

"A BURNING YEARNING"

9:1-3  
Rom. 10:1-4

I. Not merely the Normal Desire of the Christian for the Lost to be Saved.

1. Every Born Again Christian Does Have Some Kind of Desire to see Lost People Saved.

A. Because he knows the worth of souls, Mk. 8:36

B. Because he knows they are lost. Jn. 3:18; Rom. 1:28

C. Because he knows it is God's will for them to hear the gospel and have opportunities to be saved.

"He is not willing that any should perish."

D. Because he loves souls.

"We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren.

"We love, because he first loved us."

2. If one has absolutely no concern about the lost or has no desire at all to see them saved, that is a pretty good sign such a person has never been saved.

II. Here Paul expresses much more even than a normal desire to see his lost brethren saved.

It is a "Burning Yearning" for their salvation.

1. Not all Christians who are interested in the salvation of men have this kind of a burning yearning for lost souls.

Many have only:

A. An intellectual desire

B. A superficial desire

C. A Dutiful desire

D. A Selfish desire.

2. This Burning Yearning is

A. A Heartfelt Passion

(1). 9:3, "accursed from Christ"

(2). Based on the compassion of Christ

B. A Heavy Responsibility

(1). Ezek. 3:18, Watchman

(2). Woe is me if I preach not the gospel....

*"Expect great things from God:  
Attempt great things for God." - Wm Carey*

III. One with Such a Burning Yearning will Put Forth Effort  
and Use Every Possible Means to Win the Lost to Christ

1. Praying, "MY prayer to God for them"

2. Preaching, Peter at Pentecost

I Cor 1, It pleased God by the foolishness of  
preaching to save them that believed.

3. Teaching to win them.

A. Where? In S.S., Church, home, school, work, play.

B. What?

(1). That their need is most imperative,

"That they might be saved"

(2). That their earnestness may be an error,

"For I bear them record, that they have a  
zeal of God"

(3). That their ignorance is quite inexcusable:

"being ignorant of God's righteousness."

(4). That their self-righteous works will always  
fail.

(5). That the way of salvation is simple and certain

"Christ is the end of the law for righteousness  
to every one that believeth."

4. Sacrificing Self

A. As Paul did

B. As others like Henry Martyn, who said:

"Now Let me burn out for God!"