

# Everyone Who Calls on the Name of the Lord Will Be Saved

## *Romans 10:1-15*

The theme of the book of Romans is Righteousness—having a right standing before God; being in right relationship with Him. This theme is developed throughout the book of Romans:

- **1 – 3:20** – Why Righteousness is Needed: Because we all fall short of the perfections of God's character and nature (Rom. 3:23)
- **3:21 – 8** – How Righteousness is Obtained: Righteousness is a gift from God which we receive by placing our faith in Christ alone for our salvation, not by the works of the Law (Rom. 3:21-22)
- **9 – 11** – When Righteousness is Rejected: Paul focuses on the nation of Israel and the fact that the nation, as a whole, had rejected Jesus as the Messiah (John 1:10-12)
  - What is God's plan for Israel? The Jews were God's chosen people. Will all the promises that God made to Israel fail?
  - What about God's promises to the Church? Is God trustworthy? Can we trust Him to fulfill His promises to us?
  - Romans 9 – Israel's Past Election
  - Romans 10 – Israel's Present Rejection
  - Romans 11 – Israel's Future Restoration
- **12 – 16** – How Righteousness is Practiced: Practical instructions to help us understand what righteousness should look like in our daily life

For many centuries, prior to the coming of Christ, if someone wanted to be saved and enter into a personal relationship with God, he or she had to come by way of the nation of Israel and the Mosaic Law. However, in the Old Testament, a person was not saved by becoming an Israelite, by being circumcised, or by observing the Mosaic Law.

- These external things did not save a person! Salvation is something that takes place on the inside—it is internal.
- Throughout the book of Romans, Paul argues that salvation is not based on being a Jew—a descendant of Abraham—nor on the observance of the Mosaic Law.
- Salvation for all time has always been by grace (a free gift from God) through faith (taking God at His word) manifested in obedience to what God has revealed up to that time. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
  - Genuine, saving faith manifests itself in obedience to God's Word—whatever He has revealed to mankind up to that point in time.
  - The external things flow from the internals; without the internals, the externals are meaningless!

### **Romans 10:1-4**

- The Israelites were not and are not saved by being God's chosen people.
  - They were not saved by being descendants of Abraham.
  - They were not saved by observing the Mosaic Law.
  - They were not saved by being circumcised.

- The Israelites were zealous for God but not based on knowledge—not in accordance with what God had revealed to them.
  - Sincerity and zeal are not enough!
  - We must come to God on His terms, not our own.
- Righteousness is a gift from God; we cannot establish a right standing with God through our own efforts.
- We must submit to God’s plan of righteousness which He gives to those who place their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ — “so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.”

### **Romans 10:5**

- If you are going to try to achieve righteousness through the works of the law, then you have to obey the law perfectly!
- The standard is 100% obedience.

### **Romans 10:6-7**

- Those who accept God’s provision of righteousness by faith recognize that there is no human effort or work, no matter how extraordinary it may be, that can earn a right standing with God.

### **Romans 10:8-11**

- We are saved—made righteous before God—when we believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, that He died on the cross for our sins and that He rose from the dead. (1 Cor. 15:1-5)
- Romans 10:11 – “Anyone [Jew or Gentile] who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

### **Romans 10:12-13**

- Salvation is based on internal realities—faith, trust, and belief—not external realities—being a Jew, obeying the Mosaic Law, or doing good works.
- Saving faith will manifest itself in externals—calling on the name of the Lord, confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord, obedience to the Word of God—but we are saved by the internals, not the externals. (James 2:14-26)

### **Romans 10:14-15**

- A five-step process that is necessary for a person to be saved:
  - A messenger who is sent by God
  - The proclamation of the Gospel
  - Hearing the Word
  - Believing in the Lord
  - Calling on the name of the Lord

Dr. John C. Ryland admonished William Carey, “When God pleases to convert the heathen, He will do it without your aid or mine!” Fortunately, Carey listened to God rather than Dr. Ryland and went to India where he was used mightily to proclaim the Gospel.

Who were the people with “beautiful feet” that shared the Gospel with you? With whom does God want you to share the Good News? Will you listen to God or Dr. Ryland?