



## **PART 12: BEAUTIFUL FEET**

Reading Romans is like the experience of a man groping in a dark church tower who reaches out to grab whatever he can – and grasps the rope that rings the bell that wakes up the entire community.

~ Karl Barth

One of the reasons for the enduring power of Romans is its constant attention to one of the great issues in Christian theology: the relationship between the Old Testament and the New. No issue was so important in establishing the identity of the early Christian movement.

~ Douglas J. Moo

Paul's point in Romans is that the community that is created by this gospel must live as the true renewed humanity, in its internal and external life. In particular, it must reflect God's intention that Jew and Gentile come together as one worshipping body in Christ.

~ N. T. Wright

In Romans 10, Paul drives home this foundational thought – Jesus is the most complete revelation of God.

~ Linda K. Taylor

Judaism without Christ is unfinished.

~ Craig C. Hill

The first step to obtaining the righteousness of God is to renounce our own righteousness.

~ John Calvin

The new age is a time when God opens wide the doors of salvation to all people. No longer is his plan focused on one people, Israel.

~ Douglas J. Moo

In the Kingdom of God, wherein God rules the saved, there are not second-class citizens, no "separate but equal"; rather, there is "neither Jew nor Gentile".

~ David H. Stern

Paul's point is that what counts is grace, not race.

~ N. T. Wright

Christ and the law are both objective realities, both revelations and gifts of God. But now that Christ has accomplished our salvation by his death and resurrection, he has terminated the law in that role.

~ John Stott

The law was never intended by God to be his final word. All along it was anticipating something greater to come. Now, that something greater has come: Christ. He is the *telos* [end or goal] of the law. If the law was a race, Christ would be the finish line.

~ Douglas J. Moo

Once we grasp the decisive nature of Christ's saving work we see the irrelevance of all legalism.

~ Leon Morris

I am not ashamed of the gospel.

~ The Apostle Paul