



Do You Have Beautiful Feet? Romans 10:1-15

With My Heart: I have a love and understanding for people that need salvation. Romans 10:1-3
“Brethren, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation” (v.1)

- **Pray for their salvation** (v.1)
- **Understand their real spiritual need** (v.2-3)

“knowledge” =

“For not knowing about God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own...” (v.3)

With My Mind: I have a clear knowledge of the content of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:4-10

“...for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.” (v.10)

- **Keep faith in Jesus’ righteousness, not my works, a constant salvation message.**
(v.4-8, Isaiah 64:6)
- **Be clear what it means to believe in Jesus.** (v. 9-11; II Corinthians 11:3-4)

“confess” =

“believe” =

With My Mouth: I communicate to all people the good news of Jesus’ salvation.

Romans 10:11-14

- **Regardless of their background, tell people about Jesus.** (v. 12)
- **“Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved—so let’s tell “whoever.”** (v. 13)
- **I need to tell people the gospel because they need to hear this truth so they can believe, and believe so they can call on Jesus. If not me, then who?** (v. 14)

With My Feet: I bring people the Good News of Jesus. Romans 10:15

“Just as it is written, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!” (v.15)

Digging Deeper

Today's passage helps to balance the emphasis in Romans 9-11 that strongly teaches God's sovereign election of some people as He did with Jacob over Esau. Romans 9:18 states that He has mercy on whom he desires.... Also Ephesians 1:3-6 also emphasize God's call upon those of us that are saved. The scripture states: *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."*

LifeGroup Discussion:

Discuss the following truths about predestination. When did you believe in Jesus? Here we learn:

- **When we were chosen:** Before the foundation of the world.
- **Why we are chosen:** so we would be holy and blameless before God.
- **What happens when we are chosen:** We become adopted as His Son as a loving act by Jesus.
- **Why God used this plan:** So He would be glorified because it is all about Him and not us. If we were chosen because we performed good works, then we get the glory. But God loved us while we are sinners (Romans 5:8) so He ultimately is glorified.

Some think since God predestines us to salvation, then some are predestined to hell. That is not true and never taught in the Bible. Read John 3:16-18 on this point: *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."* He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Here we learn: Anyone can be saved when Jesus said, "whoever believes in Him shall not perish." That means anyone can believe in Him. It is always a free choice for each of us. No one feels forced to "believe." Did you feel forced to believe in Jesus? The Son, Jesus, did not come to "judge the world...but that the world might be saved through Him." Jesus did not come to judge people to hell but give us a chance to escape that destination. It is anyone's choice to not believe in Jesus and suffer the consequences for vs. 18 states, "he who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already because he has not believed..." That is a personal choice everyone is free to make—either believe or do not believe. Jesus says nothing about predestination or election. All are free to choose to believe or not believe. Also, in today's passage Paul clearly states: *"for WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED"* (Romans 10:13). That means anyone may be saved. It does not say, "whoever is predestined will call on the Lord."

Some also say there is no need to witness. Wrong. We must witness for how else will people know about Jesus and His salvation. As today's passage teaches us, *"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"* (Romans 10:14-15). We must tell all people about Jesus' salvation so they can also believe.

LifeGroups: Pray for those that still need Jesus' salvation. What can you do to help them believe?

The balancing act of God's election/predestination and our free will that "whoever calls on the Lord will be saved" creates a tension in our minds. How can it be both ways we may think? This will never make sense to the finite human mind. God is so much greater and His plans so perfect, we must live with this tension knowing that anyone can be saved but we are lovingly held and guided by His strong and wise plans. Paul admits this is difficult to make sense to each of us. That is why he concludes this difficult teaching of balancing God's election with our need to believe and call on Jesus with these words: *"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?"* (Romans 10:33-34). The only way for us to say we fully understand God is to make Him smaller and less powerful. If you find yourself saying I fully get it now, be careful, your God may be too small. Our true God has "unsearchable" judgments and "unfathomable" ways. Trust Him. Glorify Him. Tell others about Him.

Next Steps:

1. **Invite someone to Calvary this Easter.** Use the door hanger in today's bulletin or pick up a stack of door hangers in the Lobby. Use these to invite neighbors and friends to celebrate in worship with us this Easter at Calvary! calvarylife.org/easter
2. **Remember the Good News of Jesus.** Read through the pamphlet in the chair rack in front of you called "The Way to Connect with God", which clearly explains the "good news" of Jesus. And remember, this is good news not a source of embarrassment or shame. It is all freely offered to whoever will believe.