

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 10:16-18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul has written of those who herald the news of Christ  
Jesus        *verse 15*
- 1) "*beautiful*" = "the beauty of ripe fruit"
  - 2) "*glad tidings*" = ευαγγελιζω = "to bring a joyful message, or good news"        *Isaiah 52:7*
  - 3) "*good things*" = αγαθος = "worthy of admiration", "admirable"
  - 4) "the gospel of peace"
- B. If this is true, why do some turn away from it and some slay the messenger?
- 1) It is a spiritual message
  - 2) The flesh of man detests it
  - 3) Paul's explanation
- I. Not Every Hearer Believes        *verse 16*
- A. "*But they have not all obeyed the gospel*"
- 1) "*obeyed*" - υπακουω = "to hear, with the idea of stillness or attention in order to answer"
  - 2) "*gospel*" = ευαγγελιον = "good news", the promise of, "righteousness which is of faith"
- B. "*For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?*"
- 1) "*believed*" = πιστευω = "to rely upon", "to trust", "to be persuaded"
  - 2) "*report*" = ακοη = "hearing", "the sense or faculty of hearing", "that which is heard"
- C. Isaiah's prophesy
- 1) *Isaiah 53:1-3, 7*

- 2) Lord, who will believe this person is the Messiah?  
This isn't what they look for.

D. Jesus and those who will not hear

- 1) *Matthew 13:14-16*
- 2) *"and their ears are dull of hearing"*
- 3) βαρως + ακουω = "heavily, to hear", "like a fat person moves"

E. Paul to the Hebrews

- 1) *Hebrews 4:1-2*
- 2) *"profit"* = ωφελω = "to help", "to benefit"
- 3) *"mixed"* = συγκεραννυμι = "to mingle with", "to blend together with"

II. Faith Is The Product of Hearing *verse 17*

A. *"So then faith cometh by hearing,"*

- 1) *"faith"* = πιστις = "firm persuasion"
- 2) *"hearing"* = ακοη = "hearing", "the sense of hearing"  
It is not by seeing.

B. *"...and hearing by the word of God"*

- 1) *"hearing"* = ακουω = "to learn by hearing"
- 2) *"word"* = ρημα = "that which is spoken", "saying", "speech", "discourse"
- 3) *"God"* = χριστου = Christ
- 4) *"So then faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard is the preaching of Christ"*

III. Have They Heard? *verse 18*

A. *"But I say, Have they not heard?"*

- 1) *"but I ask?"*
- 2) *"did they not hear"*
- 3) *"hear"* = ακουω = "to learn by hearing", "to be informed"

B. *"yes verily, their sound went into all the earth"*

- 1) "Indeed they have"
- 2) *"yes verily"* = μενουνυς = "yes indeed"
- 3) *"sound"* = φθουγγος = "the voice", "loud and clear utterance"

C. *"and their words unto the ends of the world"*

- 1) *"words"* = ρημα = "that which is spoken", "a sentence" speech, discourse, the thing spoken of, all of it, the whole.
- 2) "the message reaches the ends of the world"
- 3) *"ends"* = τεραος = "extremity", "what comes to an end", "termination"

D. What has declared the truth?

- 1) Paul quotes from David
- 2) *Psalms 19:1-4*
- 3) *Romans 1:19-20*

E. We do not need....!

- 1) More information!
- 2) More light!

