



# Berea Goshen Report

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## Go ye into the (your) world...

Beloved, when was the last time that you told someone about

Jesus...about His love and asked them if they had or would like to receive Him as Savior? If you haven't, you have been missing out on a lot of fun! Nothing compares to it. Besides, it is your main task as a believer on earth.

Think what would happen if every Christian led one person to Jesus this year? The Church would double in size! There would be less murder, arson etc in the world! **“Yeah, but what do I say?”** Talk about your testimony, what the Lord has done for you. Or the **“Roman Road to Salvation”** is the perfect solution! Here you have scriptures and exactly what you could say or you could put it in your own words. We will be talking about this in the next couple of teaching letters.

The **Roman Road to Salvation** is so called because all the relevant scriptures are in the book of Romans:

- \***Romans 3:23.** “...all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.”
- \***Romans 6:23.** “...the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- \***Romans 5:8.** “...But God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”
- \***Romans 10:9, 10.** “...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. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”

Any road to salvation begins with the acknowledgement that God exists and that He is a benevolent being and the very embodiment of all that is good. Hebrews 11:6

He that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him

God takes it for granted, according to the Bible, that He has done enough and that there is enough evidence out

there to allow any honest seeker to know that He does exist. The wonder and precision of creation are God’s evidence to all humans, even the most primitive among them, that He exists and God expects all humans to accept that as convincing evidence of His existence.

**Romans 1:19-23** says:

**[19] Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them [humans]; for God hath shewed it unto them. [20] For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: [21] Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God... [but] changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things...**

In fact, most humans throughout most of human history have taken it for granted that God indeed exists and the primitive among them have tried to fashion all kinds of ways to relate to Him. There have been figures and figurines of all types and shapes made of all kinds of material-wood, stone, metal and even mud, to do so.

Most modern humans, however, have not followed that rational, common-sense path. The wonder, precision and design of the universe has not been convincing, at least not admittedly, to many moderns as God would expect. Too many moderns think that Science and religious faith are so diametrically opposed to each other that they could never co-exist. That they are mutually exclusive. That may be true of religious faith in general, but it is certainly not true of biblical faith.

**Science and biblical faith are NOT mutually exclusive!**

Biblical faith and Science complement each other and should compliment each other! **The bottom line is that true Science simply explains what God created!** Science explains what is! Science does not create, in real terms, because it has to use material or matter that already is. Science is incapable of explaining origins- the

scientific method simply does not lend itself to that task well.

**On the other hand- no religious text, including the Bible can, should or need explain how it is that a cow eats green grass but produces white milk...to put the matter simply! That is not the role of Faith. It is the role of Science!**

The Bible teaches that thousands of years ago, God began acting in order to demystify and remove the guesswork with respect to who He is and how that the yearning of humans to have a relationship with Him could be satisfied. God worked with a man called Abraham, and through him picked the Jewish nation through which God shined light on Himself. Then 2000 years ago God sent His Son, Jesus, to reveal to us what God is like and to make a way for all humans, that wish to do so, to have a personal relationship with Him.

**God does not expect any Christian, to try to convince anyone that He exists.** According to the Bible, God feels like He has done a pretty good job of that already by the wonder and precision of creation! The role of a Christian is to show honest seekers how to find the relationship with God that they desperately have to have, and God so eagerly wants to have with them. One starts on the **Roman Road to Salvation** in earnest after one has acknowledged that God does exist.

The next step is to acknowledge that one has sinned and fallen short of the standards of God. **If one will not acknowledge that they are short of God's standards, it is impossible to continue on the Roman Road to Salvation.**

**Romans 3:23. "...all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God."**

So, what is sin? Sin is **willful** disobedience of God! You knew not to say, do, go or be etc **OR** you knew to say, do, go or be but did or did not. You went your way, not God's! In other words, there are sins of commission and those of omission.

**"Yeah, but...what if I did not know?"** If you really did not know, you are not liable because God winks at sins of ignorance. **Acts 17:30.** It is possible to break civil or criminal law unknowingly. For example, you could be driving over the speed limit without realizing it. If a cop were to pull you over, you could get a speeding ticket. The fact that you did know that you were speeding would not be a defense in court. Ignorance is no excuse under civil/criminal law but it is under God's law! That's the love of God!

Human authorities can't always be sure that you are being truthful when you claim that you did not know. But no one can fool God, even once! God knows our hearts, thoughts, and motivations! He knows if you made a willful choice or if the act was accidental, hence He can hold you responsible for only willful choices.

Really, the Lord has made it impossible for anyone to claim ignorance falsely by giving each one of us a conscience! It is possible, of course, to ignore your conscience so often that it becomes so seared that you feel no qualms at all about anything. But, to get to that point, you had to have willfully and consciously set aside your conscience over and over and over!  
**To be continued...**

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