

I. Introduction.

A. Who are the beautiful people?

B. God saves His people using a process.

- 1. Paul has already shown how people are saved, from the Divine perspective.**
 - a. God saves people by His sovereign grace. 9:15-16,18**
 - b. The golden chain: foreknown, predestined, called, justified, glorified. 8:29-30**
- 2. Now Paul shows how people are saved from the human perspective.**
 - a. God accomplishes his saving purpose through us. Acts 13:48 18:9-10**
 - b. Paul sets forth the chain of events in salvation, from the human side. 10:13-15**

II. Our charter for evangelism and missions. v. 14-15a

A. Whoever will *call* upon the Name of the Lord will be saved. v. 13 Acts 16:30-31 17:30

- 1. The gospel is freely and graciously offered to all. v. 12**
- 2. Only those who call upon the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved. Jo. 14:6 Acts 4:12
Those who refuse to call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus remain lost.**
- 3. Missionary work is necessary because there is only one way to salvation.**

B. People must *believe* in Christ before they will call upon Him. v. 14a 10:9-10 Lu. 23:42

C. People must *hear* the Word of Christ in order to believe. v. 14b

- 1. Hearing the Word of Christ promotes faith. v. 17**
- 2. God gives the new birth in connection with the Word. Js. 1:18 I Pe. 1:23 Jo. 1:13**
- 3. When the Word is faithfully proclaimed, people actually hear Christ! Eph. 2:17
Lu. 10:16 Heb. 4:12**
- 4. Don't expect to hear Christ apart from the Word.**
- 5. How attentive are you to Christ's Word?**
- 6. Those who reject the Word are rejecting Christ Himself. Luke 10:16**
- 7. Evangelism and missions are to be focused upon Christ's Word. I Co. 2:2 3:11**

D. People must have a *preacher* before they can hear the Word. v. 14c

- 1. All of us are to tell others about the good news. Acts 8:4 11:19 I Pe. 2:9**
- 2. There are some men who are especially appointed and gifted by God to proclaim His Word. Eph. 4:11f**
- 3. The preacher is to be a herald who delivers God's message (not his own).**
- 4. (The foolishness of) preaching is God's chosen means by which the gospel is to be spread. There is no substitute. 1:15 I Co. 1:17,23 9:16,18 15:1-2 II Ti. 4:2**
- 5. The focus of evangelism and missions is the proclamation of the gospel. I Co. 2:2**
- 6. You should eagerly come to hear the Word proclaimed. Acts 2:42 Heb. 10:24-25**

E. The preacher must be *sent*. v. 15a 1:1,5 Gal. 1:15-16 2:2 Acts 26:17 Eph. 4:11f

- 1. Beware of preachers who are not sent by God. Jer. 14:14 23:21 27:15 I Co. 3:11
II Co. 3:1 11:13-15 Mt. 7:22-23**
- 2. How can you tell that a person is sent by God? John 20:21 II Co. 5:20 I Co. 3:11**
- 3. God sends forth preachers, including missionaries, by means of the church.
Acts 13:1f 14:26-28 II Ti.2:4 I Ti.3:15 Mt. 16:18**

III. The beauty of evangelism and missions. v. 15b

- A. What is the meaning of *beautiful feet*? Isa. 52:7
1. What is beautiful is the *glad tidings of good things* being carried by the feet.
 2. A herald brings good news of release from foreign captivity.
 3. Isaiah looked ahead to the day when Christ Jesus would bring good news of good things. Isa. 61:1f Luke 1:19 2:10-11 4:18-21
 4. Christ has sent out many heralds of good news throughout the whole earth. Mt. 28:18-20 Acts 1:8 II Co. 5:20
- B. Do you have beautiful feet?
1. What is your involvement in missions?
 - a. Are you willing to go? Matt. 9:36-38 Rom. 9:2-3 10:1
 - b. Are you willing to “hold the ropes” to help send others? Acts 13:4 Col. 4:3
 2. Are you aware of GBC’s involvement in missions?
 - a. Spain: The Phillips, The Leightons, The Barcelos, The Thornburgs. 15:24
 - b. The Philippines: The Perdignons, The Hutchisons.
 - c. Israel: The Jamisons.
 - d. Other places: India, Maruitius, Malaysia, Kazakhstan
 3. Proclamation doesn’t just take place thousands of miles away. What is your involvement in local evangelism?
 - a. Every Christian should make Christ known.
 - b. Proclaim the Word to your friends. I Pe. 3:15 Col. 4:5-6 Acts 8:4
 - c. Bring others to hear the gospel proclaimed.
 - d. Would you be interested in actively participating in local evangelism?

IV. Concluding applications.

Discussion questions for family worship

1. What is the process by which God saves people, from the Divine perspective. 8:29-30
2. What is the process by which God saves people, from the human perspective? 10:14-15
3. Can you give examples of how God uses means to accomplish His sovereign purposes?
4. Why must people believe before they will call upon the Lord?
5. In what sense does Christ Himself preach today?
6. Who is to be involved in proclaiming the gospel?
7. What is the primary task of missions?
8. How would you answer the objection that *preaching no longer works, so other methods ought to be used to spread the gospel*?
9. By what means does God send preachers and missionaries?
10. Why are the feet of gospel preachers called “beautiful”?
11. What missionaries does Grace Bible Church support?
12. How are you involved in spreading the gospel?
How do you plan to be involved in the future?