

Studies In Romans

(Romans 10:11-21)

1. Does faith bring about shame?

No: *“For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed” (Romans 10:11).*

- The Scripture saith (**Isaiah 28:16, Isaiah 49:23, Romans 9:33, and I Peter 2:6**).
- Contextually, we should not be ashamed to confess our Lord (**Romans 10:9-10**; cf. **Matthew 10:32-33, Romans 15:9, and I John 4:15**).
- In another way, we won't be put to shame before the Lord (**Revelation 3:4-5**).

2. Now that we are under the law of Christ, does God give preference to the Jews over the Gentiles?

No: *“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him” (Romans 10:12).*

- **Mark 16:15-16, Acts 10:34-35, Acts 15:7-9, Romans 3:22-23, Romans 3:29-30, and Galatians 3:26-29.**

3. Whose name must one call upon to be saved?

The Lord: *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).*

- “Whosoever” is the point of this verse (**Joel 2:32 and Acts 2:21**).
- However, we have to specify some things because of many false doctrines taught by those who twist this verse. Calling upon the name of the Lord is not literally a sole act of just calling out His name (**Acts 22:16**).
- Such who have “called on the name of the Lord” are those who have been fully obedient members of His church (**I Corinthians 1:2**) having been added to His church through multiple “acts” of obedience (**Matthew 13:19, Luke 14:25-33, Acts 2:37-47, Acts 8:12, Acts 8:26-39, Acts 18:8, Romans 6:3-6, Romans 8:24, I Corinthians 12:12-13, etc.**).
- Just calling out Jesus' name will do nothing for anyone (**Matthew 8:28-29**; cf. **James 2:19**).
- Salvation will be granted to those who have obeyed our Lord (**Hebrews 5:8-9**).
- The other point of this verse is to establish, especially to those Jews who did not understand the exclusive power of salvation through Christ, is that salvation comes through the name of Christ (**Acts 4:10-12**). *Again, not just His name. He had to die (**Hebrews 10:1-18**), we have to obey (**I John 2:3-6**), etc...

4. How important is it for preachers to be sent into the world to preach?

Salvation fails without it: *“(14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things” (Romans 10:14-15)!*

- **Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 16:25-26, I Corinthians 1:17, and Titus 1:1-3.**
- Preachers who have given their life to the service of God and man are often hated (**Galatians 4:16**), but where would mankind be without preachers?
- Consider the discussion of “being sent” (**Acts 15:22-27, I Corinthians 16:7-10, and II Timothy 2:2**).

5. Does the preaching of the word guarantee obedience from the hearers?

No: *“But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report” (Romans 10:16)?*

- Isaiah said (**Isaiah 53:1**; cf. **John 12:37-41**).
- **John 6:59-65, John 10:22-26, Acts 19:8-9, Acts 28:17-29, II Corinthians 4:3-4, II Thessalonians 2:10-12, and Hebrews 4:1-2**; cf. **Luke 13:23-24**.

6. What do we have to look to for faith?

The word: *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).*

- **Romans 1:16, Romans 10:8, Colossians 1:5-6, and I Thessalonians 2:13.**

7. Was Israel given the opportunity to hear and understand that the Gentiles were going to be able to be saved?

Yes, but they were disobedient: *“(18) But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (19) But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. (20) But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. (21) But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people” (Romans 10:18-21).*

- Moses (**Deuteronomy 32:21**) and Isaiah (**Isaiah 65:1-2**; cf. **Isaiah 11:10** and **Isaiah 42:1**) prophesied about Gentiles being saved.
- This was KNOWN from the days of Abraham (**Genesis 22:18**).
- Israel’s had a history of not hearing what God said to them (**Deuteronomy 9:13, I Samuel 8:7-8, and Jeremiah 44:4-6**).