

Send the Light

Text: Romans 10:5-21

Context - In Romans 9-11, Paul addresses the difficult question of why the majority of the Jewish people rejected Jesus as their messiah.

As the light of the Gospel goes out...

I. _____ upon the name of the Lord (vs. 5-13)

- A. "Faith, which is the beginning of our calling upon the name of the Lord, is a grace that turns the soul wholly from itself unto God; it is the renunciation of self-righteousness and the venture of the soul upon Christ alone." (John Owen, *The Doctrine of Justification by Faith* (Works, Vol. 5), chap. 3)
- B. "Calling on the Lord is far more than verbal utterance; it is the heart's cry of the repentant sinner who believes that Jesus alone can save him. It is the expression of genuine faith in God's Son and submission to His lordship." John MacArthur, (*Romans 9–16 Commentary*, p. 72)

II. _____ the Gospel to all (vs. 14-15)

- A. "The preaching of the gospel is not a matter to be regarded lightly. It is the supreme task of the Church. Our Lord sent His apostles to preach, not to organize, not to entertain, but to proclaim salvation in His name." (D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Preaching and Preachers* (1971), p. 27.)
- B. "If a commission by an earthly king is considered a high honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?" (David Livingstone, *Letter from Africa*, 1842.)

III. _____ the results to God (vs. 16-21)

- A. "The results of our preaching are in the hands of Him who said, 'My word shall not return unto Me void.' We are not responsible for the harvest, but only for scattering the good seed and watering it with prayer and tears." (C. H. Spurgeon, *Sermon #798, 'Dependence upon God in Preaching,' Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit.*)
- B. "It is not our business to convert; it is our business to proclaim. The results are God's, but the faithfulness must be ours." (Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Romans* (1988), p. 196.)