

Have they not Heard?

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 10:14-21.

B. This addresses the question of those who have not heard about Christ.

C. All who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus will be saved. (Joel)

II. Steps involved in calling on the name of the Lord.

A. The call itself.

1. Each person must individually call upon the name of the Lord.
2. The importance is to bring a person to this place.
3. The heart must be involved and the mouth must acknowledge it.

B. The belief.

1. You have never preached the gospel until you have given men something to believe.
2. Some message must come.
3. It is a message grounded in history.

C. The messenger.

1. The spreading of the Scripture alone is not enough.
2. Men must be sent out.

D. The sending.

III. What about those who have not heard.

A. One response to the gospel is the puzzlement of unbelief.

1. There is something in us that does not want to receive good news.
2. Despite the tremendous news of Isaiah, the people also said no. (Isaiah 53)

B. Faith is heard from hearing the message of Christ.

1. If you hear a message, you have to believe it or disbelieve it.

2. Man lives in a desperate state of sinning and can only get out of it through belief in Jesus as savior.

C. There is a universal proclamation of the gospel through nature, which is enough light even though it is only a little (Romans 1)

1. Men are without excuse.

2. There are no men who have not heard—they all know something about God.

3. Faith is critical. (Hebrews 11:6)

D. God in grace often gives more light than the light of nature.

1. He makes people spiritually jealous to win them.

2. He made the Jews jealous by using the Gentiles.

E. God is patient because He longs to draw people to Himself.

1. God never damns anyone without a chance.

2. No one will ever be separated from God who does not resist His love.

Application questions:

1. What happens to those who have not heard the gospel? Explain.

2. Should we share the gospel any less in light of the previous question? Explain.

3. Which step in calling upon the Lord stands out to you? Why do you find this so important?
