

## Call On The Name; Romans 10:13-17

### I. Hear

- A. Romans 10:13–14; 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”  
14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?
- B. To give careful attention to, heed; to hear and understand a message
- C. There are two parts to communication, a sender and a receiver
- D. We have to have our “listening ears” on
  - 1. Jeremiah 5:20–21; 20 Declare this in the house of Jacob; proclaim it in Judah: 21 “Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not.
  - 2. Matthew 11:15; He who has ears to hear, let him hear.
  - 3. The idea of listening and understanding is used at least 20 times in the New Testament, with Jesus using it the majority of the time
  - 4. Notice where Jesus puts the responsibility, “has ears to hear”
  - 5. Those of us who are listening to the Gospel of Jesus need to have our “listening ears” on
  - 6. How many of us remember what the lessons were about last week?
  - 7. How many of us digest the lesson during the week, putting into practice the Biblical concepts that were mentioned?
  - 8. How many of us are willing to accept what Jesus says (in context) and rearrange our lives to fulfill His will?
  - 9. Matthew 13:14–15; 14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “ ‘ “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” 15 For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’
- E. We are more than “pew warmers”
- F. Attendance does not equal understanding
- G. We gather to worship according to His will
- H. Notice the purpose of this “hearing”

### II. Believe

- A. Romans 10:17; So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- B. This idea of believing goes back to John the baptizer
  - 1. John 1:29–30; 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’
  - 2. He is preaching to get people to recommit themselves to God and His law so that when the Christ arrives, they will understand that He is the true Messiah
  - 3. John’s gospel is written so that we “may believe”
  - 4. John 20:30–31; 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- C. Belief is a primary idea of Christianity

1. Hebrews 11:1–3; 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.
  - a) John 1:1–3; 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
  - b) Colossians 1:15–16; 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
2. Hebrews 11:6; And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
3. We must believe that Jesus is the Messiah
4. We must believe that He was sinless
5. We must believe that He was completely dead and buried
6. We must believe that He was resurrected and appeared to many people
7. We must believe that He ascended back to the Father
8. Acts 2:23–24; 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

D. We must act on our belief

### III. Obey

- A. Romans 10:16; But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”
- B. Obedience is another primary idea of Christianity
  1. Romans 1:1–5; 1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,
  2. Romans 16:25–27; 25 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.
  3. 2 Thessalonians 1:6–8; 6 since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
  4. 1 Peter 4:16–17; 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the

household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

C. The Gospel is to be believed and obeyed!

D. Acts 2:21; And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

#### IV. Call on the Name

A. We have heard the Gospel

B. The Gospel has pricked our hearts and we believe that Jesus in the Christ. What shall we do? (Acts 2:37)

C. Peter answers that question in Acts 2:38

D. Acts 22:16; And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'