church mirrors as close as we can with a New Testament church going back through the line to Antioch. That is our faith.

So when I make the statement that the Bible is the absolute final authority in all things in faith, I am talking about the fact that the Bible is the book that tells us what to believe. But then I always tell you the Bible is the absolute final authority in all things in faith and practice. Where faith is what we believe, practice is what we do with what we believe. Those two aspects are key to understanding how the Bible works in your life. The Bible is not only a book that tells you what to believe, the Bible is also a book that tells you how to live your life after you do believe and in all the areas that you need.

Romans builds to a high crescendo. It starts out in chapter 1 and then moves its way up and gets to the point where it establishes itself on a high note and gives us a process. We went through this just to get everybody up to speed quickly as an introduction again.

Remember chapter 1, he talks about the Gentiles and how they deal with God or God deals with them on the basis of their conscience. He is laying a foundation. Chapter 2, he makes it very clear that when God dealt with the Jews, He did not deal with them on their conscience. He gave them a written law. We know it as the Old Testament, the Mosaic law. He gave them that law, and that law was the basis by which He dealt with them.

Now in Romans, he is moving through and he is beginning to show us that in the New Testament, now that Christ has come, now that He has died on the cross, now that His blood has been shed, everything has changed. So in chapter 3, he shows us that the Gentile who dealt with God based on his conscience and the Jew who dealt with God on the law, it does not work anymore. It has changed so much that we are in the New Testament. God dealing with you on your conscience like He did in the Old Testament with the Gentiles, or the Jew following a law like he did in the Old Testament, is not going to work anymore. Now we are introduced to a new format.

In Romans chapter 4, he begins to tell us, after he showed where the Gentiles are, where the Jews are, now he lays out this and he says the only thing that is going to solve the Gentiles' problem, and they have some issues, we looked at those last week, and the only thing that is going to solve the Jews' problem, and they have some issues, we looked at that last week, is not God dealing with them on the conscience or the Gentile or the law with the Jew. Now the only thing that is going to work for either one is that we now have to get God's righteousness. That is the theme of Romans with Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is our righteousness.

Then he begins to walk through each chapter. Once we get into chapter 5 through chapter 11, we are into what I call the great doctrinal chapters in the book of Romans. We are into chapters now that begin to really lay out these great concepts.

In chapter 5, one of the memory verses that your kids had to learn, Romans 5:1.

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

He begins to explain how you and I as sinners, how you and I as people who do not deserve anything from God, how God would give us His righteousness. We talked about all the doctrines that go along with that. It is a tremendous study.

We saw in chapter 6, we talked about the baptism of Jesus' death. What it means to be, from a Bible standpoint, to be baptized in the Holy Ghost, not in a charismatic way, in a Bible way. We talked about Romans chapter 6, that baptism into Jesus' death has nothing to do with water. It has to do with the true baptism that puts you and I into Christ.

Then in chapter 7, he begins to talk about our relationship to the law of God and how we are in Christ Jesus. The law really does not affect us anymore once we get saved, and he lays that out.

II. Romans 8: Glorification and Predestination

Then we came to what I probably think is the high point in Romans, as far as the doctrine is concerned. Now we come into Romans chapter 8. Romans chapter 8 is an incredible chapter. Romans chapter 8 is the great chapter in the doctrine of glorification, probably the deepest chapter in the book of Romans, and there is so much in it that it is an unbelievable chapter.

We talk about God's eternal plan, and I told you how God has three plans in the Bible.

1. He has a plan for the universe. There is a reason why He made it.
2. He has a plan for Earth. There is a reason why He fashioned Earth.
3. God has a plan for your life.

They are all three tied together. We saw that in the book of Romans.

We have the great study of the two great adoptions for you and for me. This really helps you understand what happened. In the first discipleship lessons, for those of you that come through discipleship, you will find that those lessons are designed to give you the basics about the Bible.

I put those lessons together years and years ago. The first lesson I found that most people struggled with was a lesson that says what happened the day you got saved? Most of God's people do not really know what happened the day they got saved. They know the terminology. They know I trusted Christ or I was washed in the blood or I got salvation. They know all the terms. That is not what I am talking about. I am talking about what changed about you 30 seconds, two milliseconds after you trusted Christ as your own personal Savior. What is different about your body, your soul, and your spirit? That, of course, is laid out in Romans chapter 8.

Romans chapter 8 talks about two adoptions. When you got saved, your soul was adopted through a spiritual rebirth. Yet there is another adoption coming, and he talks about that in Romans chapter 8, and that is the redemption of your body. Someday you and I are going to get a glorified body just like Jesus Christ. All of that is incredible stuff that helps you learn about these great concepts.

