**Romans 10 - by James Cheesman: Lyrics**

I see a people lost,

blinded and ignorant

I understand the cost,

they need the one you sent.

But how can they call,

On whom they don’t believe in?

And how, can they believe,

In whom they have not heard?

How can they hear,

If no one ever preaches?

How can they preach,

If they are never sent?

Just as you resurrected,

Breathe new life into me.

Just as you saved the nations,

Save this world unto thee.

Burn in my heart now,

And never let it die.

Let them see this light,

Let them catch this fire.

Everyone who calls on the Lord

Shall be saved.

And you said, everyone who calls

On your name O Lord will be saved.

Send me,

Lord send your fire in me.

Send me,

Your fire’s burning Lord so send me!

**Theology behind the song**

"Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved... As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

~Romans 10:1, 11-15

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”"

~Isaiah 6:8

In Romans chapter 10, Paul describes his passion to reach his lost Israelite brothers. It is this same passion which should drive us to be used by God and share the Gospel with our lost friends and neighbors, as well as those who don't know Christ across the globe. I wrote this song when I was in High School and involved in a student-led youth worship service. God placed a heavy burden on my heart to share Christ with my classmates, and I used to sing this song frequently in private and public because it truly represented my heart's desire.

When we lose focus of our mission, the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), our devotion to Christ's cause can be renewed by several things: seeing the lost who need Jesus, realizing the importance of Jesus' resurrection, and experiencing God in a profound way. Ultimately, I pray we have the attitude of Isaiah, who upon hearing God's call, "Whom shall I send?" replied earnestly, "Here am I. Send me!"