

# PBC Growing in Christ

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# Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The cross is silhouetted against a sky with soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun. The clouds are scattered and catch the low light, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

# Growing in Christ

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- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



# Growing in Christ

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*To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)*





# Committed to Worship Romans 10:9-17

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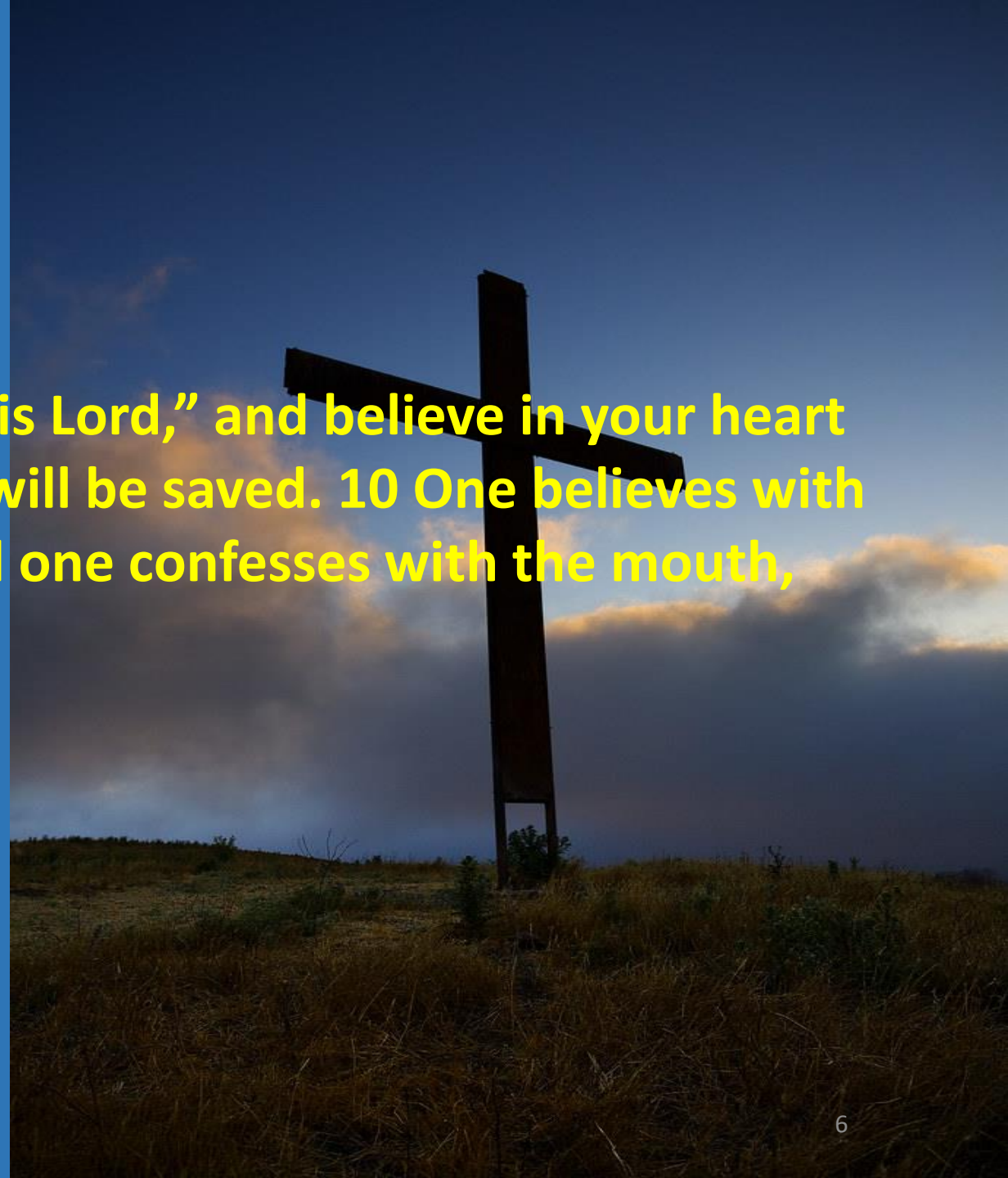
**What's your typical  
response when you lose  
something?**

# Scripture

## Romans 10:9-10

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**9** If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.