Romans chapter 8, and we did not get into this last week, so I will finish it up here before we get into chapter 9. Romans chapter 8 defines a concept for you that many people get messed up with today in the church. We have talked about coming through all of these books how there are different heresies that are taught that people get. Some heresies will send you to hell. Some heresies will just mess you up in your Christian life. The Bible defines a lot of things, especially the book of Romans. In Romans chapter 8 verse 29, it defines for us one of the great heresies today that we find within the church, and that is the heresy of the concept of predestination. Romans chapter 8 verse 29 is the definitive verse on predestination.

Romans 8:29

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Most people that teach the concept of predestination, sometimes called Calvinism, teach it from the aspect that God in the distant past predestinated some people to go to heaven and some people to go to hell. This is your verse that explains predestination. I do not want to suggest that the concept of predestination is not a true Bible teaching because it is. But like most areas today, it is wrongly taught because they do not understand the definitions. There is no salvation in verse 29. No salvation anywhere. Predestination has never had anything to do with salvation in any time period down through history. You are not predestined to be saved. The verse says that after you are saved, you are predestined to get a body just like Jesus Christ. That is what predestination is in the Bible. God never predestinated you to be saved. He never predestinated anybody to be saved. But once you got saved, then He predestinated you to get the glorified body. That is your second adoption.

The people who are Calvinism, they could not teach Romans if it flew in the window and hit them in the face. They just do not have a clue. Here is another thing I thought about this week. Remember I taught you in the book of Acts, and I do not mess with people that get caught up in heresies. These are things that I teach you that you need to know for yourself. You will never convince a Calvinist that Calvinism is wrong. If he is into it, he is into it, you are not going to get him out of it.

The bottom line is simply this for you who are learning and growing: I try to teach you all the time, and we went through the book of Acts, I showed you the true church, the true line, the true Bible, and everything goes back to Antioch. The idea of John Calvin and this concept of predestination is not worth 15 seconds of my time because if you know the Bible, what I have taught you now, you know that whatever Calvin taught could not be correct or could not be part of the church because John Calvin is not in the true line. John Calvin does not go back to Antioch. John Calvin goes back to the Roman Catholic Church. It is things like that that really help you that when you are faced with them, you do not even have to wonder about them. Once you understand where the true biblical line is and you can trace it back, and you know what your Bible says, and you know where you got it, and you know the men that are associated with it, you do not get caught up into those kinds of things.

III. Romans 9-11: God's Plan for Israel and the Church

Romans chapter 9, 10, and 11 now. These three chapters go together as one unit. We are going to explain them individually, but I want you to put a note there in the beginning of your Bible that Romans chapter 9, 10, 11 go together as a complete study, and yet each one, as I said, deals with a different particular issue.

You want to make your Bible real simple, and that is what most people want to learn the Bible, but most people are afraid the Bible is so complicated that they cannot. Let me show you how simple the Bible is. The Bible is such a simple book when you just look at it from a simplistic way. The Bible is built around two identities, and those two identities are what the Bible is written around. I am not talking about God and the devil now, or Christ and the devil. I am talking about who the Bible is written to, and those two identities are what the Bible is built around.

The first one takes up the Old Testament, and that will be the nation of Israel. The second identity will take up the New Testament, and that will be the church. A while back, in fact, it was last year, we went through a thing on Bible basics, and I told you that if you gave me one Saturday a month throughout the summer, and I think we started in June, went June, July, and August, that I would help you put your Bible together in a way that you never had, and we called it a Bible basics class. I think I am going to do the same Bible basics class again because of all the new people here throughout the summer once we get to June, if I can find my notes on it.

I told you that in the Old Testament, once you understand that it is about the nation of Israel, then you have the complete Old Testament as far as its subject matter. Then you break the Old Testament down around the nation of Israel in four concepts. I laid these four concepts out, and I told you that the first concept you come across, once you understand that the complete Old Testament is simply about God bringing about the nation of Israel, then you see the full testament in four installments, so to speak.

- 1.) The first installment: You find where He lays out the foundation of the nation of Israel. That will be Genesis all the way up to the book of Exodus. All of that is nothing more than God laying the foundation for the nation of Israel.

- 2.) The second installment: The calling out of the nation of Israel. That happens in Exodus chapter 12. They are called out of Egypt, and that calling out will run you up through Judges and through Joshua and all up through there.
- 3.) The next installment: The establishment. That will be when they get into the land. That will be 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, and all of that takes place. That is the establishment.
- 4.) The fourth installment: The demise. The demise takes place after the death of Solomon, and we see it just go to pieces from there.

