

Call For Repentance

9. **Romans 10:9-10** “...if you **confess** with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and **believe** in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for **with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness** [the exact thing God requires for us to enter heaven], and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”

- a. Long ago, during certain periods of the Roman Empire, people were required to confess “Caesar is Lord”. For Christians, that was a direct conflict with their religious beliefs; refusal often led to severe persecution.
- b. Today, many proceed by **SAYING** Jesus is Lord but by **LIVING** as if family, job, money, sports, etc. is Lord.

Biblical repentance ♦is in harmony with God’s will (2Co. 7:10), ♦is worked by the Spirit (1Co. 12:3), ♦is worked through the word (Jam. 1:18), and ♦is a change of allegiance **from** the things of this world **to** our Lord Jesus Christ. Biblical repentance:

- **begins** in the heart,
- **is spoken** by the lips, and
- **is lived out** in daily life!

10. **Romans 10:13** “Whoever [πᾶς – denoting highest degree of **all** (BW, Friberg)] will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.” // When God invites us to call on Him (Mk. 1:15 –

which is a gospel imperative), God’s invitation includes the power to respond to His invitation (Jn. 6:44).

11. **Romans 5:1** “...having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...”

- a. By works – *There is **no peace!*** Why? Because we could **never** know if we had done enough to meet **our false version** of God’s requirement.
- b. By faith – *There is **peace!*** Why? Because we are trusting in Jesus, who has *fully met* **God’s true requirement** for us. People saved by faith are:
- Forgiven by God!
 - Indwelt by the Holy Spirit!
 - Spiritually alive!
 - Members of God’s kingdom!
 - In possession of eternal life!
 - Heaven bound!

Live For Christ

12. **Romans 12:2** “...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” // We were controlled by our old nature – *like the rest of the fallen world*, but **now** we want our new nature to change our lives by:

- a. Growing us in God’s word.
- b. Helping us put Christ first.
- c. Helping us say “no” to sin.
- d. Moving us to live in harmony with the Bible.
- e. Guiding us to care about the spiritual condition of others.

Conclusion

Let us remain ready – *since Jesus will return at an unexpected time: 1 Thess. 5:2* “...you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.”

Let us not delay – *the time is now: 2Co. 6:2* “...**now** is ‘the acceptable time,’ behold, **now** is ‘the day of salvation...’”

How to mark your Bible with the Roman Road: **Turn** to **Romans 3:10**, **write** and a 1 in the margin, **circle** the 1, **draw** an arrow down, **write** **Rom. 3:23**. Then, next to *each Romans passage in this brochure* – numbers **1-12**, write the number and the next verse. Then, *to share the Roman Road*, turn to **Rom. 3:10** and follow what you have marked in your Bible.

Scripture References are from the NASB, 1995.

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How to Care about Others



**Ask Some Key Questions...
Share the Roman Road**

Introduction

Dear Friend: If you ♦know Jesus (Jn. 17:3) and ♦desire to live for Him (Lk. 9:23), **you have God’s forgiveness! Great for you!** But we each know someone who may not yet be a member of God’s kingdom. We certainly care *but sometimes we are uncertain about what to say*. This brochure will guide us through a way to **prove** our love and concern.

Seven Overall Steps

1. Ask thought-provoking questions!
2. Establish the source of truth!
3. Clarify our problem!
4. Show our helplessness!
5. Explain God’s love!
6. Call for repentance!
7. Live for Christ!

Ask Thought-Provoking Questions



Get permission: Can I ask you a few important questions?

1. Do you think people continue to exist after they die? Y N
2. Do you believe in the existence of heaven and hell? Y N – If not, see this brochure: [BAD News, GOOD News](#)
3. Are you afraid of dying? Y N
4. Where are you headed?
5. How do you know?
6. Can I share God's saving truth?

Note: Even if someone has the right answers, *keep sharing for practice*.

Establish the Source of Truth

We all tend to believe what makes sense:

- Francis Bacon "**Man prefers to believe what he prefers to be true.**"
- **Proverbs 14:12** "There is a way [to heaven] which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

The Bible is God's written word to ♦show us the truth and ♦give us eternal life:

- **John 17:17** "Your word is truth."
- **John 20:31** "...these [signs (miracles) performed by Jesus] have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have [et.] life in His name."

Not sure? See this brochure: [The Bible Is True](#)



The Roman Road

Roman roads were of several kinds, ranging from small local roads to broad, long-distance highways built to connect cities, major towns, and military bases.



The Roman Road in this brochure has the purpose of moving people **from deception to truth, to repentance, to forgiveness, and to living for Jesus!**

The rest of this brochure focuses on key passages from the book of Romans, a.k.a., the Roman Road. Let's keep reading, thinking about, understanding, believing, and applying God's reliable word!

Clarify Our Problem

1. **Romans 3:10** "There is none righteous, not even one." // **NO ONE** is *perfectly right* in thoughts, words, and deeds☹.
2. **Romans 3:23** "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." // Because **NO ONE** can live a **SINLESS LIFE**☹.



3. **Romans 5:12** "...just as through one man [Adam] sin entered the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned..." // We have each inherited many things from our parents, including **sin and death**☹.
4. **Romans 6:23a** "...the wages of sin is death..." // Both inherited sin and actual sin make us ♦spiritually dead and ♦in line for eternal punishment.

Show Our Helplessness

5. **Romans 10:3** "...not knowing about God's righteousness [which requires us to be sinless] and seeking to establish their own [righteousness] [by believing good is good enough], they did not subject themselves to [put themselves under] the righteousness of God." // God has set the rules and the grading scale (*Ja. 2:10*) but most ♦don't know they are helpless and ♦keep trusting in themselves for heaven. For **all** who think their goodness will save them, *they will never receive God's eternal gift.*

Grading Scale	
God's	Mine
Be	Good
Righteous	Is
Perfect	Good
Holy	Enough

Explain God's Love

6. **Romans 5:8** "...God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.**"

// **Love is** taking sacrificial action to freely supply what someone needs.

God loves us because of who He is (*1Jn. 4:8*), **not** because of what we do.

God's love moved Him to send His Son (*Jn. 3:16*) to be our perfect substitute by ♦living a sinless life (*Heb. 4:15*) and ♦receiving our eternal punishment (*1Jn. 2:2*).

7. **Romans 6:23b** "...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ **Jesus our Lord.**" // God ♦made us and ♦wants us to be with Him forever. **He knows that no one can earn eternal life.** Therefore, *God is inviting everyone to receive His precious gift through faith alone in Jesus.*



8. **Romans 8:3-4** "...what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh [since no one can keep it perfectly], **God did: sending His own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned [our] sin in [Jesus'] flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us..." // Since we could **never** meet God's requirement, the Son of God did it for us through ♦His sinless living and ♦His reception of our sins and our eternal condemnation. **Jesus did for us what we could never do for ourselves!**