# Committed to Mission

## Romans 10:9-10

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If you were called upon to tell what Jesus has done for you, what would you say?

What does it mean to “believe in one’s heart?”



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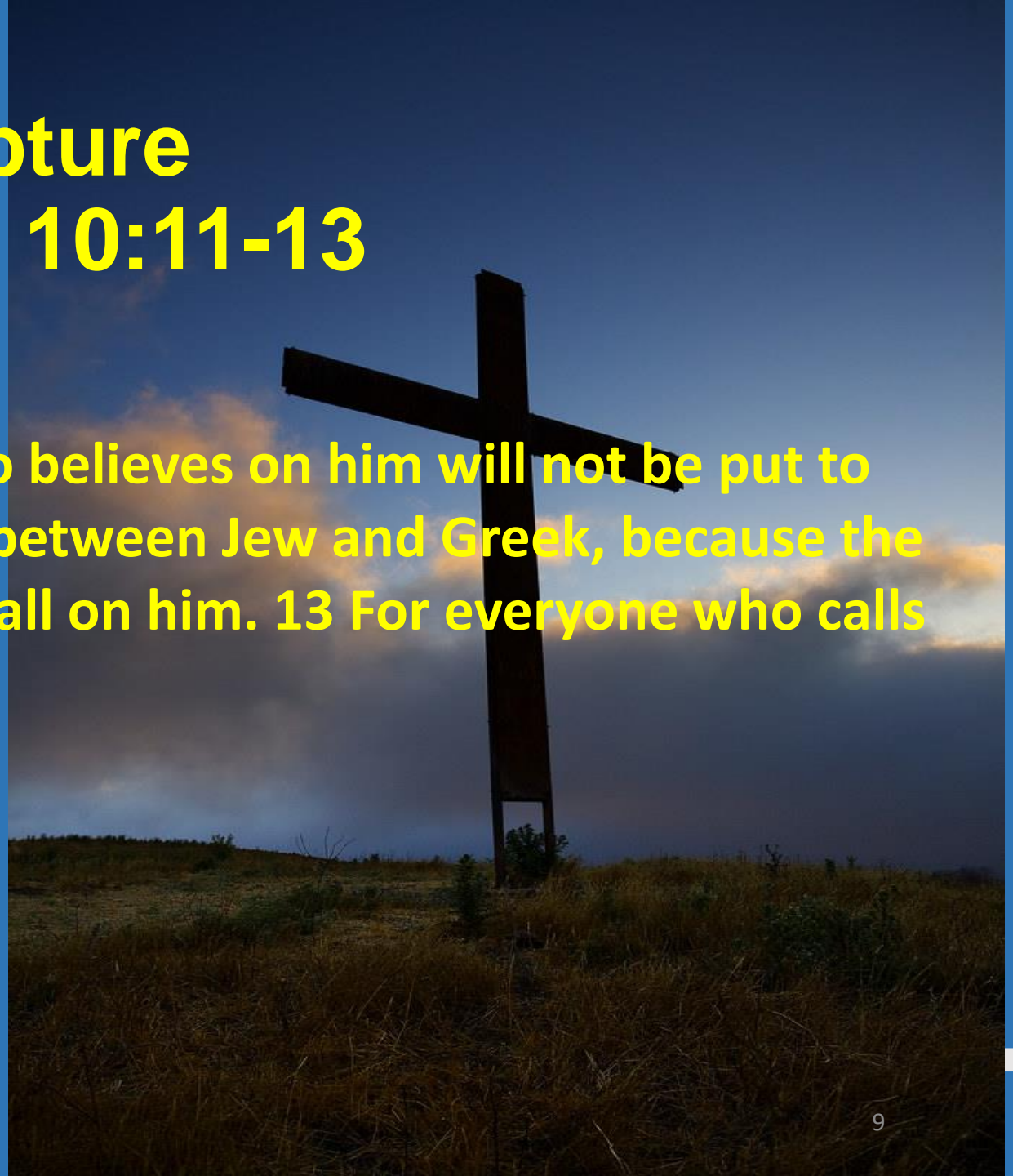
- **Confess. “Jesus is Lord”**
  - “Lord” is the same Greek word the Jews would have used to refer to God Himself. This statement is an acknowledgment that Jesus of Nazareth is fully God.
  - Confessing Jesus is Lord can only come from a heart completely surrendered to Him
  - The heart serves as the home of our convictions.
- **Believe.**
  - Our confession is an outward expression of our belief in who Jesus is: the resurrected Savior and Lord, the Son of God.