That is how your Old Testament is broken down. If you want to get a handle on the Old Testament, just get that material.

The second identity that is defined in the Bible is built around the New Testament. You get the Old Testament identity worked out, then you get the New Testament, and you pretty much have it. In the New Testament will be the church. Just like the Old Testament went through four installments to bring about the foundation, the calling out, the establishment, and the demise, the church does too. So when you think of the New Testament, you want to think of it like this:

- 1.) The foundation: That will be the Gospels and Acts chapter 1 through chapter 7.
- 2.) The calling out: That will be Acts chapter 8 up to Acts chapter 19.
- 3.) The church being established: That will be Acts chapter 20 up to 1900 in our own time frame.
- 4.) The demise of the church: It will be the latest in the church period, 1900 up to where we are at today.

It is just that simple. These three great chapters here build on that concept, and these chapters show you God's appreciation and dealing with the nation of Israel. Then it shows you God dealing with the church, and they are incredible chapters.

We talked about this Thursday night. We talked about our chart up there, and I told you how God's plan, and we get so limited in our viewpoint of things, and we think that the life we are living in right now is so important, and we get all of our focus on that because it is in the here and now, and we are going to have to deal with issues every day. I understand why. I am not criticizing the fact we all struggle with that, but that is a truth. The real plan of God really has very little to do with life on planet Earth. That was a parenthesis in time that we talked about Thursday night. You have an eternity on one end, that is eternity past, when God had a great plan that He has not accomplished yet. Then He put a little parenthesis in time where God solves the issues that He has to deal with man. Once He gets past that point, then God's plan really takes off. This is where Romans chapter 8 comes in. This is where it is necessary now for you and I, and why it is necessary to have a glorified body, and this is where the real plan of God is.

We all struggle with the same thing because we live here now, and we have the issues we have to deal with now. Let us face it, most of us walk by sight, not by faith. We cannot stay focused on the things out here, and so far we think that this is really what is important, and it is really not what is important. It is important to the point of getting people saved, but as far as you living

your life and having everything and doing everything that is coming down the line, if you know your Bible.

We find the two great teachings here that God in the Old Testament deals with the nation of Israel, and the Bible likens Israel to God's wife all through the Old Testament, like something you can compare it with to understand it. When you get into the New Testament and you look at the church, God likens that to the bride of Christ. Everybody grew up with fairy tales, and the fairy tales, whoever designed fairy tales, were obviously for children, and they wanted to leave a good lasting positive effect on children. So no matter how it gets dark and bad in the middle, and how people look like they get hurt or whatever, it all works out in the end. The last thing that you read before you close the book is simply this: "And they lived happily ever after."

I have news for you, that is really the whole scope of the Bible. The whole scope of the Bible is almost like one of those stories that you tell your kids. There is going to be some good people in it, there is going to be some bad people in it, there is going to be some good things in it, and there is going to be some bad things in it. Normally, many times the bad things are probably going to outweigh the good things, but it is okay. No matter how the story goes, no matter who is the good guy, who is the bad guy, or whatever takes place, I can guarantee you at the end of this story, which is no fairy tale, we will live happily ever after. God will have His nation, the nation of Israel, and Christ will have His bride, and then time will be no more. We looked at it Thursday night in the dispensation of the fullness of times. That is a great concept in the Bible.

So when you understand Romans 9, 10, 11, you realize that is what he is doing, and I want you to capsule everything I just told you about that down and put it someplace at the beginning of chapter 9.

IV. Romans 9: Israel's Spiritual Unrighteousness

Chapter 9 does a couple of things in understanding the nation of Israel, and it is in chapter 9 where he talks about the nation of Israel. We already saw that the nation of Israel in Romans chapter 2 and chapter 3, their big problem is spiritual unrighteousness. They are very prideful, and they have a lot of self-righteousness. That is their sin. There are three things in this chapter, and I want you to break this chapter down in these three things so you get an understanding of it.

- 1.) In chapter 9 verses 1 through 13: This is where you see not only God but Paul's burden for the nation of Israel. This is where Paul says, "If it were possible, I would wish myself a curse for the nation of Israel." Paul has such a burden for the nation of Israel that he says if it would be possible for me to die and go to hell and Israel be saved, I would gladly do that. That is a strong statement, but that is where he was. In chapter 9 verses 1 through 13, you are going to find that he lays out and you see the burden that God has and Paul has for the nation of Israel. That is something that we can all identify with. If you are halfway in fellowship this morning, there are probably people in your life right now that you know are lost, that you are bothered about, that are going to die and go to hell if they do not get saved. So you can equate your burden with Paul's burden. He loved the nation of Israel. He had a national pride for that nation. He understood, being a student of the Old Testament, he understood God's

plan for it once he got saved, and now that he got the truth, he wanted everybody to get the truth of his brethren. Obviously, they did not, and it was a tough time for him, ultimately led to his demise as far as disobeying God and going down to Jerusalem in the book of Acts when God told him three times not to.

