## THE "ROMANS ROAD" TO SALVATION

There are many ways to share Christ with someone. This "Romans Road" method uses verses from The Book of Romans to explain God's plan of salvation. This very condensed explanation may be useful in helping you share the Good News of Jesus with others.

We are all sinners in need of a Saviour.

Romans 3:10 - "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"

Righteous = "right with God"

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

The standard isn't how good someone is, the standard is God's holiness. All humans fall short of that standard.

There is a penalty for our sin – death (physical and spiritual).

The good news is, Jesus paid our penalty and offers a free gift of eternal life.

## Romans 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Having established that we are all sinners who fall short of God's glory, the Apostle Paul explains that the "wages" (or earnings) of our sin is "death" ... both physical death and spiritual death.

Physical death = when your soul separates from your body.

Spiritual death = when your soul is separated from God.

The separation from God extends into eternity for those who die in their lost and sinful state. But Paul also tells us the encouraging news of the "gift of God" = Christ died for us; He took our sin penalty and paid it in full so that we could have eternal life.

## Romans 5:8 - "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

God doesn't leave us in our sinful state or with the prospect of facing both physical and spiritual death. Paul says that God demonstrated His Love and grace to us, even when we were deep in sin, "Christ died for us."

## What must a person do to be saved?

<u>Romans 10:9-10</u> - "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Romans 10:13 - "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

We must communicate to God our clear declaration that Jesus is Lord and we must believe that Jesus died for our sin and rose from the dead the third day. This profession of faith must be with a sincere, intentional heart before God to be counted for righteousness.

For a deeper explanation of what it means to be spiritually saved (born again), please visit VBS4ever.com

Ephesians 2:8-9 – "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."