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Hearing and Believing

ROMANS 10:14–21

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

“Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.”

- ¹⁹ But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,
“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;
with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”
- ²⁰ Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,
“I have been found by those who did not seek me;
I have shown myself to those who did not ask
for me.”
- ²¹ But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my
hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

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THINK ABOUT

Our mission at Calvary Church is to be and make authentic followers of Jesus Christ. Our understanding from Scripture is that every true follower of Jesus Christ is to display and proclaim the Lord Jesus. We don't all have the gift of evangelism (praise God for those who do), but all of us are called to display and proclaim Jesus. This passage will help us to understand the true nature of evangelism.

God is the one who saves, but He uses us to tell others about Jesus. So this passage deserves to be carefully studied and applied. Reflect on all the rhetorical questions in these verses.

APPLY

Have you called on the name of the Lord and been saved (Romans 10:13)? In order to believe, you must hear and obey the Word of God.

Evangelism is a process, as Paul sets out in these verses. Trace the process.

Prayerfully consider whether you are really involved in this process of making disciples (Matthew 28:19–20). Think of the beautiful feet God sees as we communicate the good news of Jesus Christ!

ASK

The central question is, “Are you involved in evangelizing?” If you are not, what is keeping you back? What fears do you have? Are there things you don’t understand about the Gospel? Or are you simply lethargic?

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We previously considered Paul’s great passion for those of the Jewish nation who were still unsaved. Ask God to give you that passion for the lost.

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What would you say to a person who says he/she wants to believe but doesn’t have the faith to do so? Does this passage help us in answering that question?

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At Calvary, we support almost 100 missionaries who are involved in the process of evangelism. Are you encouraging them, learning from them, and praying for them?

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PRAY

Lord, thank you for the simplicity of the good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you that the Gospel is faithfully preached at Calvary, and that we have so many missionaries sent out with beautiful feet. Help me to tell others about Jesus.

O God, I pray for many souls to be saved through the ministry and people of Calvary Church.

JOHN 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

1 CORINTHIANS 3:5–6

“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.”



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“Here Am I, Send Me” — *Shannon Wexelberg*

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