- 2.) The second section is chapter 9 verses 14 through 29: Here you want to put a little note. This is where he goes back through their history, and he shows us and he talks about how through their disobedience. What he is doing here is again, he is showing you and me God's perspective on the nation of Israel. So he starts out in chapter 9 and he shows his great burden, and in chapter 14 through 29, he goes back and he shows their history. He quotes some of the prophets. He quotes Isaiah. He quotes Hosea. Remember Hosea? Hosea was the book, and Hosea was told to take a wife of whoredoms because God wanted to illustrate how Israel is God's wife and committed whoredoms. So it is all right in here.
- 3.) The third thing of chapter 9 will be found in verse 30 through 33: Here is where he lays out the real problem that Israel has, and you need to get this, and if you do not have this in your Bible, you need to put it in. Here is where you need to put it in. He goes through the concept of Christ being everything that Israel needs. Back in Deuteronomy chapter 32, it talks about that God is a rock. It talks about God being a rock, His ways are perfect, all of His judgments are righteous, and it says back there that their rock, the world, was not as our rock, Israel's rock, and Jesus Christ. God is likened to a rock to the nation of Israel. We sing it in our hymnals. Our hymnals have many songs in it that portray Christ as a rock: "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee," all of those great songs, "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand." It is the way it is, and you are going to find that that is the way because Christ is portrayed that in the Bible.

Now get this in the order that I am going to give it to you.

- 1.) In Matthew chapter 21 verse 42: This is where you first find mention of it in the right order. Here you are told that Jesus Christ, when God wanted to start the nation of Israel, the Bible says that He likened the nation of Israel to a building, and that building that He is talking about there had a cornerstone. In Matthew chapter 21 verse 42, you are told that that cornerstone is Christ. God built the nation of Israel, but the chief cornerstone for that building was Jesus Christ. We know what happened, do not we? When Christ came down to the nation of Israel to be their Messiah, they rejected Him.
- 2.) The Bible says in Isaiah chapter 8 verse 14, and Romans chapter 11 verse 16, and then you are going to find it again in 1 Peter chapter 2 verse 6, that Israel stumbled at that stone. They stumbled at it. In other words, they tripped over the concept that Jesus Christ was God in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- 3.) The next thing you have, once they stumbled at that stone, which is Christ, that stone became the rock of offense. That became a very offensive thing. The Jews today have an absolute disdain for anything that has to do with Christ. You are going to find if you come along very far in Bible Christianity that that is not only true with the nation of Israel, that is true about everything on this planet, especially in America. The real issue with America today is the same issue that the Jews had: it is Jesus. They do not care if you pray in the name of God because God can be anything you want to make it to be. God is your higher power.

There was a time when Alcoholics Anonymous, when it was still biblically based to a certain degree, talked about God. There was a time in the Boy Scouts when they focused on God. All that has changed now. It was bad enough that they just focused on God; they did not focus on Jesus Christ. You will hear the radio announcers and the things on there and on the TV programs, they will talk about God, and you can get away with talking about God because God can be Allah, God can be Buddha, God can be anything. Most people think that Allah, Muhammad, and all of that stuff are all just one big God. You get on your talk show radios, and they are talking about it, and that is pretty much the specifics. If you get asked to speak or open Congress every time they have a session open, they have invited somebody, a preacher, in to pray, and he is told he has to have his prayer approved, and he is told that he cannot make any references to Jesus Christ in that prayer. He can make all the references to God he wants, but he cannot make any reference to Jesus Christ. Why? Because Jesus Christ is the real problem. Always been the real problem. Always has been.

It drives me nuts. We have this pastor down in Florida that burned a Quran. I think that is pretty stupid to burn a Quran. What was your point? It is not like you are going to change anybody. You have a fire going, you do not throw gasoline on it. That is pretty stupid. I would not burn a Quran. I might use it for a bullet stop, but I would not burn it. People are all worked up. I remember a couple of years ago when they drew a cartoon in one of the newspapers or one of the news periodicals, and it portrayed Muhammad or Allah as in a cartoon, and the Muslims were just in a rage. They wanted to kill this guy, and it was defacing their thing. I thought about it at the time, and I look about the fact that about burning a Quran. They can use God's name in vain all day long, nobody gets upset. You can "God damn" this and "Jesus Christ" this 24/7, and nobody, it is just the accepted thing. That bothers me. You can use God's name in vain anytime you want. You can change the Bible and corrupt the Bible, nobody has a problem with that. But make one statement on one cartoon about some religious idiot over here, and they are ready to kill you.

