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**ROMANS 10**

**HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?**



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## **1. Because God Made Salvation Universally Available (vv. 12-13).**

***Romans 10:12-13 (NIV)*** <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."





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### **JESUS Film Teams Have Reported**

68,395,173 Evangelistic Contacts

12,913,361 Decisions for Christ

5,456,527 Initial Discipleship Follow-ups

46,109 Preaching Points

*Stats as of October 2014*



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## **2. Because No One Can Be Saved Without the Preaching of the Gospel (v. 14).**

***Romans 10:14 (NIV)*** How, then, 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?





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## **2. Because No One Can Be Saved Without the Preaching of the Gospel (v. 14).**

*Of course, one cannot pray to one he or she has not believed in, or believe in one he or she has never heard about, or hear without someone speaking, or speak without being authorized to do so. So the answer to the question of Israel's accountability finally depends on the initiative of God.*



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***Titus 1:3 (NIV)*** and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,





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### **3. Because No One Can Preach Until Someone Is Sent (v. 15).**

***Romans 10:15 (NIV)*** And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"



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*The prophet sees persons coming down the mountain side; he looks at them, and perceives that they are not men of war; else the greaves upon their legs would be terrible to the peaceful inhabitants of the plain. Yet here they come, a great company from the mountain tops, descending into the valleys. Who are they?*





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*As he looks, he says, “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” They are coming bearing the white flag, servants of the great King with whom you have been at war. They hear the banner that speaks of peace with God.*



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***2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NIV)*** <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.





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<sup>20</sup> 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.



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## **4. Because Faith Only Comes by Hearing the Word of God (vv. 16-17).**

***Romans 10:16-17 (NIV)*** <sup>16</sup> But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.





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## **4. Because Faith Only Comes by Hearing the Word of God (vv. 16-17).**

***John 1:10-14 (NIV)*** <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--



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<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.





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***Galatians 3:2-5 (NIV)*** <sup>2</sup> I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?



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<sup>4</sup> Have you suffered so much for nothing--if it really was for nothing? <sup>5</sup> Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?





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## **5. Because God Always Intended the Gospel to Go to the Unexpected (vv. 18-20).**

***Romans 10:18-20 (NIV)*** <sup>18</sup> But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."  
<sup>19</sup> Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, "I will make you envious by those who are not a



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nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding." <sup>20</sup> And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."





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## **6. Because God Still Loves the World in Spite of Its Sin (v. 21).**

***Romans 10:21 (NIV)*** But concerning Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people."





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