

Roman Road: The Highway to a Relationship with God

Below is a great way to understand and share the gospel message – God’s plan of salvation set forth in Paul’s letter to the Romans. Also known as the Roman Road, the following is a collection of passages that build a beautiful and systematic approach to the gospel of grace by and through Jesus Christ. Take time today to learn this powerful message of grace as Paul has presented it from the book of Romans.

Roman Road: The Gospel of Grace (FOLLOW ME)

Romans 1:20-21: "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened." We must acknowledge God as the Creator of everything and accept our humble position in God's creation.

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." We must all realize that we are sinners and that we need forgiveness. We are not worthy of God’s grace.

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Through Jesus, God gave us a way to be saved from our sins. God showed us His love by giving us the potential for life through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." If we remain sinners, we will die. However, if we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and repent of our sins, we will have eternal life.

Romans 10:9-10 "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. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Just confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and you will be saved!

Romans 10:13 "For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." There are no religious formulas or rituals -- Call upon the name of the Lord and you will be saved!

Romans 11:36: "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen." Determine in your heart to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life today.

Roman Road: Are You Ready to Accept God’s Gift of Salvation?

If you truly believe the message of the Roman Road, and want to accept God’s gift of salvation right now, it’s a matter of repenting of your sins and turning the rest of your life over to Jesus Christ. Again, this is not a ritual based on any specific words or prayers, but rather, a willful decision and a sincere step of faith.

Footprints: Christ and the Cross
John 19:25-30

1. A word of compassion

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

2. A word of connection

Later, knowing that all was now completed, as so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

3. A word of completion

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Discipleship Study

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

A disciple's life of following Jesus can be summed up in the disciples cross illustration to the right. In this illustration, there are five essential principles disciple's life; Christ, the Word, prayer, fellowship, and witness.

Obedying each principle will lead the follower of Jesus to put into practice the ministries of a disciple.

Each week leading to Easter, we have been studying one of the five aspects of the Disciples Cross illustration above. This week we come to the final principle, witnessing to the world.

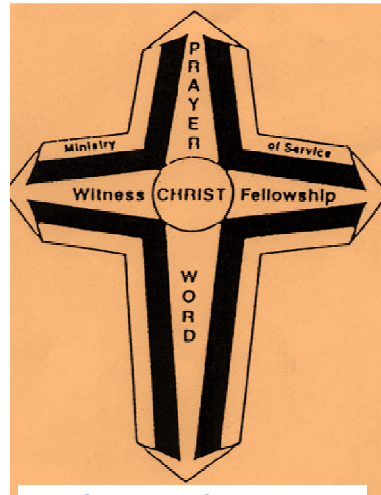
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Witness to the World: Our Horizontal Relationship with People

The disciple of Christ will be led by God to be a witness to the world. God so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son, and now He sends us, His disciples, out with His message.

- John 15:8, "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."
- Matthew 4:19, "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."
- John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
- Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

There is a reason that witnessing to the world is the final aspect we will discuss in the disciples cross illustration. It is not that it is less important



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but rather that it is critical that before I can be an effective witness I must first have Christ firmly remain in the center of my life and I must remain in Him. Remaining in Christ comes as a result of the Holy Spirit working in me as I live in the Word, pray to the Father in faith, and remain in fellowship with other believers. Then the Holy Spirit works in me to be an effective witness of the Gospel. Make no mistake; the Holy Spirit is the one who empowers me to witness to the world. It is not my knowledge or my charisma that will draw people to the Lord but it is God Himself that draws people. (Read John 6:44)

- Read the scriptures on the previous page; John 15:8, Matt 4:19, John 20:21, and Acts 1:8. What do those teach you about God's will for your life?
- Read John 15:16, what has Jesus chosen us to do? What is fruit? (Read Galatians 5:22-23) How does bearing fruit connect with witnessing to the world? (Check out John 13:34-35, Matt 25:34-36)
- Read Matthew 28:19-20, the Great Commission. Did Jesus intend this message for you? If so then what impact should that message have on your life?
- Read Matthew 9:35-38, what does this teach you about Jesus? What does it teach you about you, His called people?

Each day of the week I am asking you to read the scripture and in a journal or notebook answer the following two simple questions:

- What God Said to Me: (My Discovery from His Word)
- What I Said to God: (My Prayer Response)

Daily Bible Reading for the Week: *Examples of being a witness by the Apostles*

- Day 1: Acts 2:14-41
- Day 2: Acts 3
- Day 3: Acts 4:1-22
- Day 4: Acts 8:26-40
- Day 5: Acts 16:11-34