

The Gospel of Peace

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Day 16. The Gospel of Peace

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!”

*However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
--Romans 10*

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But then, how does a person get to the point where they will call on the name of the Lord? They must first believe. (Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.) And to believe one must first hear the Word of God. And to hear the word of God, someone must have spoken the word. And to speak it one must be sent. Jesus told his disciples, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” So that comes down to us, the sent ones. We must share this good news, the news that man can be reconciled to God, that there can be peace between God and man.

Day 16 Prayer

Father, please help me to gird up my loins with the truth. Lord I know that speaking the truth can be painful at times. People don't want to hear the truth that says unless they are reconciled to God, they will be forever separated from Him in hell. Help me to speak the truth in love. Help me to not shy away from hard truths. Help me to proclaim with joy the truth of the amazing love God showed mankind when he sent Jesus to the cross.

Lord, please clothe me with the breastplate of righteousness. You have done so much to set me free from the bondage of sin, please don't let me return to it, like a dog to its vomit. Don't let me grieve the Spirit. Please Lord, forgive me of all my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

Father, please help me get my feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Lord, I know that others coming to your salvation needs those who will proclaim the truth. Help me go out today and share the good news of your salvation.

Lord, help me to take up the shield of faith. Thank you for the gift of faith. Through faith we believe and are saved. Through faith we follow the leading of your Spirit. Through faith we hear your commands and act upon them. It is through faith the promises of God can be fulfilled for us.

Father, please help me to put on the helmet of salvation. Thank you for your salvation through Jesus and His shed blood on the cross. Thank you for those who you sent to tell me your Word, helping me to believe and call on your name to be saved.

Lord, help me to take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Thank you for the truth of your Word. Your word is powerful for salvation. It cuts away our deceptions we wrap ourselves in. It allows us to see and believe and be saved.