



## THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS "The Importance of Evangelism" Romans 10:1-21

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Paul's discussion of divine sovereignty and human accountability with particular reference to Israel, tends to go over peoples' heads, but it serves an essentially practical purpose. Paul, the theologian, was always the lover of people and a deeply committed evangelist.

### I. Evangelism—The Exposure of Error. 10:1-4

- A. The delicate task of exposing error. vv. 1-2
  - 1. A genuine concern for people—"My heart's desire."
  - 2. A humble reliance on divine aid—"Prayer to God."
  - 3. A deep understanding of the other position—"I can testify about them."
  - 4. A careful diagnosis of the situation—"Zeal but not knowledge."
- B. The specific errors that should be exposed. vv. 3-4
  - 1. A false impression of God—"God righteousness."
  - 2. An erroneous understanding of man—"Own righteousness."
  - 3. An inaccurate view of Christ—"Christ: the end of the law."

### II. Evangelism—The Exposition of Truth. 10:5-12

- A. The experience of believers.
  - 1. Everyone who calls will be saved.
  - 2. Calling requires believing.
  - 3. Believing requires hearing.
  - 4. Hearing requires telling.
  - 5. Telling requires sending.
- B. The experience of unbelievers.
  - 1. Have they not heard?
  - 2. Have they not understood?
  - 3. Have they disobeyed?