

THE GOSPEL IS FOR EVERYONE

Romans 10:12-16

Introduction: The Jews thought (and still do) that they are the only people that God loves and that they are the only ones who have full access to Him. Others (Gentiles) could participate in only certain parts of their worship services and then they had to stay in a certain area and were not allowed to go where the Jews went. However in truth, God is not really like that, for the good news, the Gospel that Jesus sent His disciples to preach and teach was/is that everybody is welcome.

I. GOD TREATS EVERYONE ALIKE (v12)

1. God makes no distinctions of who is better or best. People do, but God doesn't.
2. God is equally rich and merciful to all who call upon Him.

II. EVERYONE IS SAVED BY THE SAME PROMISE (v13)

1. "Whosoever" - any person drawn by the Holy Spirit, regardless of race, color, man or woman.
2. "Calls" - any person who believes in and looks to Jesus Christ for salvation.
 - any person who surrenders and dedicates him/herself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
3. "Is Saved" - every person who believes in Jesus Christ is born into the Family of God and has full privileges as any other family member, regardless of race, color, man or woman.

III. NOBODY IS SAVED APART FROM THE GOSPEL (vv14-15)

1. A person cannot call, believe, nor hear "without a preacher." (someone who speaks the Word of God)
 - How can a person call on Jesus if he/she has not believed in Him?"
 - How can a person believe in Jesus if he/she has never heard of Him?
 - How can a person hear about Jesus without somebody telling him/her (a preacher)?
 - There must be someone to share Jesus.
2. The preacher cannot "preach" unless he is sent.
 - God sends out "preachers," tellers, witnesses.
 - God's Church is the source of those going out to tell (preachers, witnesses).
 - Some are chosen by God to witness.
 - Some are chosen by God to stay and pray.
 - All are chosen to support those who do go.
3. The Gospel is GOOD news.
 - The Gospel is the message of permanent peace with God, the kind Jesus had.
 - The Gospel is the message of eternal things - life, body, home, in God's presence.
 - The Gospel is the message of a God who loves everyone.
 - Those who carry this Good News are a welcome sight to those who are lost.

IV. HOW DOES A PERSON "CALL UPON THE LORD?" (vv16-17)

1. A person must want to hear the Gospel, the good news, the message.
2. A person must agree that the message is true.
3. A person must then do something about what he/she has believed/accepted as being true.
 - He/she must yield and commit to that truth.
 - He/she must believe in Jesus and commit him/herself's life to Jesus.
 - He/she must trust Jesus completely.
 - He/she must cast his/her life into Jesus' keeping.
 - Trusting Jesus to take care of his/her past sins, to care for him/her at the present, and to bring him/her to heaven one day.

CONCLUSION:

1. There is no such thing as:
 - a saving faith without obedience to Jesus' commands.
 - believing in Jesus and not following Him.
 - believing that Jesus has forgiven one's sins and continue to live in them.
 - believing the Gospel, yet still living as and in the world.
2. God loves everybody - the same. God invites everybody to become a part of His Family. God has made it clear that there is but one way to become a part of His Family and that is through His Son Jesus Christ. Belief in Him will enable God to bring anyone into His Family.
3. Are you a part of God's Family?