

## **Romans 10:12-17 – You Must Speak Up!**

TSK, GreekLexicon, Rienecker, Steele, Gaebelien, Hendriksen, Vincent, Trapp, Robertson, PNT, Poole, Henry, Geneva, Godet, Family, Calvin, Barne Beloved in the Lord: The **Jews thought they were saved by virtue of being in covenant with God.** The **Gentiles thought they were saved by virtue of their knowledge. They were both wrong.** Apostle Paul made that clear. But he didn't just make it clear, he then **presented the solution to these errors.** Hear about this today.

Our headings are:

**All men must ask for salvation**

**All men must hear the Gospel for salvation**

**But all men will not call on the Lord for salvation**

Our goals are: **That on recognizing the need for the lost to hear the Gospel, and recognizing all Christ has done for you and given to you, you will take and support the taking of the Gospel to the lost.**

### **All men must ask for salvation**

12 For there is **no distinction between Jew and Greek,** for the same **Lord over all is rich to all** who call upon Him.

**1. While salvation started with the Jews, it did not end with the Jews; Gentiles were also saved.**

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass That **whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.** For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

You can see that in the inclusion of Rahab, Jethro, Jael, and Ruth.

**2. There is no difference in who is being saved because there is no distinction between Jews and Gentiles.**

**The Jews should not have thought of themselves as superior to Gentiles.** They were both just as sinful.

**3. Both Jews and Gentiles, all of them, were saved by the same one true God, Yahweh, to whom they could cry for help.**

This one God is rich in grace! He has enough richness to give to everyone. That is the sense here.

God gave them the same rich gospel and the same rich faith to receive the Gospel.

13 For "**whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.**"

**4. And for both the Jews and Gentiles, whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Romans 3:22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, **to all and on all who believe.**  
**For there is no difference;**

To call on the Lord was a cry or a prayer.

All men, Jews and Gentiles, who called on the Lord for salvation were then saved and incorporated into the same church.

### **5. Lessons:**

**a. Don't treat the Jews today as if they were the special people of God.** If the Jews bowed to him, they would be part of the special people of God, just as you are part of the special people of God. **Everyone in Christ is a special son of God and have the riches of Christ counted as his.** The true children of Abraham are the ones who have faith as Abraham.

**b. When you preach, make sure it is calling people to the one true God, not some generic god...who require faith in Christ!**

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists don't worship the same god as you do.** They must call on Yahweh for help.

**But don't think you are better than they!** It is your God to whom you call who is better! You receive blessings from him.

**How would they know how to call, when to call, and on whom they should call?** The Jews had no faith (only tradition) and the Gentiles has no faith (only their education).

### **All men must hear the Gospel for salvation**

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?** 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!"

**1. Before a Jew or Gentile can call on God, they must first have faith; they must have a strong believe and trust in God.**

**Unbelievers cannot call on (pray to) Jesus to be saved unless they believe in him.**

**2. Jews and Gentiles cannot have faith in God (and therefore call to God) without hearing the Word of God.**

**So a preacher must preach clearly and fully the Gospel of Jesus Christ so they can hear and believe.**

God has appointed means...human reasoning...as part of his saving work.

The word “preacher” here does not only imply the official title of minister...just one who proclaims.

Acts 8: 4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere **preaching the word.**

Acts 11: 19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, **preaching the word to no one but the Jews only.**

**3. Jews and Gentiles cannot hear the Word of God (and believe) unless it is proclaimed to them.**

But this is best translated “and how shall they hear **without someone preaching,**” rather than “**without a preacher.**” Our translation can be construed as saying only pastors can proclaim God’s truth. That’s not the intention here.

**4. Jews and Gentiles cannot hear proclamations of the Gospel unless believers send the proclaimer of truth.**

**This verse cannot be limited to ministers proclaiming truth as some argue.** The context is general preaching.

**Also, senders and supporters are also involved in the proclamation of truth, as a preacher can’t go without them.** (A woman is also fighting in the military when she stays home and manages the family when her husband is at war.

**5. The proclaimer of truth’s feet are beautiful because he brings the Gospel of peace, the good news – the only means of salvation!**

**Then Apostle Paul quoted a wonderful summary of the work of the preacher from Isaiah.** Isaiah described the joy of the Jewish captives when they learned of their freedom so they could return home! Though dust-covered and filthy, those feet of the prophets brought good news.

