

Study Guide for Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Romans 10:14-21. Why Will You Not Believe?

Introduction: How do people come to know Christ and receive the gift of salvation?

I. The Necessity of Evangelism: (Rom. 10:14-15)

A. Recall what Paul asserted in vs. 13. Who can be saved? How are they saved?

B. Paul uses questions to delineate the process of evangelism. Restate then answer . . .

Question #1 (vs. 14a)

What must sinners do to be saved?

Question #2 (vs. 14b)

What is saving faith based upon?

Question #3 (vs. 14c)

How is the message communicated?

Question #4 (vs. 15a)

Who preaches the message?

C. What Scriptural foundation does Paul cite? What was the initial meaning?

D. From these verses, what is necessary for evangelism and salvation to take place?

II. The Refusal to Believe: (Rom. 10:16-17)

A. Recall what Paul stated about Israel's response in 9:27. How is it described here?

B. What point does Paul make by quoting Is. 53:1 in vs. 16b?

C. In vs. 17: \_\_\_\_\_ comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and the message is heard through \_\_\_\_\_ .

III. Possible Explanations for Unbelief: (Rom. 10:18-19)

A. What explanation for Israel's unbelief does Paul consider in vs. 18?

B. What is Paul's conclusion? What Scripture does he cite to support his claim?

C. What explanation for Israel's unbelief does Paul consider in vs. 19?

D. What is Paul's conclusion? What Scripture does he cite to support his claim?

IV. Unbelief is Inexcusable: (Rom. 10:20-21)

A. What does Paul assert by quoting Is. 65:1 in vs. 20?

B. Paul quotes Is. 65:2 to describe God's action toward Israel. How is it described?

C. Compare Paul's explanation for Israel's unbelief in 9:1-29 with that in 9:30 – 10:21.