

Romans 10:8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" (that is, the **word of faith** which we preach):

Romans 10:9 that if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe** in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:10 **For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME." (*Isaiah 28:16 Septuagint*)

Romans 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. (*Joel 2:32*)

Romans 10:13 For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

**Romans 10:14** How then shall they **call on Him** in whom they have not **believed**? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not **heard**? And how shall they hear without a **preacher**?

Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!" (*Isaiah 52:7*)

Romans 10:16 But they have not all **obeyed** the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS **BELIEVED** OUR REPORT?" (*Isaiah 53:1*)

Romans 10:17 So then **faith** comes by **hearing**, and hearing by the **word of God**.

- Word of faith ... confess ... believe ... verse 8-9
- Believe ... confession ... salvation ... verse 10
- Word of God ... hearing ... believe ... call on God ... verse 14
- Word of God ... hearing ... believing ... obeying ... verse 16-17

**To have faith or to believe is to be persuaded** that the message I am hearing is true. My actions then bear witness to what I actually believe to be true.

- Remember Jesus' testimony before Pilate ... "For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should **bear witness to the truth.**"
- Remember Pilate's question in response ... "**What is truth?**" John 18:37-38

Acts 17:18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this **babbler** want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

Acts 17:19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak?"

Acts 17:20 For you are bringing **some strange things to our ears**. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."

Acts 17:21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

### **Paul Addresses the Areopagus**

Acts 17:22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;

Acts 17:23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

Acts 17:**24** **God**, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Acts 17:25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

Acts 17:**26** And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Acts 17:**27** so that they should **seek the Lord**, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

Acts 17:28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

Acts 17:29 Therefore, since we are the **offspring of God**, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to **repent**,

Acts 17:31 because He has appointed a day on which He will **judge** the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by **raising Him from the dead.**"

Acts 17:32 And when they heard of the **resurrection** of the dead, **some mocked**, while **others said**, "We will hear you again on this *matter*."

John the Baptist began His ministry with a call to **"change" ... "repent"**

He taught the people what they were doing wrong and how they needed to change.

Jesus began His ministry with a call to **"change" ... "repent"**

He taught the people what they were doing wrong and how they needed to change.