

Hey, Nice Feet!

Romans 10:12-21

Introduction

I The Opportunity For Salvation

- A. God's righteousness is available to both Jew and Gentile
 - 1. God is **Lord** of all - Rom 1:16; 3:22-25
 - 2. God richly blesses all who **call** on him
- B. God's righteousness is available to everyone
 - 1. **Everyone** who calls on the Lord will be saved - Joel 3:32

II The Requirements For Salvation

- A. A recipient
 - 1. A person who is willing to **hear**
 - 2. A person who is willing to believe - Eph 1:13-14
 - 3. A person who is willing to **call** - Jer 29:11-14
- B. A messenger
 - 1. A person who is willing to be **sent** - Matt 28:19-20
 - 2. A person who is willing to **preach** - 1 Cor 15:3-4
- C. The process summarized
 - 1. Faith comes by **hearing** the message - Matt 7:24-27
 - 2. The message is heard through the **Word** - 1 Thess 2:13

III The Realities Of The Process

- A. Not all the Israelites accepted the Good News
 - 1. Not because they hadn't **heard** it - Ps 19:1-4; Rom 1:18-21
 - 2. Not because they hadn't **understood** it
 - a. God made them envious by the Gentiles - Dt 32:21
 - b. God made them angry by the Gentiles - Acts 13:44-46
 - 3. Not because God hadn't **revealed** it - Is 65:1
 - a. The Gentiles found what they weren't seeking
 - b. The Gentiles discovered what they weren't asking for
- B. God's assessment of the problem
 - 1. God patiently reached out to Israel - Is 65:1-2; 2 Pet 3:9
 - 2. Yet, they rejected His offer of salvation because:
 - a. They were a **disobedient** people - Jer 25:4-7; 2 Thess 2:10
 - b. They were an **obstinate** people - Ezek 2:3-8

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time to consider the following questions:

1. How would you characterize your feet? Ugly? Interesting? Good looking? Smelly? Big? Tiny? What would you say is the most interesting or unusual thing about your feet?
2. Some Christians believe that verbally communicating the Gospel is unnecessary. After all, "my lifestyle is my witness." How does Romans 10:14-17 refute this idea of being a "silent witness" as an incomplete form of evangelism?
3. According to 1 Cor 15:3-4, what is the content of the message we are to preach? How much training does a believer need in order to be able to share these basic truths?
4. Read Romans 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18; Hebrews 4:12 and Isaiah 55:10-11. According to these verses, what characteristics make the sharing of the Word such an essential component of salvation? Sharing the gospel has often been likened to letting a lion out of a cage. What are the similarities? What are the differences?
5. Romans 10:18-21 makes it clear that the Jews' problem wasn't a lack of information, understanding or revelation, but of disobedience to God. Are there any areas in your life where you know what God requires, yet you have disobeyed and resisted Him? What are they? Are you willing to change?
6. Ask God to give you the privilege this week of unleashing the Good News into the life of at least one person this week. Who would that person be? Pray now for the opportunity and boldness to share the life-changing message of Christ.

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