

“SENT WITH THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL”
ROMANS 10:13-17

INTRO: In preparation for our upcoming MISSIONS CONFERENCE, over the last three weeks I have been preaching on a subject that is VERY CLOSE TO THE HEART OF GOD...MISSIONS. We have defined MISSIONS as “THE LOCAL CHURCH, MADE UP OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST, INVOLVED WITH FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION OF EVANGELISM, CHURCH PLANTING, DISCIPLESHIP AND RELATED MINISTRIES.” The last two weeks we have been observing how the Book of Romans teaches about missions and today we are going to continue the in Romans by studying chapter 10:13-17 under the title of **SENT WITH THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL.**”

OVERVIEW OF ROMANS CHAPTER 10

Romans chapter 10 is the second of three chapters in which Paul is speaking concerning Israel’s current state of unbelief and the working of the Sovereign God in eventually bringing Israel to accepting the Messiah.

- Note: Romans 9:1-3; 10:1,21; 11:1,26,27

And yet this great chapter has a MESSAGE OF MISSIONS FOR BOTH JEW AND GENTILE for us to consider.

- 1) Paul Expresses his deep desire to see Israel saved – Vss. 1-2
- 2) Paul Indicates that the Jewish People are ignorant of God’s Righteousness and therefore they go about to establish their own righteousness – Vss. 3-7
- 3) Paul Relates that the “Word of Faith” for salvation is available to Israel if they will only ACCEPT and BELIEVE IT – Vss. 8-11
- 4) Paul Teaches that there is NO DIFFERENCE between the Jew and the Gentile regarding their spiritual need of SALVATION - BUT both MUST Believe upon Christ, Confess Christ, and Call upon Christ in order to be Saved – Vss. 9-13
- 5) Paul Presents a CHALLENGE that must be RECOGNIZED and ACCEPTED by each CHRISTIAN and LOCAL CHURCH – TO SEND FORTH PREACHERS – Vss. 14-17

THE SERIOUS ISSUE OF VERSES 14-17

PEOPLE (JEW OR GENTILE) CANNOT REPENT AND CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD IN BELIEF FOR SALVATION IF THEY NEVER HEAR ABOUT CHRIST. THEY WILL NEVER HEAR ABOUT CHRIST UNLESS A PREACHER IS SENT TO TELL THEM ABOUT HIM. AND PREACHERS WILL NOT BE SENT IF THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO BE SENT UNDER THE CALLING OF GOD AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.

SOME SERIOUS FACTS TO CONSIDER

- 1) God gives a **GENERAL REVELATION** of Himself through Creation
-Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:18-20
- 2) God gives **SPECIFIC REVELATION** of Himself through the Preacher
-John 17:18

A PREACHER MUST BE SENT
ROMANS 10:13-17

I. THE NEED OF THE PREACHER

- A. To go to the “**WHOSOEVER**” so they can learn about and call upon Christ.
- B. To go to **EVERY** tribe, ethnic group, nation, religion world-wide.

II. THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE PREACHER

NOTE: The Greek word for “PREACHER” is “KERUX” which means to “**HERALD A PROCLAMATION OF GLAD TIDINGS.**”

- A. Refers to any and every Christian.
- B. Refers (in this text) to those specifically CALLED AND SENT to PREACH.

III. THE SENDING OF THE PREACHER

- A. The General Sending by Christ to All Believers – Mark 16:15
- B. The Specific Sending by Christ to Individuals to Preach
 - 1. The Apostle Paul – Acts 26:13-18; Galatians 1:15,16
 - 2. Any Called and Sent missionary
 - 3. Myself
- C. The Ecclesiastical Sending by Christ through the Local Church – Acts 13:1-3
 - The church recognizes the call of Christ upon individuals and sends them.

IV. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PREACHER

“BEAUTIFUL FEET” – Vs.15a

-This is a quotation from Isaiah 52:7 and refers to GOD’S ATTITUDE toward those who proclaim the Gospel.

V. THE MESSAGE OF THE PREACHER

“THE GOSPEL OF PEACE AND GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS” - Vs. 15b

-The Message of the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST (The Gospel), when accepted brings peace between the believer and God Himself. (Colossians 1:20,21)

VI. THE FRUIT OF THE PREACHER

- A. The Result of the Preaching
 - Many will hear and get saved.
- B. The Reward of the Preacher
 - “THE CROWN OF REJOICING”** 1 Thessalonians 2:19,20

LESSON AND APPLICATION

TO THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN

- A. Consider The Words of Saul – Acts 9:6
 - “LORD WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?”**
- B. Consider The Words of Isaiah – Isaiah 6:8
 - 1. An Attentive Ear – **“I HEARD OF THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING...”**
 - 2. A Responsive Will – **“HERE AM I SEND ME.”**

TO THE INDIVIDUAL CHURCH

- Follow the example of the **CHURCH OF ANTIOCH** – Acts 13:1-3