

Romans: The Gospel

## Faith Comes By Hearing

Romans 10:14-21

<p><b>What is faith?</b></p> <p><b>Hebrews 11:1-2</b> - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. (Read rest for HW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Faith is founded by belief</li> <li>● Faith is belief in action</li> <li>● Faith is the basis for obedience</li> <li>● Obedience produces sanctification (holiness)</li> </ul>
<p><b>[Pray] :14</b> <i>Special, Call to MT, 2017 Flight Missoula</i></p> <p><b>What does God want for every person?</b> (last week) <u>To call on Him</u> for salvation</p>	<p><b>Acts 4:11-12</b> - "[Jesus] is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."</p>
<p><b>But you won't <u>call</u> if you won't <u>believe</u>... So how do you <u>begin</u> to <u>believe</u>?</b></p> <p><b>Believe</b> think to be true, place confidence in, the conviction to trust, acknowledgement of fact (starts), be entrusted with</p>	<p><b>1 Peter 3:15b</b> - ...always be ready to give a <u>defense</u> to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;</p> <p><i>Apologetics, answers in Genesis, etc.</i></p> <p><b>Being a Christian is not <u>blind</u> faith It is based on reason, intellect, logic and fact</b></p>
<p><i>Mormons and the western world, zero archaeological evidence Never mind the angel Moron...i</i></p> <p><b>Galatians 1:6-9</b> - I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are</p>	<p>some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. <b>But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.</b> As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. <b><u>Angels don't preach, people do</u></b></p>

<p><b>Bible is full of <u>historical</u> and <u>archaeological</u> evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sites in Israel, middle east</li> <li>● Global flood - fossils on everest</li> <li>● Circle of the earth - Is 40:22</li> <li>● Water cycle - Ecc 1:7</li> <li>● Ancient civs, kings, events</li> <li>● Secular written history aligns</li> <li>● etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Even God wants to have a logical conversation about you, Him, sin and eternity. Even though the transaction doesn't seem logical...(that's the miracle)</b></p> <p><b>Isaiah 1:18</b> - "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."</p>
<p><b>You can't <u>believe</u> if you haven't <u>heard</u>...</b></p>	<p><b>...and you can't <u>hear</u> unless someone <u>tells</u> you!</b></p>
<p><b>Preacher/preaching/evangelism</b> - bringer of good news, a herald, publish, proclaim openly, always with the suggestion of formality, gravity and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed</p> <p><i>I like to think of it as telling others the basics of the gospel. Evangelism on any scale.</i></p>	<p><b>Teaching/teacher</b> - learning, education, correct interpretation, things/<b>doctrines</b> of God and <b>duties</b> of man</p> <p><i>The gift that goes along with pastoring - shepherd, caring for, watching over souls, an officer/manager/director of the group.</i></p>
<p><b>Preaching &amp; evangelism brings people to Christ</b> (fishing)</p> <p><b>Teaching &amp; pastoring educates, cares for and disciples people</b> (family)</p>	<p><b>Venn diagram, crossover</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Healthy teaching and discipling has a measure of evangelism - always leading to Jesus, opportunity to repent</li> <li>● Good evangelism includes sound doctrine and explanation of Biblical topics</li> </ul>
<p><b>Christian, Faith is not silent</b></p>	<p>Preach it from the housetops From the pulpit to social media From family dinner to the checkout line</p>

Ray Comfort on X

*"A Christian brother named LeeRoy Beatty memorized the entire Bible. It took him 37 years. He went to be with the Lord in 1998 at the age of 83. He used to say, "Jesus said, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' **If you are not fishing, you are not following.**" He also said, "The Bible says, 'He that wins souls is wise.' What does that mean if you are not winning souls?"*

**You don't have to be gifted in evangelism or called to the Sunday pulpit**

*Your profession of faith doesn't have to be your profession*

**But we must all "do the work of an evangelist" (2 Tim 4:5)**

**You have a pulpit - your life**

**You have a duty - to share your faith**

**Your words should match what your life speaks - that's the evidence of the faith you speak of. If they don't match up, figure out why**

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**Preaching and sending** - apostelo

Apostles vs. being an apostle

Sent by God, by believers

**Why must they be sent?**

**Because preaching doesn't always pay**

**Paul was a tentmaker**, churches and friends helped support him

**But he didn't want to be a burden**

(1&2 Thess)

**1 Corinthians 9:18** - What is my reward then? **That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge**, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel.

