

BASICS OF SALVATION

Romans 10:9-15

Introduction: Beginners need to start with the basics, no matter what they are beginners at - even in Spiritual matters. Basics never change for there will always be a basic, starting point and those who have never been there, done that or it is new to them, need to start at the beginning, the basics. Even the experienced need to have a "refresher" course in the basics, now and then. Everyone needs to "go back" every once in a while. Christians, let's go back to the basics for a while.

I. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved..." (Romans 10:13)*

- 1- "Whosoever" - God doesn't go into details about this will or that will, God clearly, simply means:
WHOSOEVER!
- 2- "Call" - Is loudly, clearly, with intent, vocalizing to a person - "Hi There!," "Help"
- It is to call upon/out to God in a believing way, wanting to be saved.
- 3- "Shall be" - Not will, Not if, Not maybe - No thought of mind change.
- It is a declaration of sure fact.
- 4- "Saved" - Meaning to be brought into God's Family.
- God's wonderful cure for the disease of sin. It is simple, abundant and is difficult to get it to the people who need it.

II. FOUR NECESSITIES - (Romans 10:14)

- 1- One must believe before calling.
 - Who would ask if no belief was needed?
 - Who would ask if one didn't believe that God could save?
 - Who would ask if one didn't have a little faith in Jesus Christ?
 - Who would ask if he/she didn't believe Jesus hears?
 - It is trusting Jesus Christ, letting go of everything else.
- 2- One must hear before one can believe.
 - There must be a knowledge of sin, of the Savior, of Salvation.
 - Without such knowledge there cannot be any faith.
 - A man was asked his belief, then asked what does His Church do, what does he do, he replied that both he and his Church believe the same thing.
 - The more often one hears the gospel, the better.
 - To pay attention to hearing the gospel is better.
 - To hear to understand is to think, to ask questions.
- 3- One cannot hear the gospel without someone talking/telling it.
 - Someone must make the truth know.
 - God does not write in the sky.
 - Sermons, books, cards, tracts, letters, telephone calls, personal witness, etc.
 - Every Christian can tell the gospel.
 - Every Christian is a priest of God.

- It is the duty of every Christian to tell the gospel story.
- No special education or gifts is necessary or required.
- Once the lost person has been told the gospel story, that lost person is then accountable to God and the one who told the gospel is free of his/her responsibility to that person.
- It is indeed a great shame for anyone near this Church to die without ever hearing the gospel.
- What if this Church committed itself to tell everyone in _____ the gospel of Jesus Christ?

4-One cannot effectively tell the gospel without being sent.

- A message must first be given to the messenger. (*...go ye into all the world...*)
- That messenger must feel the impulse within that compels him/her to go.
 - If there is love, there will be compassion.
- That messenger must be empowered to do the work.
 - Empowerment to witness comes from praying about the lost.
- That messenger must report back to the Master after delivering his/her message (gospel).
 - I did my best....was turned....etc.

CONCLUSION:

1. God appeals to the lost to believe in His Son, Jesus Christ - whosoever.
2. God appeals to the saved to return to the basics:
 - love for everyone
 - compassion for the lost.
 - commitment to tell the gospel story.
3. Christian, do you need to go back for a refresher course in the fundamentals, basics of becoming a Christian?