

## GOD IS COUNTING ON US:

Romans 10:13-15

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

In this passage I'll talk about two facts and answer four questions.

FACT NUMBER ONE: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." This verse shows the heart of God. It is not His will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2Peter 3:9) "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." God loves us so much that He sent His only Son Jesus, to die for our sins and does not condemn us but gives life to all who accept His gift of salvation. (John 3:16-17) Jesus came to seek and to save those who were lost. (Luke 19:10) He provided the way that whosoever should call upon His name will be saved when He died on the cross for our sins; rose from the grave on the third day and ascended into heaven to be with the Father to intercede for us. Notice that the verse did not say, some who call on the name of the name of the Lord might be saved. No, it said clearly that whosoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. It includes everyone, and it gives the guarantee that those who call on the name of the Lord WILL BE SAVED. The first step for one to be saved was done on the cross by Jesus. He made it possible for our salvation. The second step is up to us, He made it easy for us all we need to do to be saved is to call on His name and ask Him to forgive us of our sins. When we do that, we have

the guarantee that we will be saved. The salvation message is an all-inclusive message, and everyone is treated equally.

QUESTION NUMBER ONE: How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? In order for one to believe in someone or on something, one must first hear about the person or thing. Thank God that today the world has made it possible through the various platforms for us to communicate that there are no excuses why one cannot hear about Jesus. We have TV, Radio, Tracks, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Phone, preaching the Teaching, Movies, Plays, Songs, Concerts, Zoom the written word, and of course personal witnessing. We can see clearly that we have the means of communication, the question is are we using them to share the salvation message or are they being used for social gossips? If we are availing ourselves of the technology that is around us, all will have the opportunity to believe in Him who is able to save. It is up to us to do our part. God is depending on us to reach the lost with His good news of salvation. When they hear, they will have the ability to believe. They will be able to make informed decisions. Expect they believe that He is God, they cannot call upon Him in prayer. The Bible says, he that comes to God in prayer must believe that He is (Heb.11:6). The divine revelation must be made known to one before one can receive and believe it, it is not born with us.

QUESTION NUMBER TWO: How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? It is our responsibility to tell the world about Jesus. They need to hear through us. It does not mean that we have to be preaching to everyone, that is only one of the ways. The first should be our lives. We are the only Jesus that some will see. Our lives should be the best sermon we will ever preach. Our testimonies of what the Lord did for us should be flowing through our conversations,

no in a proud or boastful way, but with humility and thankfulness showing that He is no respecter of person and what He did for us He will do for all who call upon Him. The Bible says that “faith come by hearing and hearing the word of God.” (Romans 10:17) We need to have the word of God in us so that it comes out of us in our conversations. The unsaved should hear about Jesus as we interact with them. Someone must tell them about Jesus in order for them to believe.

QUESTION NUMBER THREE: How shall they hear without a preacher? I believe this is where some of us cop out by saying “this does not apply to me; I am not a preacher”. This is really for me; Whenever we start thinking this way, we are allowing the enemy to gain victory over one of the most important thing that God has called us to do. Too often we are tricked into thinking about standing in a pulpit and delivering a message to a congregation, yes that is one form of preaching. Let’s what else is preaching according to Webster’s Dictionary; it is to proclaim, make known, to urge acceptance of an idea or course of action, to exhort and to advocate earnestly. The world understands the meaning and its effectiveness, and they use it to promote their agendas. It’s time for us to do more preaching so that they will hear and believe in Him. God is the one who qualifies us and commanded us preach to all nations; therefore, we must reach the lost as an act of obedience. (Matthew 28:18-20)

QUESTION NUMBER FOUR: How shall they preach; except they be sent?

Every believer is sent to reach the lost with the gospel. We got our marching orders from Jesus. He said “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations. (Matthew 28:19) This is our assignment to preach the gospel to everyone, everywhere and He will be with us. Every believer is a priest, and part of our duties it to take God’s word to the people. He is counting on us to do

our part. It is so important that the Bible tells us that the gospel must be preached in all the world before Jesus returns. The disciples asked Jesus about the end of the ages, this was how He replied to them in Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” It is safe to say that our obedience and the return of Christ are closely related. God sends each of us to go and preach His message of grace. He empowers us with the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses. (Acts 1.8) He has given us His promises that He will be with us when we go and preach to the nations. (Matthew 28:19-20) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

## THE SECOND FACT.

We have looked on one of the facts and answered the four questions. The second fact is “The beauty of sharing the gospel.” When believers are faithful in taking the gospel to distant places, they have been able to change the landscape. Not only are individuals changed from death to life, but they have effectively changed cultures from darkness to light. They have improved the health of the citizens by building hospitals, improve education with schools, colleges, and universities. Their works focus on the spiritual, but they continue to bring beauty and wholeness to the whole man. The verse proclaims the beauty of the feet of those who preach the gospel, and we see the beauty in effect of preaching the gospel when we observe the changes in people and place because someone was obedient to bring the gospel of grace to them. The beauty is the blessings

of God that remains where the faithful travels with His gospel to the end of the world. God is counting on us, so that all will hear the good news and call upon Him and be saved.