

## **Who Is Responsible To Save the Lost? Romans 10:8-21**

In the Bible, there are 46 mentions of God belonging to His people. Most of these are in the Old Testament such as this:

***“I am the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God;  
I am the Lord your God.”*** Numbers 15:41

Yet looking at the activity of the Early Church, the Jews seem to be set aside. More non-Jews are coming to Christ than Jews. What happened? Rom 9-11 explains the issue of Israel and the Church.

In a single sentence, here’s what happened to the nation Israel.

**God has rejected Israel because they have rejected Jesus.**

In the course of explaining the status of Israel, Paul explains three responsibilities with regard to saving lost people...The responsibility of the Christian, the non-Christian and God. Our passage in Romans 10 delineates those three responsibilities.

***1) The Christian is responsible to pray for the lost and share the gospel.***

This can be seen in the fivefold process in reaching people revealed in Rom 10:14-15.

**Call on Jesus – Believe – Hear – Preach – Sent**

In the actual activity of communicating the gospel, you can flip this around. Christians are **sent** and have authority to proclaim, or **preach** so that people can **hear** and having heard, they can **believe** which enables them to **call on Jesus** for salvation.

***“People will only see Jesus in us if they hear about Jesus from us. There is no gospel without words.”***  
John Piper, Christian pastor and author

***2) The Jew, or the non-Christian is responsible to turn from sin and receive Jesus as Lord, Savior.***

There are two things about Jesus that Paul brings out in Rom 10:9 that represent saving faith. You will notice that both of these deal with Jesus.

- 1) Jesus is Lord
- 2) Jesus is raised from the dead

Isn’t it fascinating that Paul would select one thing about Jesus – that He is risen.  
If you believe in the resurrection, you believe in the whole thing.  
If you believe in the resurrection, you believe that Jesus died for sins.  
If you believe in the resurrection, you believe that Jesus was and is the Messiah / Savior.  
If you believe in the resurrection, you believe that Jesus is the Son of God.  
If you believe in the resurrection, you believe that Jesus is the giver of eternal life.

***3) God’s responsibility is to save the soul who comes to Him in faith.***

God is able to save all who come to Him and He is able to keep all He saves.

### **Home Group Discussion Questions:**

1. What circumstances led to you hearing and believing the gospel (Romans 10:14–15)?
2. What apprehensions might you have when you think about talking to people about Christianity?
3. Have you ever made any attempts to share some aspect of the gospel with people you believed to be unchurched or unsaved? How did that go?
4. Do you have a list of people you are praying for to come to faith in Christ?
5. Who have you shared God's good news with since believing in Christ?
6. What are some biblical examples you can think of that show God revealing Himself to people who were not seeking Him at all? What examples of God's initiative do you see in your own life?