

Session #39: “BEAUTIFUL FEET”—Romans 10:14-21

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Verse 14 asks the question “how shall they hear without a preacher”. Are you a preacher?
- Verse 14 also talks about “call on Him in whom they have not believed” Do you need to believe in Him before calling on Him?
- What does verse 17 tell us regarding the source of saving faith?
- What objections are given in verses 18-21? Are they valid?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

THE PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36

#1 - THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - 9:1-33

- #2 - THE RECEPTION OF THE GENTILES - 10:1-21

#3 - THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - 11:1-36

- #1 - THE RECEPTION OF THE GENTILES - Romans 10:1-21

1A. THE NATURE OF GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS - ROMANS 10:1-13

- 2A. THE NECESSITY OF HEARING THE MESSAGE - ROMANS 10:14-21

Three facts presented in ch. 10: 1. the gospel is within reach of all (v. 8); 2. offered to all (vv. 11, 13)
3. but not obeyed by all (v. 16)

1B. The OPPORTUNITY must be given - 14-15

Rom 10:14 **How then shall they call** on Him in whom they have not believed? And **how shall they believe in Him** of whom they have not heard? And **how shall they hear without a preacher (proclaimer)?**
Rom 10:15 And **how shall they preach unless they are sent?** As it is written: **"HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"**

1C. **It (the opportunity) requires a Preacher to be sent** - 14-15a - cf. Nahum 1:15a - The Greek word “preacher” is literally “one preaching” - **the emphasis is not on the man, but on the message – His Word is what has power!** - cf. **Isaiah 52:4-10** - the captives see the beautiful feet coming to announce that they are now free! - cf. **Ephesians 6:15** - - cf. **1 Cor. 9:9-14**; cf. **John 20:21** - “**so send I you**”; **Luke 19:10**; **2 Cor. 4:3-15**; **His plan is to reach unbelievers through believers!**

2C. **It requires a Message (THE GOSPEL!!) to be preached** - 15b - “**the gospel of peace...glad tidings of good things**” - **The Gospel!** - cf. **Isaiah 61:1ff**; **Luke 2:10**; **8:1**; **Acts 13:32-33**; **1 Cor. 1:17-21**; **2:1-5** - The Greek has the same word in both places - **euangelizo** appears 90 times; **euaggelion** appears 77 times, and **euangelistes** 3 times. This is **not talking about professional evangelists**, but **it’s speaking to every believer!** The word **gospel** is found 101 times - cf. **1 Cor. 15:1ff**. The phrase **gospel of peace** appears only here and in **Eph. 6:15**.

3C. **It requires a Response to be given** - 14 - “**call**” cf. v. 13 and “**believe**” - Fascinating look at the issues of believing the gospel. We learn the following:

1D. The **issue is Jesus Christ** and **what we believe about Him**

2D. The issue of “believing” seems to precede that of “calling” to “call upon the LORD” requires a reason - knowing Who Jesus is and believing in Him and what He has done for us, precedes our calling on Him. – I KNOW WHO HE IS!! Do you believe He is the God who made you?

2B. Our OBEDIENCE is essential - 16-17

“But” - Greek: *alla* - **great contrast** NIV reads “*not all the Israelites accepted the good news*” - strange to insert the word “*Israelites*” since that argument from verse 12 and 13 applies to “*all that call upon Him.*” (an error in the NIV translation)

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"

1C. The **Proof from the Bible - Isa. 53:1** - “Who hath believed our report?” - cf. John 12:37-43 - the **root reason for their failure** to believe? - v. 43 - “they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” - Why?? So the gospel would go to the entire Gentile world! Is God done with Israel – NO! (chap. 11 will go into that)

Rom 10:17 So then (the) (saving) faith comes by (is out of) (the) hearing, and hearing by (through) the word (rhema) of God.

2C. The **Principle being taught** – 17 - “Therefore (Greek: *ara*) the faith (is) out of (Greek: *ek*) hearing, but the hearing through (Greek: *dia*) word (Greek: *rhematos*) of God.” Some Greek texts read “*Christ*” at the end. We learn the following from this verse:

1D. The **source from which saving faith comes is hearing the message (The Gospel).**

2D. The **substance of that which is heard is the word of God - Heb. 11:3; 1 Peter 1:22-25**

Hearing the Gospel through the Word of God produces the saving faith! What is it about Jesus Christ that you are telling people? It is really true? Is it from the word of God? Who is Jesus and what has He done?

3B. The OBJECTIONS are not valid - 18-21 - Two basic objections or questions ,which are not valid!:

(1) *Have they not heard?* - v. 18; (2) *Did not Israel know?* - v. 19

Rom 10:18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "THEIR SOUND HAS GONE OUT TO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD."

1C. The **Proclaiming of God's message was accomplished** – 18 - cf. Psalm 19:1-4a; Isaiah 6:9-10 cf. Acts 28:25-28 - cf. Romans 1:18-20; He created all things! He preceded the creation!

2C. The **Purpose of God for the Gentiles was achieved** - vv. 19-20

1D. Moses - Deut. 32:15-21 -

Rom 10:19 But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I WILL PROVOKE YOU TO JEALOUSY BY THOSE WHO ARE NOT A NATION, I WILL MOVE YOU TO ANGER BY A FOOLISH NATION."

2D. Isaiah - Isaiah 65:1 -

Rom 10:20 But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME; I WAS MADE MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME." (God was seeking the Gentiles!)

Rom 10:21 But to Israel he says: "ALL DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND CONTRARY (obstinate) PEOPLE." (But watch out, Gentiles, do not be high-minded!)

3C. The **Problem of Israel was not the lack of opportunity** – 21 - cf. Isa. 65:2-3 “gainsaying” - NIV/NASB - “obstinate” - cf. Acts 7:51-53 - cf. Hebrews 3:7-13; 10:26-31; John 1:11-12

Our depravity is fighting it all the way!!! John 14:1-6 Mt. 11:28! Rom. 10:17 Hearing the Gospel through the Word of God produces the saving faith! What is it about Jesus Christ that you are telling people? It is really true? Is it from the word of God?