

**"A DISSERTATION ON MISSIONS**  
**BY WAY OF A MESSAGE ABOUT UNBELIEVING ISRAEL"**  
**ROMANS 10:1-13**

INTRO: The more I read **PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT ROME**, the more I see the **MESSAGE OF MISSIONS** woven in the text of that **GREAT DOCTRINAL EPISTLE**. The overall **THEME OF ROMANS** is "**THE GOSPEL OF GOD**" and **IN EVERY CHAPTER OF THE EPISTLE**, one can find an **APPLICATION ON MISSIONS**, if the text is studied accurately with **AN OPEN EYE FOR TRUTH**. Romans chapter 10 presents to us a **VERY STRONG DISSERTATION ON MISSIONS BY WAY OF A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ISRAEL**. Let's observe this dissertation of the **HOLY SPIRIT** by the writing of the **APOSTLE PAUL** and draw an application to **PRESENT DAY NEW TESTAMENT, LOCAL CHURCH MISSIONS FOR BOTH JEW AND GENTILE**.

**THE CONTEXTUAL BACKGROUND**

- 1) In Chapters **ONE through EIGHT** of Romans, Paul outlines the **PROBLEM OF SIN** in the **HUMAN RACE**, which presents the need for **LOCAL CHURCH MISSIONS**.
- 2) In Chapters **NINE through ELEVEN** of Romans, Paul presents the **CURRENT STATE OF ISRAEL** before God with the **RECOGNITION** of the fact that, presently, Israel, as a nation, is in **UNBELIEF**, but the time will come when the **NATION WILL BE SAVED**, will recognize Christ as the Messiah **AND BE SAVED** (11:26,27).
- 3) In Chapters **TWELVE through SIXTEEN** of Romans, principles of **DISCIPLESHIP**, **A VERY SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF MISSIONS** are presented by Paul's writings.

**THE ESSENCE OF ROMANS 10**

In Romans chapter 10, Paul is speaking to the believers at Rome about lost spiritual condition of Israel, but when he says in verse 12, "**THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JEW AND THE GENTILE**," his point is that **BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES ARE SPIRITUALLY LOST AND ONLY CHRIST IS THE SPIRITUAL ANSWER TO BOTH!**

**MISSIONS INVOLVES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL TO JEW AND GENTILE**  
**FOR THE RECORD**

- JEWS are the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- GENTILES are all NON-JEWISH ethnics of the world.

***I. THE MOTIVATING PRAYER OF MISSIONS – VS. 1***

**THAT PEOPLE WILL BE SAVED!**

- A. The Problem with Israel – They are lost because they **REJECTED** Jesus Christ as **THE LONG-AWAITED MESSIAH**.
- B. The Problem with the Gentiles – They are lost because they **REJECT** Jesus Christ as **THE ONLY TRUE SAVIOR**.
- C. The Potential for BOTH Jews and Gentiles – They ALL can be **SAVED** through **FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE** (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

**THE MOTIVATING PRAYER OF MISSIONS IS THAT BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES WILL RECOGNIZE WHO CHRIST IS AND TRUST HIM ALONE AS PERSONAL SAVIOR - GALATIANS 3:26**  
**DAILY WE SHOULD PRAY THAT JEWS AND GENTILES WILL COME TO CHRIST!**

***II. THE MARVELOUS PURPOSE OF MISSIONS – VSS. 2-8***

**TO CORRECT THE SPIRITUAL ERROR IN THE WORLD OF FALSE RELIGIONS WITH THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL AND THE WORD OF GOD**

**NOTE THE JEWISH SPIRITUAL ERROR:**

- They have a **ZEAL OF GOD** but no **TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**
- They attempt to **PLEASE GOD** with their **OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**NOTE THE GENTILE SPIRITUAL ERROR:**

- Many follow a **FALSE RELIGION** that **REJECTS** Jesus Christ

- Many attempt to do GOOD WORKS for their Salvation
- Many are involved with CHRISTIAN CULTS (Mormonism, Jehovah Witness)
- Many are members of LIBERAL CHURCHES that deny Biblical Truth
- Many call themselves CHRISTIANS but have not been Born Again

A. Biblical Missions will Always Portray the Spiritual Error of False Religions

1. There are an estimated 10,000 distinct religions in the world. **ALL ARE IN ERROR BUT ONE -- BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY!**
2. All who are in those False Religions **NEED THE LORD!**

B. Biblical Missions will Always Preach the Spiritual Truth of the Word of God

1. That TRUE SALVATION is NOT through **Personal Righteousness**  
-Note Isaiah 64:6
2. That TRUE SALVATION IS through FAITH in **Jesus Christ and Him ALONE!**  
-John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:4

NOTE THE PRACTICAL FACTS TO CONSIDER FOR MISSIONS:

- There are currently nearly 8 BILLION people in the world today.
- There are over 3 BILLION people in the world who have never HEARD the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**REGULARLY WE SHOULD INVOLVE OURSELVES IN THE PURPOSE OF MISSIONS**

### **III. THE MAGNIFICENT PROSPECT OF MISSIONS – VSS. 9-13**

**THAT SALVATION IS AVAILABLE TO THE WHOLE WORLD, FOR CHRIST DIED FOR THE WHOLE WORLD**

- A. The People – Vs. 13a: **“WHOSOEVER”**
- B. The Process – Vs. 13b: **“SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD”**
  1. Involving Belief in Who Christ Is – Vss. 9,10
  2. Involving Confession in Who Christ Is – Vss. 9,10
- C. The Promise – Vs. 13c: **“SHALL BE SAVED”**

**CONSTANTLY WE SHOULD REACH OUT TO EVERY PROSPECT FOR CHRIST**

#### **LESSON/APPLICATION**

- 1) Missions begins right outside of our front door.
- 2) Missions is the work of every Christian (Some are called to vocational missions)
- 3) Missions is to be the priority of EVERY LOCAL CHURCH

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What is YOUR INVOLVEMENT in BIBLICAL MISSIONS TODAY?
- 2) Suggestions: Get Informed; Pray; Give; Go!