

SALVATION FOR WHOMEVER – PART 2

ROMANS 10:11-21

INTRODUCTION:

I remember when the Lord called me by His grace, and I responded in faith to the truth of the Gospel. At the time I did not understand everything that took place at that moment, but I understood I was a sinner and needed my sins forgiven and that Jesus Christ had died for my sins, was buried and rose from the dead on the third day. I remember when I also knew that I would be in full-time ministry as an adult, I knew when I was in Junior High.

This morning we will continue going through Romans 10:11-21. Last Sunday we learned the extent of the Gospel, that there is no distinction, but for anyone who believes. This morning we will learn that saving faith comes from hearing the Gospel. Then we will look at the only two responses there can be to the Gospel and finally we will look at some predictions in the Old Testament concerning the results of Israel's rejection of Jesus Christ and salvation by grace through faith.

I. SALVATION BY FAITH BY HEARING (Romans 10:14-15)

- a. Paul begins in verses 14-15 by asking several rhetorical questions concerning how a person comes to _____, anyone, Jew or Gentile.
- b. Our Scripture reading this morning said it in a different _____. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
- c. If we were to look at Paul's words in Romans 10:14-15 in the reverse order it says that if God would not have sent preachers or heralds no one would hear the _____ and if no one heard then no one would believe and if no one believed then no one could call upon the name of the Lord and be _____.
- d. Paul wraps up these two verses by again turning to the pages of the Old Testament, he uses the Scriptures of his people that they so meticulously preserved over the centuries to _____ his words. (Isaiah 52:7)

I. RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS (Romans 10:16-18)

- a. Paul now moves on in this passage to the response of those to whom the heralds proclaim the good news of good things and it changes from a message of rejoicing to a message of _____. (John 3:16)
- b. Paul goes on in this verse in Romans 10 to quote again from _____, this time he quotes from Isaiah 53:1. (Isaiah 53:5, John 3:16-18)
- c. Paul in verse 17 summarizes what he has been teaching in this chapter, and within this summary he gives the other _____ to the Gospel.
- d. Paul is saying that this is what is essential in evangelism, we must proclaim the word of Christ, we must _____ share the Gospel.
- e. After making this summary of the first 16 verses, Paul then asks another rhetorical question and then _____ it. (Psalm 19:4, 19:1-3)
- f. Paul has already emphasized this truth in the first chapter of Romans. (Romans 1:18-20)
- g. God's way of salvation has always been available to _____ mankind, Jew or Gentile, at all times.

II. THE PREDICTIONS OF SCRIPTURE (Romans 10:19-21)

- a. Paul begins to wrap up this chapter with another rhetorical questions concerning the Jews and their knowing or not knowing that God plan of redemption was for _____ people, Jew and Gentile.
- b. Paul then quotes again from Isaiah, and he writes that Isaiah was very _____ to say the words of the Lord spoken to him.
- c. This quote that Paul uses is from Isaiah 65:1 and Paul quotes it from the Greek Old Testament, but he does not stop with verse 1, but goes on to quote verse 2 which concerns _____.
- d. But the history of this nation is not finished yet, and in three weeks as we move into chapter 11, we will see what God has _____ for the people of Israel.

CONCLUSION:

Why did I share my testimony at the beginning of this message? Because I am one of the Gentiles who has received the blessing of salvation because someone shared the truth of the Gospel with me and I responded in faith. Not only that, but God called me into full-time service for Him, not because I some special person, not because I'm famous, not because I have some gimmick, or I am good at persuading people to turn to Christ. He called me because I am His child and He has chosen me to be in this place at this time. He could have used me in a secular job as well, but that was not His purpose for my life. What I am saying is that we each are placed by God where we are so that He can fulfill His purpose in our lives and so that we can share the Gospel with those in our circle. This is the role of every believer, to be a herald, a preacher, an ambassador for Christ, so that others who have not believed can hear the word of Christ and can call upon the Lord and be saved. Salvation is available to all people, even a wretch like me. "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see."[†]

[†]Webb, Philip, editor, *Hymns of Grace*. Los Angeles, CA: The Master's Seminary Press, 2015.