



ROMANS 10:18-21

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? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." ¹⁹ But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." ²⁰ Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." ²¹ But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." (Romans 10:14-21)

Introduction

- Romans 9-11 is a section that focuses on _____ (and, by implication, the Gentiles).
- In Romans 10:14-17, Paul made two arguments:
 - One, all people (Jew and Gentile) must _____ the gospel (good news, word of Christ) and _____ with repentance and faith if they want to be saved.

- Two, among those who _____ the gospel, many do not _____ the gospel (many do not respond with repentance and faith).
- _____ have so many not obeyed the gospel? _____ is responsible for unbelief?
_____ is it fair for God to hold people accountable who have never heard the gospel?

Two Types of “Revelation”

- “_____ Revelation,” sometimes called “The Book of _____,” is given to all people, and it tells us of God’s existence, power, and glory (Psalm 19:1-6, Romans 1:18-23).
 - Apart from God’s gracious intervention through the preaching of the gospel and the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, _____ people reject what God has revealed in creation (Psalm 14, 53, Romans 1:18-3:20).
- “_____ Revelation,” sometimes called “The Book of _____,” tells us of God’s holiness, our sinfulness, the person and work of Jesus, and the necessity of repentance and faith (Psalm 19:7-11, Romans 1:16-17).
 - Apart from God’s gracious intervention through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, _____ people reject the call of the gospel (Romans 3:9-20, 5:12-21, 8:5-11).

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- Will the Gentiles get a “pass” because they haven’t _____ the gospel (Romans 10:18)?
 - No ... The Gentiles have all received general revelation, and they _____ the truth about God for a lie (Psalm 19:1-6, Romans 1:18-23).
- Will the Jews get a “pass” because they haven’t _____ the truth about Jesus (Romans 10:19)?
 - No ... The Jews have received special revelation, and they stubbornly and willfully _____ Yahweh (Deuteronomy 32:1-43).
- Will the Gentiles and Jews get a “pass” because God wasn’t _____ to save them (Romans 10:20-21 ... Romans 9:19)?
 - No ... God has graciously revealed himself to sinners, and God _____ all who will come to him (Isaiah 65:1-16).