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Romans 10:14-21

¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. ¹⁸ But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

"Their voice has gone out into all the earth,

their words to the ends of the world."

¹⁹ Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says,

"I will make you envious by those who are not a nation;

I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding."

²⁰ And Isaiah boldly says,

"I was found by those who did not seek me;

I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."

²¹ But concerning Israel he says,

"All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people."

Someone is sent by God to preach.

Someone hears the preaching.

They believe what they heard.

They call on the One in whom they have believed.

Do you share the gospel regularly?

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and



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against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Isaiah 52:7

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Faith comes by hearing – and hearing by the Word of Christ.

There is a difference between physical hearing and spiritual hearing.

Spiritual hearing means receiving and believing.

Isaiah 53:1

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

John 1:11-13

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

James 1:22

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Spiritual hearing involves obedience to what is heard.



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Deuteronomy 32:19-21

¹⁹ The LORD saw this and rejected them because he was angered by his sons and daughters.
 ²⁰ "I will hide my face from them," he said, "and see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children who are unfaithful.
 ²¹ They made me jealous by what is no god and angered me with their worthless idols.
 I will make them envious by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding.

Not only had Israel heard the message - they literally saw the message, the shekinah glory of God. Yet, they still chose to rebel.

Psalm 51:10-12

- ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Isaiah 65:1-2

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me;
 I was found by those who did not seek me.
 To a nation that did not call on my name,
 I said, 'Here am I, here am I.'
 All day long I have held out my hands
 to an obstinate people,
 who walk in ways not good,
 pursuing their own imaginations—

The Message:

"I've made myself available to those who haven't bothered to ask. I'm here, ready to be found

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by those who haven't bothered to look.

I kept saying 'I'm here, I'm right here'
to a nation that ignored me.

I reached out day after day
to a people who turned their backs on me,
People who make wrong turns,
who insist on doing things their own way.

Am I capable of ignoring God?

Am I capable of turning my back on Him at times?

Am I capable of making wrong turns and doing things my own way?

1 Corinthians 10:12

¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

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