

Romans 10:14-17

Faith Cometh by Hearing

1. 10:14-15 – How Then Shall They Call?

- a. *"How then ...?"* - 7 upcoming questions. 7 prophetic references. (not mystery)
 - i. We can learn from prophecy but must understand it is not speaking about us.
 - ii. There can be good preaching from these verses, but what of the context?
- b. Who are 'they'? Those who call in v13 (Joel 2:32 = whosoever in Israel's kingdom)
 - i. 'whosoever shall call' kingdom promise quoted by Peter in Acts 2:21 (not mystery)
 - ii. Note *when* Israel calls on the name of the Lord - Zech 13:6-9, Isa 53, 58:8-12, 61:4-6
- c. When Israel is saved, the nations come to see and hear it in Zion. (← not Rom 11:11)
 - i. Before this kingdom call on Christ by whosoever, there must be belief.
 - ii. Before belief in Christ, there must be hearing.
 - iii. Before hearing of Christ, there must be preaching.
 - iv. Before preaching Christ, they must be sent by him.
- d. *What of Israel's salvation?* Either a) Christ has not come, or b) Israel did not hear Him.

2. 10:15 – Sent with the Gospel

- a. *"as it is written"* – Isa 52:6-10 about "that day" the Lord gathers Israel - Eze 39:27-29
 - i. *"they shall know ... that I am he"* - Heb 8:11; *"it is I"* – Mt 14:27, Lk 24:39
 - ii. 52:7 - Gospel is peace & salvation in Zion = gospel of kingdom - Mk 1:14, Mt 24:14
 - iii. Israel's redemption would be proclaimed by messengers - Luke 1:68-
 - iv. John - John 1:6; Jesus – Matt 15:24, John 3:17, 20:21; Peter - Acts 10:34-43
 - v. Christ was sent to Israel to preach the gospel of the kingdom Isa 61:1-2, but ...
- b. Preachers sent w/salvation to the nations was a sign of Israel's kingdom (Mt 28:19), but ...

3. 10:16 – Not All Obeyed

- a. *"they have not all obeyed the gospel"* – The reason why salvation has not come to Israel.
- b. Israel should have preached Christ to the world, but not all Israel received him - John 1:11
- c. *"obeyed the gospel"* = believe and call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ - 1 Pet 2:6-8
- d. *"Esaias saith..."* in Isa 53:1 about Israel rejecting Christ when he came to them as a servant.
- e. *"who hath believed our report?"* - next to none. A few: the remnant of Israel - Heb 4:1-3
- f. What was their report preached? A: gospel of the kingdom, Christ as Lord and king.

4. 10:17 – Faith Cometh by Hearing

- a. This verse an important conclusion going back to the "word of God" in Rom 9:6
- b. The word of God effective to Israel by promise not flesh (ch9) by faith not law (ch 10)
 - i. "not all Israel" = not all received the promise, not all obeyed gospel.
- c. Faith/Christ was needed for their salvation, but they sought it by law - Rom 9:32, 10:3
- d. *"faith cometh by hearing"* – Israel given the words to hear, but would not - John 8:43, 10:27
 - i. Faith does not come by doing, faith comes about from hearing.
- e. *"hearing by the word of God"* - faith, Christ as Lord, resurrection, all according to Scriptures
 - i. Faith by hearing the word of God (to Israel), not just the claims of men. 2 Pet 1:19

- f. Faith (~def.) is the evidence of what you hear being true - Heb 11:1 (Faith in what?)
 - i. If what you hear is the word of men (preachers), then evidence lacks for the unseen
 - ii. If what you hear is word of God preached, then faith is strong b/c of God - not you.
 - iii. It is not true because you believe it/said it, it is true because God said it. 1Th 2:13
 - iv. The word of God is spoken. Faith is your obedience to it as the true word of God.
- g. The word of God to Israel not made ineffective by faith and Christ - Rom 3:31
- h. Instead, the word of God spoke of faith and Christ as necessary for Israel's salvation.
- i. What kept Israel from salvation is their failure to hear the word of God to them.
 - i. I.e. Their faith in God was a lie (Jesus not Lord, He did not rise, the law could save)