**“Beautiful” means here a time of bloom.**

**“Feet” pictures one who is running,** showing there is a sense of urgency.

**6. Lessons:**

**a. Speak up as if the lives of men depended on it, because they do!** Their souls are in mortal danger. **If you know there is a fire and people will die, you have a moral obligation to speak up.** So you have a moral obligation to speak up if someone would otherwise spend eternity in hell. **If you are not in a position to speak up, support those doing it, and pray for them to do it.**

**b. Some have argued God cannot condemn people if they never heard the Gospel. But those very people support sending of missionaries.** If God does not condemn people if they have not heard the Gospel, the plan then should be to hide the Gospel from all men so they could be saved. They don’t have to send missionaries. But we are right in sending missionaries.

**c. If you have heard the Gospel of Jesus, accept it!** All who have not heard the Gospel will be lost, but if you have heard the Gospel and reject it, you will have a worse of judgment than those who never heard it. Luke 12:47 "And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be **beaten with many stripes.** 48 "But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, **shall be beaten with few.** For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

**d. Don’t assume someone else will take the message to the lost, like when you tell your kids, “Someone needs to clean the table.”** They will assume their siblings have to do it! You do it! You speak. You send. You inspire others to do it. You can do it as a church.

**e. The message of the Gospel must be clear and full. This requires preparation.** Ministers go to seminary. Others read good books and learn from those who having been taking that message.

**f. Joy comes when this message is preached.** Judgment comes if it isn’t.

2Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through

sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**g. If you reject the Gospel, you reject Christ.** Are you prepared to deal with that reality?

### **But all men will not call on the Lord for Salvation**

16 But they **have not all obeyed the gospel.** For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**1. Some people heard the Gospel of Jesus from the man with beautiful feet, but didn't obey what they heard.**

**They heard they must obey the Gospel, but they chose not to believe it because they lacked faith.**

**Earlier some Jews did not believe the Gospel!** (Who has received our report? Is 53:1) They stayed in Babylon and died there.

**Even before that, the Jews had the same spiritual food and drink, but they rejected it.**

1Corinthians 10: 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

**2. What the Jews and Gentiles should have done was listen to the words of the Gospel and mix it with faith!**

Doing this would have guaranteed their salvation. **The just shall live by faith!**

**3. Lessons:**

**a. Don't be surprised or disappointed, even though you boldly proclaimed the Gospel, men will not come to Christ.** It doesn't matter if you gave the best defense for the Gospel. Some men, because of their sin, will reject the Gospel of truth.

**b. When faith comes to the unbeliever, fear of the unknown or even fear of the known, like the fear of hell, is removed.** Faith in Jesus gives confidence. Fear causes distrust.

**c. Don't be one of those who sits and listens to the Gospel and be a stone.** If you do, you will be tossed into hell at the end of the world. Receive the Good News. Respond it faith. Rejoice in your salvation.

Acts 13:48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were **glad and glorified the word of the Lord.** And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

**d. What about those who are handicapped or children who cannot have or exercise faith?** Since you can only be saved by grace alone, through faith alone, **God is pleased to accept the faith of believing parents as a ground for saving children,** just **like he counted the failures of Adam on his children.** That reflects the nature of God! That's why **he can count Christ's obedience and suffering as yours.**

### **Conclusion:**

**All men, not just Jews, must ask for the free salvation offered in Jesus Christ.** There is no other way to be saved. **All men must hear the Gospel so they can see their need for salvation.** Regrettably, **some men will refuse to call on God for salvation and will be lost.** But many **others will call on the Lord and be saved.**

Brothers and Sister in Jesus Christ:

**1. Be encouraged to speak and to support the preaching of the Gospel! Don't get tired of this. The world needs it. There is no other way to be saved!**

**2. Why would you do it? Remember all Christ has done for you.** You were wondrously saved. You were given faith to receive the Good News you heard.

Finally: If you are here today, or listening to this sermon at another place and time, the message is the same. Having heard Jesus is the only way to be saved, and you need to be saved, ask God for salvation, and then ask him to guide you in your new walk with him. He loves sinners and delights to show mercy.