

PERSONAL EVANGELISM: Video 2

THE ROMANS ROAD

In the second lesson on personal evangelism we are going to look at the Romans Road, a very simple but powerful outline found in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans that provides a road map to salvation.

In our first lesson we made the point that it is the responsibility of every Christian, not just the pastor or a few paid professionals, to share their faith; to lead others to Christ; to become personal evangelists. Knowing the Romans Road is a first step to doing that.

There are four basic things someone must know in order to be saved, and each is a step along the Romans Road:

- ***We are sinners***
- ***There is a price to pay for sin***
- ***God has paid the price***, thus demonstrating His boundless love for sinners.
- ***God demands a deliberate response*** to the salvation He provides. Salvation is not automatic; we have to accept God's gift.

STEP ONE: *We Are All Sinners*

Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

There is not a man or woman on earth who is not a sinner, and every one of us needs salvation. Our own good deeds will not get us to Heaven because God's standard is His own perfection. We must recognize this and be willing to turn away from our sinfulness, asking God to forgive us.

STEP TWO: *There Is A Terrible Price to Pay for Sin*

Romans 6:23a: "The wages of sin is death..."

The death spoken of here is spiritual death – eternal separation from God in a terrible place called Hell. The sad fact is that we send ourselves there by rejecting God and choosing to go our own way. But the best news anyone will ever hear is contained in the second half of this verse:

STEP THREE: *God Loves Us So Much That He Paid the Price!*

Romans 6:23b: "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Notice the little word **gift**. You can't earn it, you don't deserve it, you can't work for it, you must simply receive it. God's amazing love for us is evident in God's amazing gift for us.

STEP FOUR: *We Must Ask for God's Gift of Salvation*

Romans 10:13: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

If we sincerely want it, and we ask God for it, we will be saved. It doesn't take a fancy prayer either. Imagine someone drowning and yelling "Help!" to get the attention of the lifeguard. That's the sort of attitude that also gets God's attention.

Notice too that we can't just call on anybody for salvation. In the context of Scripture, "the Lord" spoken of in this verse is the Lord Jesus Christ, God in human form, who came to earth so that He could live and die for us, then rise from the dead to save us from Hell.

Because of what Jesus did, salvation for us is as simple as following these four little steps along the Romans Road. There are many other verses in the Bible that speak of salvation and provide a lot more detail about it, but for those of us who want to be soul winners this is the minimum with which to equip ourselves to share our faith. At the very least, we must commit to memorizing these steps and memorizing these few scripture verses.