# Scripture

## Romans 10:11-13

**11 For the Scripture says, Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame, 12 since there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord of all richly blesses all who call on him. 13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**





# Committed to Mission Romans 10:11-13

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**What obstacles might keep you from sharing the gospel?”**

**Who first told you about Jesus? How did they do it?**



# Committed to Mission

## Romans 10:11-13

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- The kingdom of God is the polar opposite of a country club or a fraternity.
- In those organizations, the people who are already members decide together which outsiders are worthy to be admitted. Thankfully, that's not how God designed His plan of salvation. God doesn't have one plan of salvation for one group and a different plan for another group. Instead, any and all who look to Christ and call on Him receive eternal life.
- The good news of Christ really is for everyone! Therefore, we should pray as fervently for the boss who treats us poorly as we do for a close friend. We should desire the salvation of the person of another belief system as we do for a family member. We can only be committed to the mission of God when we have the same heart for people that God has. After all, God "wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

# Scripture

## Romans 10:14-17

14 How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. 16 But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed our message?

17 So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.



# Committed to Mission Romans 10:14-17

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How do these verses both encourage and challenge you?

What are the implications that the gospel message is for all people?



# Committed to Mission

## Romans 10:14-17

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- Being committed to the mission of God means we also have to be committed to share the mission of God.
- We're not responsible for how others react or respond to the gospel
- We need only be faithful to the call to go and speak.



# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Start with a conversation.** Ask the Holy Spirit to give you an opportunity to share with someone this week. When the time comes, simply share your experience. It could be a way God has unexpectedly provided for you recently. It could be an answered prayer. Share how good God has been to you.
- **Write your story.** Take time this week to write out your testimony. Being committed to take the message of the gospel to those who haven't heard it must begin with a clear understanding of your own story and journey to Christ.
- **Seek a mission.** Pray about being part of God's mission around the world. That might mean giving financially to missions, actively supporting a missionary with your time, prayers, and support, or actually going yourself. Pray that you will have the courage to answer His call.

# Final thoughts about Commitment to Prayer

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- **Confessing and believing aren't steps one and two for salvation. They go hand-in-hand. What we believe in our heart, we will openly confess.**
- **We have no greater news than the truth that Jesus Christ made our salvation possible when we were hopeless in our sin.**
- **God didn't see a distinction between people groups. Jews as well as Gentiles who placed their faith in Christ would be saved. We can rest in the certainty that God saves anyone who believes in Christ.**



# Final thoughts about Commitment to Worship

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We are going love the hell out  
you!



# Resources

the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)

Isaiah 52:7

Nahum 1:15

Isaiah 53:1

**BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**

**[Bible.com](http://Bible.com)**



Next Week: October 4, 2020  
**Place God First**

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Exodus 20:1-6;  
Psalm 16:1-4,9-11

When has a simple solution  
taken you by surprise?"



# God Bless You!

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