

ROM. 1:16

***“I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
because it is the power of God
for the salvation of everyone who
believes:
first for the Jew, then for the
Gentile.”***



Remember this hope-filled promise?

“Everyone who calls on the name of the
Lord will be saved.”

Rom. 10:13



UNASHAMED:
HOW CAN THEY HEAR?

Romans 10:14-17

VSS. 14-17 IN CONTEXT

Israel HAD all of these things (chapters 9-10) and so ultimately they are without excuse.

They had 'sent ones' come to them – even Jesus.

They heard the Gospel.

Even so, they refused to believe/submit (Vs. 3)

The problem was not with the message nor the messenger. The problem was the heart of the hearer



To be clear, it's not just a people in a land far away a few thousand years ago who had all these things and are without excuse.

It's us...
See 1:20

There's the truth in context

But there's something else that the Spirit speaks to the reader...

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Matt. 28:19

“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: ‘Be reconciled to God.’”

2 Cor. 5:20



“How 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?”

“And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”



VSS. 16-17

Once again, he stresses the point that not all Israel accepted the message. See chaps. 9-10

“Faith comes by hearing, and the message is heard by the word of Christ.”

1 Cor. 1:17; 2:1-5; Heb. 4:12-13



The presentation of the Gospel precedes saving faith,
and it is our assignment from Almighty God.

This series is designed to equip the listener to – without
shame – share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Next week we move into chapters 1-3.

Please read ahead.

Come prepared.



VS. 21

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

How great the Father's mercy...