**Church leadership should be paid**  
**For the gospel's sake**

**1 Timothy 5:17-18** - Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of **double** honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

**Pay & honor**

**Hebrews 13:17** - Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, **for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account.** Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

*The preacher and pastor are concerned for your life and eternity. Accountable.*

<p><b>Because if the man sent by God to preach and to teach spends all his time working, when will he prepare? When will he preach?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>You're in the world</i></li> <li>• <i>at least a season of "bivocational"</i></li> <li>• <i>Going around and raising support?</i></li> <li>• <i>Calvary, others, a balance?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>False teachers do it for money</b> They always talk about it, beg for it</p>	<p><b>A gospel minister (apostle, evangelist, pastor) shouldn't have to be a pauper</b></p> <p>Not living extravagantly, similar to people ministered to</p> <p>Some churches demand it, force it, as if poverty is itself holiness. <u>I think it's abuse.</u></p> <p><i>Not taking care of a car, false piety</i></p>
<p><b>If you send, you are sharing in the work</b></p> <p><b>Is the one sent more important than the one sending? No!</b> <b><u>Both</u> are needed.</b></p>	<p><b>Philippians 4:16-17</b> - For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. <u>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.</u></p> <p><b>Paul was willing to be paid if it meant the senders were heavenly rewarded for the results</b></p>
<p><b>1 Timothy 6:9-11</b> - But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. <b>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.</b> But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.</p>	<p><b>We shy away from money and talking about money, as if money itself is evil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The love of getting it,</b></li> <li>• <b>the love in keeping it</b></li> </ul> <p>God doesn't need your money He wants your heart</p> <p>You can use your money to go places you'll never reach or never have to go</p>
<p><b>Do you have a retirement account? Which is fuller? Your 401k or your heavenly account?</b></p>	<p><i>I currently have an IRA. I'm glad it's there. But it's not enough to retire on. My retirement plan is to preach until I perish.</i></p>