Do you know what the problem is on this planet? I am going to tell you what the problem is. The problem is a name that the Bible said was given above every name, and the reason why they have a problem is that someday at the name of Jesus every knee is going to bow and every tongue is going to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. That is the problem. That is why nobody curses in Buddha's name. No power in it. You might think that was a school you went to. How stupid it sounds, how ridiculous some big strapping guy would be to walk out there and start cursing in Confucius' name. Why? Because there is no power in that name. So when a man wants to act big and he wants to act tough and he wants to add authority to his words, he calls on the highest name in this universe, and the world hates it. The Jews, if you think the Jews are the only ones who have stumbled at the fact that Jesus was the rock, you are crazy. But they did, and then He became a rock of offense in Romans chapter 9 verse 33.

- 4.) The last thing we find about that rock is back in Daniel chapter 2 verse 45: It is called the stone cut without hands. That is a reference to the virgin birth.

This is why all your altars in the Bible have to be in the Old Testament, just throw this in, they have to be made of stone. Stone represents God-made. When He made the Tower of Babel back

there in Genesis chapter 11, there was a picture of man-made religion. It was not made with stone, was it? It was made with bricks. Bricks are man-made. So when you have Egypt, the type of the world, and they are making their great pyramids and all of their stuff, it had to be done by bricks because that is a picture of man-made stuff. When you find it in the Bible, it is never bricks, it is stone because God made stones, and stones are a type, rocks are a type of God. So He is called the smiting stone in Daniel chapter 2 verse 45.

Here is how it works, and this is what chapter 9 lays out. The third thing it shows you is that the chief cornerstone of Israel was Christ. They stumbled at that stone. That stone became a rock of offense, and that is where they are at with it today, and they hold that position right up to the end of the tribulation period when Christ comes back, and that smiting stone of Daniel comes back and crushes the Antichrist. That is exactly what you have.

So Romans chapter 9 begins to show you how the Jews got in the mess, and it is very important that you and I know this. He has taken the time in Romans not only to lay out the doctrine of justification, the doctrine of salvation, the doctrine of glorification, and all of those other things, he wants you to understand the doctrine of the nation of Israel because God is not finished with the Jew. You are seeing in this country a rise of anti-Semitism. Everybody is against the Jew. The United Nations are against the Jew. The world is against the Jew. It is an absolute mess, and that is exactly where we are at today with this concept.

V. Romans 10: Gentile Salvation (The Romans Road)

We then come to chapter 10, and chapter 10 then shows you that just like we taught in the book of Acts, it talks about the fact that the Gospel then went to the Gentiles. Romans chapter 10 is the great chapter, chapter 10 being the number of the Gentiles in the Bible, that shows you God's plan of salvation for you and for me, Gentiles.

I know Barb had a class here a couple of weeks ago that some of you wanted to teach, and she talked about salvation. When I win somebody to Christ, it is something that you always want to keep very simplistic. You do not want to get too jazzed up with it, too complicated, because you are dealing with people. Just use the basics. For years and years, the plan of salvation has simply been called the Romans Road, and the basis for getting saved in the New Testament and you understanding how to be saved is found in Romans chapter 10. Because Romans chapter 10, in the order of these chapters, chapter 9 shows you that God had a plan for Israel. It shows you how they got messed up with it, and then in chapter 10, he shows you, just like we saw in the book of Acts, that it went from the Jew to the Gentile, from Israel and now to the church. So Romans chapter 10 is the great chapter on Gentile salvation after Acts chapter 7, just like we showed it to you.

Now I am going to give you six little verses that are all that you need to win somebody to Christ. If you work with these, you do not need any more. After you win them to Christ, you might want to throw a few more in as little sprinkles on your cupcake, but you do not need them to get started. You want to keep winning somebody to Christ as simplistic as it is. You do not get

creative with it. You do not find a better way. There is no better way. The Romans Road is the best way. Do not go down to Matthew Turnpike; stay on the Romans Road.

- 1.) The first place I go is Romans chapter 3.
- 2.) The next one is in the same chapter. It is Romans 3:10.
- 3.) Then the next place I go is Romans chapter 6 verse 23. That is a great verse.
- 4.) Then the next verse I go to is Romans chapter 10 verses 9 and 10. This is where I explain it to them because this is the verse, unlike any other verse in the Bible. This is why it is found in Romans 10, the Gospel to the Gentiles. This shows you what a man or a woman has to do to be saved, and there are two elements to it.