

NOTES: “How Can They Hear?” | Salvation Purpose
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“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”

(Romans 10:14, NIV)



Return of the Prodigal Son, Rembrandt

Titus 3.5

“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,” (Titus 3:5, NIV)

Why Did God Save You?
What is the Purpose of Salvation?

1. Forgiveness

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:20–21, NIV)

2. Freedom

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:32–36, NIV)

- Freedom from the guilt of the past.
- Freedom from Generational Curses, family of origin pain, and lies.
- Freedom from being a slave.
 - “Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.” (Romans 6:16–18, NIV)
- Freedom to transform with God’s help, change, and make new. (2 Cor. 5.17).
- Freedom to lean into God’s present work in us.
- Freedom to live God’s purpose for my life. And Freedom from fear to be.
 - “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:7
- Freedom to enjoy God and the graces He has given me.
- Freedom to receive his unconditional love and to give it.
- Freedom to enjoy life *with* God not *for* God.
- Freedom to be who God is creating us to be. God is creating and adding to us.

3. Future

- Future Legacy
- Future hope - storms are coming.
 - Hebrews 6:19 “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...”
- Future Generations- Living and declaring the faithfulness of God
 - Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”
- Future home - Everlasting life
- For others to also experience forgiveness, Freedom, a life with a future of hope, and everlasting life.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13, NIV)

Questions for Meditation

- How could your normal day include the Lord more, so you are living with God and not for God?
- What sin is deforming God’s will for you and preventing transformation?
- How do you receive the love of God?
- How do you give the love of God?
- Who in your life can you pray about that needs Jesus?