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Text: Romans 1:8-10
Topic: Evangelism. Attitude.
Study: Romans
Week: 3
Series: 3 of 5
CD #: 08-19

part 3
Gospel Crazy
Joyful About Its Progress



1. Celebrate _____ (v.8)

2. Let _____ (vv.9-10a)

3. _____ (v.10b)

Romans 1:8-10

⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

⁹God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:8**. Who were some of the human ambassadors who shared the gospel and their lives with you, helping you come to the place of repentance and faith in Christ? How do you think they feel playing a role in your reconciliation to God?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 2:14-16**. Who are some of the people in your life who have responded positively to your attempts to present Christ?

If you have led someone to Christ, what was it like to experience God's utilization of your life and words to bring them into a real relationship with God?

3. How would you suggest we maintain Paul's optimistic attitude about representing Christ when so many people respond negatively to the message of the gospel?

Read **Acts 18:5-11**. How do Christ's words in vv.9-10 help you when you feel like giving up on sharing the gospel with others?

4. List three people whose conversion to Christ would bring you great joy?

Write out a prayer that asks God for more optimistic ambition about your role as his ambassador.

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

- CD # 0707 – **Designed to Grow: What We Need to Fulfill Our Calling**
- CD # 0620 – **Extending the Reach of the Lordship of Christ**
- CD # 0563 – **Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**
- CD # 0639 – **Christmas Lights: Shining Brightly for Christ**
- CD # 0560 – **Recalling Our Primary Earthly Task**
- CD # 0201 - 0204 – **Couriers For Christ** (a four-part series on Colossians 4:3-6)

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

- May 18th
2Sam.15-16 & Ac.18
- May 19th
2Sam.17-18 & Ac.19
- May 20th
2Sam.19-20 & Ac.20
- May 21st
2Sam.21-22 & Ac.21
- May 22nd
2Sam.23-24 & Ac.22
- May 23rd
1Kgs.1-2 & Ac.23
- May 24th
1Kgs.3-4 & Ac.24
- May 25th
1Kgs.5-6 & Ac.25

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

- Coleman, Robert E. **The Master Plan of Evangelism**. Spire Books, 1963.
- Downs, Tim. **Finding Common Ground**. Moody Press, 1999.
- Edwards, Jonathan. **Jonathan Edwards on Knowing Christ**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1990.
- Hendricks, Howard G. **Say it With Love**. Victor Books, 1972.
- Hybles, Bill and Mark Mittelberg. **Becoming a Contagious Christian**. Zondervan, 1994.
- Jeffery, Peter. **How Shall They Hear? Church-based Evangelism**. Evangelical Press, 1997.
- Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.
- Peterson, Jim. **Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally**. NavPress, 1989.
- Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.