

"HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?"
(GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU...TO THE WORLD)
ROMANS 10:13-17

INTRO: Romans 10:13-17 is one of the most direct admonitions in scripture for each Christian to be regularly involved in SPREADING THE GOSPEL.

CONTEXT: Paul is in the middle of three chapters teaching about Israel and the ultimate future of the nation. He is talking about his desire to see them come to Christ. In the process of doing so, he gives a very clear challenge for Christian believers to be involved in PREACHING THE GOSPEL. His message was applicable for Christians evangelizing the Jews in his time, and it is applicable for us in evangelizing all people...both Jew and Gentile today. (Cp. Romans 1:16)

I. A CLEAR STATEMENT – VS. 13

- A. The Person Involved – **"WHOSOEVER"**
- B. The Process Involved – **"SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD"**
 - 1. "Shall Call" – The Expression of the Heart of the Person
 - 2. "Upon the Name of the Lord" – The ONLY name for Salvation (Acts 4:12)
 - 3. "Shall be Saved" – Total Deliverance from Sin

II. A SERIOUS SITUATION – VSS. 14,15a

- A. "How Shall They Call on him in whom they have not Believed" – Vs. 14a
- B. "How Shall They Believe in him of whom they have not Heard" – Vs. 14b
- C. "How Shall They Hear without a Preacher" – Vs. 14c
- D. "How Shall they Preach except they be Sent" – Vs. 15a

OBSERVATION: The SERIOUS SITUATION presented in this verse is clearly understood when we reverse the order of the text and put it this way: **"WITHOUT A PREACHER BEING SENT, PEOPLE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HEAR THE GOSPEL, SO THAT THEY CAN BELIEVE BY CALLING UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD."**

- Christians must be willing to GO
- Churches must be willing to SEND PREACHERS (Proclaimers of the Gospel)
- Preaching the Gospel enables people to HEAR so that they can BELIEVE.

III. A BEAUTIFUL PERSON – VS. 15b

- A. A Spiritually Beautiful Person PREACHES (Proclaims) The Gospel of Peace
 - Accepting the Gospel brings one at PEACE WITH GOD
- B. A Spiritually Beautiful Person PREACHES (Proclaims) The Glad Tidings
 - The Gospel is the BEST GOOD NEWS anyone can hear

IV. A SAD REALITY – VS. 16

- A. Not all Who Hear the Gospel will be Saved
- B. But all Must Hear the Gospel **TO BE SAVED**

IV. A RESOUNDING FACT – VS. 17

NOTE: "Faith" in this text speaks of having Faith in Christ for Salvation.

- A. The Means of Faith – **"HEARING"**
- B. The Message of Faith – **"HEARING THE WORD OF GOD."**

NOTE: Each Individual Believer and Each Local Church has the privilege and responsibility to proclaim the Gospel so that people can HEAR AND BE SAVED.

LESSONS AND APPLICATION

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1) Who Will Send Preachers? – **The Local Church Must!**
- 2) Who Will be Willing to Go? – **The Individual Christian Must!**
- 3) Who Will be Willing to Preach? – **ARE YOU WILLING TO GO AND PREACH?**