

19th Sunday after Pentecost – 2025

Saturday, 10/18 at 4:00 | Sunday, 10/19 at 9:00

How to Care about Others

Part 2



Ask Some Key Questions... Share the Roman Road

Text: NAS 1995

Introduction

Dear Friend: This is **part 2** of a new brochure: **How to Care about Others** (*if you missed part 1, please [watch, listen, or read](#)*).

The brochure includes **seven overall steps** to take to show our love and concern for others.

Part 1 covered the first two steps:

1. Ask thought-provoking questions!
2. Establish the source of truth!

Part 2 will cover these steps:

3. Clarify our problem!
4. Show our helplessness!
5. Explain God's love!

I mentioned last week that the Romans built very sturdy roads to interconnect the vast Roman Empire. *Those roads were important!*



We now go to **my version of the Roman road**, which is meant to lead people **from** a state of deception **to** truth, **to** repentance, **to** forgiveness, and **to** living for Jesus!

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

| Grading Scale | |
|------------------|---------------|
| <u>God's</u> | <u>Mine</u> |
| Be | Good |
| Righteous | Is |
| Perfect | Good |
| Holy | Enough |

[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*.

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!**

Conclusion

Part 3 of 3 will include these steps:

6. Call for repentance!
7. Live for Christ!

Join us next week:

- **For our observance of the Reformation!**
- The conclusion of this series!
- Your reception of a **“How to Care about Others”** brochure!

Let Us Pray: Dear LORD, since the forces of evil have ▶**deceived** many about their own goodness, ▶**hidden** from many Your requirement of righteousness, and ▶**given** many a false sense of security, we pray for us and others that You would impress Your truth *so thoroughly* that many would ➡see their hell-bound condition and ➡repent!

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