

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!