

**Romans 10:5-15 Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved**

**The danger of assumptions in interpretation**

**I. Last week: Calling on the name of the Lord**

- Abraham did it three times!
- Luther: “To preach (proclaim) the name of the Lord”

**Psalm 116**

- Calling on the name of the Lord is something believers do, ideally for their whole lives.
- It is not a one-time event for unbelievers to get eternal life.
- It is appealing to the Lord for help
- Involves public praise

**II. Being saved** – Ps. 18:1-3; Lk. 1:67-75 (Enemies); Ps. 116:6-8 (Death, sadness, failure); Ps. 34:6 (Troubles); Matt. 14:30 (Drowning/death); James 5:14-15 (Sickness); Acts 27:20, 30-32 (Shipwreck/drowning); Heb. 9:28 (Enemies/Victory)

**III. The wrath of God** – Romans 1:16-18, 24, 26, 28; 5:9-10: The enslaving consequences of sin (Prov. 1:24-33).

**IV. Romans 10:5-15 – Righteous, but unsaved?? Putting it together**

## **What it all means: A Dynamic Dozen “Walk-aways”**

### **Calling on the name of the Lord**

- 1. It is appealing to the Lord for help**
- 2. It is not a way to become a Christian, but is done by believers**
- 3. It should be done for our entire lives**
- 4. It is often associated with public praise for God’s responses**

### **Salvation**

- 1. Not a fixed, technical word that always means delivered from hell**
- 2. It means “to be delivered” and...**
- 3. It’s usually best to ask, “From what?” and...**
- 4. That question is answered by the context**

### **Wrath**

- 1. It occurs in time (not the eternal judgment of hell)**
- 2. It can come on both believers and unbelievers**
- 3. In Romans, it = “the enslaving consequences of sin”**
- 4. Believers call on the name of the Lord for deliverance, or salvation, from the consequences of sin**

**We may find it easier to believe He’ll give us eternal life than to believe He will save us from our enslavement to sin.**

**But, make no mistake, His promise is sure!**