

## *Evangelism*

### *Romans 10:13-21*

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” If it were not for this teaching, we might think that the doctrine of election necessarily excludes us or that the gospel is for people other than ourselves. But here we are told that it is for you and me, all of us, if we will trust Jesus. It does not make any difference who you are or what you may or may not have done. You may be rich or poor, educated or uneducated, advantaged or disadvantaged. You may be passive or highly motivated. You may be religious or not religious at all. You may be moral, or you may be very immoral. You may have lived in sin a long time. You may have committed adultery or stolen money. You may even have murdered someone. It does not matter. The text says, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” Boice*

- I. Evangelism is the primary way God calls those in need of salvation from their sin to an understanding of that need. He speaks the gospel message loud and clear through men and women who are moved by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the “good news” of salvation to all who will listen.

Rom. 10:9-13

Matt. 28:18-20

Rom. 5:8

John 10:2-5,14,15

**σώζω sōzō** = to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction. “Of the spiritual and eternal salvation granted immediately by God to those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Of the future deliverance of believers at the Second Coming of Christ for His saints, being deliverance from the wrath of God to be executed upon the ungodly at the close of this age and from eternal doom, e.g., Rom 5:9.” Vine’s Expository Dictionary

**Luke 15:10** *In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*

- II. God is very proactive in offering salvation to the lost. He looks for those who are willing to work with him to speak the power of the gospel into the hearts of those God is calling, so that they in turn can call upon him to be saved from the wages of sin, which is death (Rom. 6:23).

Rom. 10:14-17

Matt. 5:14-15

Matt. 9:37-38

Isa. 52:7

**εὐαγγελίζω euangelizō, yoo-ang-ghel-id'-zo**; to announce good news ("evangelize") especially the gospel:— declare, bring (declare, show) glad (good) tidings, preach (the gospel). Strong's Dictionary

*1 Cor. 3:8 So neither he who plants or he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants [proclaims the gospel] and the man who waters [proclaims the gospel] have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.*

- III. God is very vocal and clear in presenting the gospel to the world so that no one can say that they didn't hear it or understand it's message. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Lk. 19:10). He came to seek those who have no understanding by giving them understanding, and he came to reveal himself to those who were not looking for a Savior by opening their hearts to their need for a Savior. His offer of the grace of the gospel is him personally taking a sinner by the hand and leading him or her into his loving embrace through faith.

Rom. 10:1-21

Ps. 19:1-4, 7-8

Deut. 32:21

Isa. 65:1-2