**Matthew 6:19-21** - "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<p><b>What is being preached?</b>  <b>The gospel of peace</b></p> <p><b>You have to lay out the bad news</b> -  that there's a war first  Sin, rebellion, the fall, enmity with God</p> <p><b>Then the good news shines forth</b>  God sent His son  You can't and couldn't do it - probably  didn't even want to do it  But God did  He died, became sin, rose again  Is coming back to bring you home  Judgment free</p> <p><b>And most of all - peace with God</b></p>	<p><b>2 Corinthians 5:18-20</b> - Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. <b>Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.</b></p> <p><b>Preaching the gospel is pleading with others - for their sake, not for winning the argument</b></p>
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<p><b>:16</b></p> <p><b>The Gospel requires obedience</b>  <b>A changed life only happens when we let ourselves be changed</b></p> <p><b>How are we changed?</b>  <b>Obedience to the Word</b></p> <p><i>You don't know what it means until you obey it. - False teachers, bad witnesses</i></p> <p><b>How does one obey?</b>  <b>Faith rooted in belief.</b>  <b>obedience requires faith</b></p>	<p><i>Comforting to know that even the greats, like Isaiah, were ignored, rejected, sawn in two</i></p> <p><b>Your concern is not to be accepted, but to preach</b></p> <p><b>1 Cor. 9:22c</b> ...that I might by all means save <u>some</u>.</p> <p><b>It's the hardest part, being rejected.</b>  Ignored. Turned away from.</p> <p>To know when to stay, when to move on</p>
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<p><b>:17</b></p> <p><b>Not just hearing THE word of God Hearing BY the word of God</b></p> <p><i>Hearing in 1st Century, illiteracy (Morris) Videos! Social media! Physical hearing, spiritual hearing Audible voice?</i></p> <p><b>Spiritual hearing only comes by God's Word Want to know what God says? Read His Word!</b></p>	<p><b>2 Timothy 3:16-17</b> - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.</p> <p><b>To these folks trying to correct Jesus, call Paul problematic</b></p> <p><b>The scriptures and those who spoke them ain't the problem, the critics are</b></p>
<p><i>Also caught up in looking for prophets or teachers. Not all bad. Obsession is. Priority is.</i></p> <p><b>Read it for your self! God will confirm it, repeat it</b></p> <p><i>Verily, verily</i></p> <p><b>Devotional time, teachings, fellowship</b></p>	<p><b>God's voice is still and small and is in God's Word Never contradicts, conflicts, interrupts Himself</b></p> <p>1 Kings 19, Elijah, whirlwind, fire, whisper</p> <p><b>Dead and deaf spiritual ears are only opened by God's Word</b> <i>Jesus voice brought Lazarus to life</i></p>
<p>Want your loved ones to believe? Your friends? Those you meet in life?</p> <p><u>Keep praying. Keep "preaching".</u> <u>Keep sharing.</u></p>	<p><b>Preach and teach God's Word Share scripture</b></p> <p><b>Anecdotes won't create belief. Scripture will. It doesn't return empty.</b></p>
<p><b>When you go to church - go to one that teaches God's word, verse by verse</b> Topical is great at times, but if that's all it is - we're not getting the complete picture. Like reading select paragraphs of a novel. Cliffs notes. Gold mine too.</p>	

<p><b>:18-21</b></p> <p><b>Israel had heard, but they hardened their hearts. Rejected.</b> (remember Pharaoh's example)</p> <p><b>AD 70, diaspora.</b> Israel rejected, God used persecution to scatter Jewish believers and spread the gospel to the Gentiles</p> <p><b>One major reason to save the Gentiles?</b> A way to reach the Jews. <b>How? Through jealousy</b></p>	<p><b>God will use many things to get your attention</b></p> <p><b>Sometimes it takes a strong emotional reaction - like jealousy</b></p> <p>How much of hatred is really jealousy? Rejection? Envy?</p> <p>They have what you want but can't have Or don't have but maybe should have if you just did the right thing?!</p> <p><i>Cain and Abel again Jacob and Esau</i></p>
<p><b>Israel was wise in their own eyes - they knew all of God's word</b></p> <p><b>But it was the foolish nation - the godless, god's word-less that came to Jesus</b></p> <p>Many wicked folks today coming to Jesus because they've never heard the gospel</p> <p><b>While many have grown up around the gospel and totally rejected it</b></p>	<p><b>Heard but not obeyed - extremely dangerous</b></p> <p><b>Thought that it didn't work - when it really would have if they believed, obeyed</b></p> <p><b>Tried to do it their own way, make it fit their own agenda - and didn't like it when it didn't obey them - God didn't do what they wanted</b></p>
<p><b>But God is good...</b> “ All day long I have stretched out My hands To a <b>disobedient</b> and <b>contrary</b> people.  <u>Speaking directly to the Jews, His People!</u></p> <p><b>Apeitheo</b> - not allow oneself to be persuaded, refuse/withhold belief or obedience, won't comply</p>	<p><b>Antilego</b> - speak against, contradict, oppose someone, declare against, refuse to have anything to do with</p> <p><b>Even those people be reached Those people are included in the ones we're called to preach to</b></p> <p><b>God keeps giving opportunity for everyone to be made right - <u>even right now</u></b></p>

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