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Message Notes

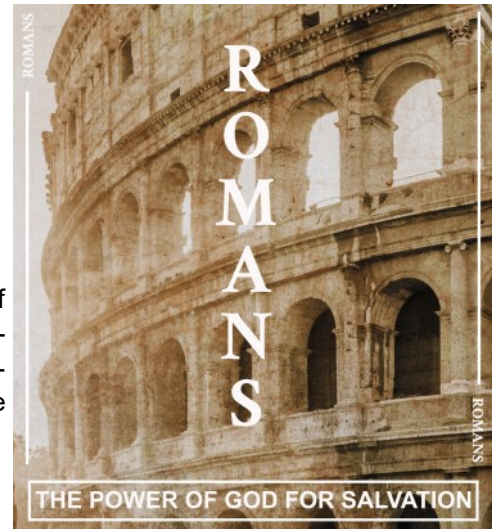
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Romans 10:19-21

*Helping People Believe – Week 5: Preparing Your Hands*

### The Big Idea

You might be the reason someone wants to believe. When you live out of God's embrace—with love, peace, humility, and a resilient hope—your life becomes a **holy invitation**. It awakens a longing in others to experience the embrace you've found in Christ. God holds out His hands to the world—and He does it through **your hands**.



### Key Insights

- **Evangelism is stirring holy jealousy.** God's strategy includes living lives that make others say, *"I want what you have."*
- **Evangelism is flaunting—but not pridefully.** It's **showcasing God's goodness** in your life to invite others in.
- **Evangelism is open hands.** God's hands are extended in mercy (v.21). Our lives become His **visible embrace**.

### What Does Evangelism Look Like?

When we live visibly and intentionally from God's embrace, we invite others into it. Here are four powerful ways our hands extend His.

#### 1. Flaunting Our Newer Name

We live with a new identity—secured, named, and loved by God. Our confidence is not in performance but in **who we are in Christ**. That kind of settled identity provokes the world to want the same name-change.

#### 2. Flaunting Our Better Community

The Church, when healthy, becomes a **countercultural community** of love, grace, and healing. The way we treat one another—with humility, forgiveness, and joy—makes the world take notice. *"By this all people will know..."* (John 13:35)

### 3. Flaunting Our Greater Peace

The world is anxious. But we rest. When we suffer and still radiate peace, it speaks volumes. *"The peace of God... will guard your hearts."* (Philippians 4:7)

### 4. Flaunting Our Surer Hope

We live today in light of a guaranteed tomorrow. Our generosity, perseverance, and joy—even in hardship—point to a **hope that cannot be shaken.** *"Always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that is in you."* (1 Peter 3:15)

#### Small Group Discussion Guide

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#### Getting Started

1. Can you think of a time someone's life made you want what they had (peace, joy, stability, etc.)? What stood out?
2. If someone observed your life closely for a week, what would they assume gives you hope or identity?

#### Digging Deeper

- Read Romans 10:19–21 and Romans 11:11–14
3. How does God describe His posture toward Israel in these verses?
  4. What role does "jealousy" or "envy" play in God's redemptive strategy? Why might this seem surprising?

5. The sermon described evangelism as "flaunting God's embrace" in a holy and humble way. How is that different from boasting or self-promotion?
6. What do you think it means for your hands (your actions, lifestyle, relationships) to express God's open invitation?
7. Which of the following stood out to you most, and why?
  - Flaunting our **Newer Name**
  - Flaunting our **Better Community**
  - Flaunting our **Greater Peace**
  - Flaunting our **Surer Hope**
8. In what areas of life do you find it hardest to live as someone embraced by God? What needs to change for that to become more visible?

### **Making It Real**

11. Who is someone in your life that might be watching your faith without telling you? How could your life better reflect God's embrace to them?
12. What's one small change you could make this week to "open your hands" to others—living in a way that invites them to explore Jesus?

### **Additional Resources**

- [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org)
- [www.biblehub.com](http://www.biblehub.com)
- [www.preceptaustin.org](http://www.preceptaustin.org)