

**Romans 10 Part 2 – Day 1:
“Calling on the Lord” (V14-16)**

**“When we have a grip on the gospel,
grace turns our eyes away from our
fears and weaknesses and places
them on God.”
- Dave Harvey**

Read Romans 10:14-21

DIGGING DEEPER:

(V14) After proclaiming God’s gracious offer in Christ, Paul confronted the basic questions that any of us would ask and notice how each additional question builds on the key verb from the preceding question. If verse 13 is true, and “whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” we naturally would ask... How? How can they believe when no one has told them? How can they learn without a preacher or teacher to explain? Paul lays out the response to these questions in the following verses.

(V15) The word “Preach” here is originated from the Greek word kerysso, which means to be a herald or to announce. This is important because it doesn’t not limit the “preacher” to a pulpit but rather opens up the ability to proclaim the good news wherever we go. Paul was trying to dispel the long-standing tradition that only certain people could share the “good news.” It is by the grace of God that we are called to Him, and then used to proclaim or herald His message of salvation. Here Paul quotes **Isaiah 52:7**, to encourage the believers in Christ to share the good news and the reference to their “beautiful feet” was a way of letting them know that their message would be welcomed by many.

(V16) Though the message would be welcomed by many, Paul makes it clear here that not all would receive or “obey” the gospel. Let’s not forget that this specific section of scripture was a look into the Jewish people at that time. Paul’s focus is on the response of the Jews to the offer of salvation through Christ. Isaiah expresses this by quoting **Isaiah 53:1** and inquiring “who has believed?”

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1.) This section of scripture is typically used as the basis for missionary programs, but it was originally meant for the nation of Israel. The only way unbelieving Jews could be saved, was to call upon the name of the Lord.

A.) *To be saved means to be delivered. We can be saved from slipping into sin so that we don't destroy our life or our witness. What has God saved or delivered you from?*

B.) *What did life look like before being saved or delivered and what did life look like after?*

C.) Read **Ephesians 2:8** and complete the sentence below:

For by (_____) you have been (_____)
through (_____) ,and that not of yourselves...

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME. YOUR
KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE
DONE. ON EARTH AS IT IS IN
HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD AND FORGIVE US OUR
DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR
DEBTORS. AND DO NOT LEAD US
INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US
FROM THE EVIL ONE. FOR YOURS
IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER
AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

**Romans 10 Part 2 – Day 2:
“God’s Gracious Offer” (V17-18)**

Make sure you start your study time today by quieting your heart before the Lord in prayer.

Read Romans 10:14-21

DIGGING DEEPER:

(V17a) “Faith comes by hearing”- The Greek word “akoe” (hearing) can mean the thing heard or the act or sense of hearing. It is one thing to listen, but it takes concentration and focus to hear.

(V17b) “Hearing by the word of God”- The word of God creates faith in the heart of the hearer. Notice, how Paul doesn’t say that the preacher creates faith, or the teacher creates faith. The power is in His word.

(V18) **Psalm 19:4** is quoted here and it gives clear affirmation that Israel had every opportunity both by general and specific

revelation to respond to God. In essence, Paul is saying that there are no excuses.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1.) There is a story in the book of Matthew in chapter 14 that talks about Jesus walking on water. In this story, Jesus calls on Peter to walk out on the water to Him. There are many principles that can be pulled from this story but one that we can focus on is Peter’s faith. Read **Matthew 14:22-33** and answer the questions below:

A.) *Where in this story, do we see Peter “walking by faith,” knowing that faith comes by hearing the word of God? Where did his faith come from?*

B.) When Peter's faith faltered, who did he call out to for rescue?

C.) Why do you think Peter began to sink and how is this a reflection of our own personal "faith life?"

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

LORD, I HAVE FAITH IN YOU. FAITH
THAT YOU HAVE A PLAN AND A
PURPOSE FOR ME. FAITH THAT YOU
WILL NEVER LEAVE ME OR
FORSAKE ME. FAITH THAT YOU
WILL BE WITH ME IN ALL
SEASONS! AMEN

**Romans 10 Part 2 – Day 3:
“God Never Fails!” (V19-21)**

“God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.”

Ephesians 2:8 (NLT)

Read Romans 10:14-21

DIGGING DEEPER:

(V19) Here we see Paul anticipating another objection. Some might have argued that Israel heard but did not understand that God purposed to offer righteousness by faith to all, including the non-Jew. For this reason, Paul asks “Did they not know?” he responds by quoting two Old Testament verses. The first is from Moses in **Deuteronomy 32:21** and he says that the Jewish people will be jealous of God’s love for the Gentiles.

(V20) The second verse quoted by Paul is in **Isaiah 65:1**. It is here that God reminds that even the non-Jew, who was not seeking God,

would eventually find Him. God would become real to the Gentiles. (non-Jews)

(V21) Although both Old Testament leaders wrote about God's turning to the Gentiles, it was clear that Israel was always at the forefront of God's mind. Here we see that God "stretches out His hand" to Israel, even in their disobedience. This was a very smart verse for Paul to quote because it clearly shows that God has not withheld salvation from Jews. Rather he holds out His hands I hope that they would return to Him.

Pastor Warren Wiersbe sums up this section with the following:

"God's favor to the Gentiles did not change His love for the Jews. God wants to use us to share the gospel to both Gentiles and Jews. Jesus Christ wept over Jerusalem and longed to gather His people in His arms. Instead, those arms were stretched out on a cross where He willingly died for Jews and Gentiles alike."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- 1.) “We weren’t walking in the covenants. We weren’t studying the Torah. We weren’t aware of the adoption. We didn’t find God...He found us!”**
- Pastor Jon Courson

A.) *Do you believe that God chose you? Do you not believe that God chose you? Explain below:*

B.) *Do you believe that you have “free-will” to choose to believe in God? Is there a choice in the matter? Explain below:*

C.) *Whether “pre-destined” or a choice made out of “free-will,” there is one thing that we know to be true and that is God’s love for His people. Read*

2 Peter 3:9 and see who God wants to repent and turn to him.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

LORD, JEW OR GENTILE, BLACK OR WHITE, MALE OR FEMALE, YOU LOVE US ALL. HELP ME TO HAVE EYES TO SEE PEOPLE HOW YOU SEE THEM. TO LOVE PEOPLE THE WAY YOU LOVE THEM AND TO PRAY FOR PEOPLE THE WAY YOU PRAY FOR THEM. AMEN.

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As before, dig at nearby mineral deposits and return to Haimirich with the fruit of your quarrying. While Haimirich is thankful for the hardsilver, he has grown worried about the Dravanians in the surrounding area. However, just before he can sound the retreat, Muscles tells him that Hatchling has chased down some monsters by himself.