

PRAY THE MIRACLE
MAKE THE ASK: PRAY FOR SALVATION

Rom 10:1-4

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No one is 'good' without Jesus

Four ways to truly love those who mistakenly believe they're 'good' without Jesus:

#1 DARE TO CARE UNCOMFORTABLY: THE *DESIRE* WE CAN DEEPEN (10:1)

True love for those in need of Christ's rescue will not be comfortable

Three ways to deepen our desire for the lost:

#1 Care for real: True love will nurture a sincere compassion — '*...Brothers, my heart's desire...*' (10:1a)

#2 Care by praying: True love will persevere in a supplicating posture of prayer — '*...my prayer...*' (10:1b)

#3 Care until it hurts: True love will remember how serious the problem is — '*...that they be saved...*' (10:1c; cf. 9:1-3)

#2 RESOLVE TO THINK BIBLICALLY: THE *DISCERNMENT* WE CAN SHARPEN (10:2-3)

True love for those in need of Christ's rescue must be biblical

Two ways to sharpen our discernment about the lost:

#1 Don't overlook Scripture's commendation: True love will honestly acknowledge what they're doing right — '*...For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God...*' (10:2a)

#2 Don't understate Scripture's condemnation: True love will honestly explain what they're doing wrong — '*...they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own they did not submit to God's righteousness...*' (10:2b-3)

#3 COMMIT TO SPEAK BOLDLY: THE *DECLARATION* WE CAN EMBOLDEN (10:4, 8-10)
True love for those in need of Christ's rescue must be without guile

Two ways to embolden our declaration to the lost:

#1 Declare who to trust: True love will tell them the good news about Jesus — '*...For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness...*' (10:4a)

#2 Declare how to trust: True love will call them to put their faith in Him — '*...confess...and believe...*' (10:4a; 8-10)

#4 PURPOSE TO PRESS DILIGENTLY: THE *DRIVE* WE CAN HEIGHTEN (10:11–11:5)
True love for those in need of Christ's rescue will be faithful

Three ways to heighten our drive for the lost:

#1 Champion the mission: True love will inspire action — '*...how are they to hear...?...*' (10:11-15)

#2 Brave the opposition: True love will expect rejection — '*...they have not all obeyed the gospel...*' (10:16-21)

#3 Embrace the vision: True love accepts & trusts that a good King is sovereign — '*...there is a remnant, chosen by grace...*' (11:1-5)