

Sermon Questions

Beautiful Feet
Romans 10:9–15
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CONNECT:

What do people in our culture do to make their feet beautiful? What is the purpose of this?

GROW:

- Read Romans 10:9-15. How does Scripture define beautiful feet? According to this passage, why is it necessary for Christians to share the gospel? Whose beautiful feet brought the gospel to you?
- From the following passages, how would you summarize the gospel?
 - Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10, 5:1
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
 - 1 Timothy 1:15
 - John 3:16-18
 - Titus 3:4-7
 - Ephesians 2:1-10
 - Isaiah 53:5-6
 - Psalm 40:1-4
 - Psalm 103:2-5, 10-13
 - Colossians 1:13-14
 - Luke 24:44-48
- What tends to get in the way of people (you) sharing the gospel?
- Read Acts 4:23-31. What strategy is highlighted here that can help you in sharing the gospel?
- How will contemplating Christ's love for you (Romans 5:6, 8, 10) motivate you to share His love with others?
- Do you have any other strategies that help you share the gospel?

GO:

Read Jesus' command in Matthew 28:18-20. What is your next step in becoming a person with "beautiful feet"?

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The Need for Salvation that exists for every person: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Sin is any action, attitude, thought, motive, or absence of activity (omission) that violates God's perfect plan for one's life. Every person is a sinner, and thus every person needs to be rescued from her/his sin.

The Penalty for Sin: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Desiring us to be with Him forever, the Father willed for His willing Son, Jesus, who was/is without sin, to die for our sins, to die in our place, on the cross. Jesus paid for our sins and offers to cover us with His righteousness (to impute His righteousness to us), if we would believe in Him by faith, and receive Him as Savior and Lord.

God, through His Son Jesus, bought salvation for sinners due to His immense love for us: "but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). You and I are loved by God! He desires for us to be with Him forever in Heaven. Rather than abandoning us in our sins, Jesus died for us, was buried, and rose again so that if we believe in Him as Savior and Lord, we would be forgiven, cleansed, redeemed, adopted and one day, at death, welcomed eternally into His presence in Heaven.

Eternal salvation is by grace, through faith, in Jesus: Romans 10:9-10: "because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." Romans 10:13 adds: "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." The gospel is exclusive: salvation is only through faith in Jesus. Acts 4:12 declares (ESV): "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Likewise, Jesus said in John 14:6: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no-one comes to the Father except through Me." But the offer of the gospel is inclusive. Romans 10:13 adds: "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"

The result of salvation: "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Such peace results in:

- Atonement: Jesus pays for the sins of all true believers through His death on the cross and His subsequent resurrection
- Justification: Jesus declares a true believer to be righteous
- Imputation: Jesus covers a true believer with His own righteousness while imputing one's sin upon Himself on the cross
- Expiation: Jesus makes amends for a true believer's sin through His (Jesus') death, burial and resurrection
- Propitiation: Jesus appeases the righteous wrath of God over our sins, by dying for our sins (and paying the just punishment) and then rising on the third day for us
- Forgiven and cleansed: the precious blood of Jesus washes a true believer clean and we are forgiven
- Redemption: Jesus buys a true believer back from the pit of Hell
- Adoption: Jesus adopts a true believer as His son or daughter—forever
- Situational and progressive sanctification: at the moment of regeneration, a true believer is instantly declared righteous, and she or he is also endowed with Holy Spirit power to grow progressively in righteousness
- Glorification: when a true believer dies, she or he is immediately taken to Heaven. At the Parousia (the coming of Jesus), all true believers in Heaven are given resurrected (glorified) bodies.