"Communicating the gospel"

Someone has rightly said, "A person will not get Saved until he realizes he is Lost."

Text: John 16:7-15 (p. 876).

• The Key Verse here is **John 16:9** (NIV 2011) – **Jesus said**, "...about sin, because people do not believe in me;.."

Last time we walked through "Steps to Peace with God." A second copy is in your bulletin today. Now, I am going to walk us through what has been called....

"The Roman Road."

- 1. Know Your _____.
 - Romans 3:10 "There is none righteous, no, not one."
 - Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."
- 2. Know the _____.
 - Romans 6:23 "for the wages of sin is death..."
 - Physical death happens with the separation of the body and spirit.
 - James 2:26 "As the body without the spirit is dead..."
 - Spiritual death takes place when one is eternally separated from God.

- 3. Know the _____.
 - Romans 5:8 "For God has demonstrated His love for us in this, that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."
 - Romans 6:23 "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

REMEMBER: someone can know these three things, and still NOT be saved. In fact, one can "believe" they are true and still NOT be saved.

- 4. _____ to Christ.
 - Romans 10:9-10 "If you declare with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth you confess your faith and are saved."

What have you (will you) do with your sins? My friend, Randy, and Lowell and Kathy in our skit two Sundays ago balked when it came to really addressing and taking responsibility for their sins. Maybe that is where you are too.

I stand by what I said earlier: One cannot genuinely be Saved until one knows he/she is Lost!