

"CALLING ON THE LORD"

Int.

1. Aim: To explain what it means to call on the name of the Lord.
2. Texts - Rom. 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Acts 2:21 "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."
 - a. Often used to justify denominational pleas for salvation by faith only
 - b. Nothing said about baptism or anything else in these verses
 - c. Some teach the people to lay their hands on the radio or TV & call on the Lord and that is all they must do in order to be saved.
3. What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord ?
4. There are several things we know that it does not mean !
 - a. Lord, Lord
 - i. Matt. 7:21
 - ii. Lk. 6:46 "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"
 - b. Faith only
 - i. Jas. 2:24 "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."
 - ii. John 12: 42, 43
 - c. Laying hands on a radio or TV
 - d. Praying through - - love of God - Jn. 3:16
 - e. Death bed repentance - call on the Lord to save me
5. What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord ?

Discussion

I. ROMANS 10:13-17

A. Context

1. Desires that Israel be saved - v. 1 "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."
2. Had not submitted to God's way of righteousness
3. Way of righteousness is faith in Christ - that he was raised
4. Scripture says - v. 11 "Whosoever believe on him shall not be ashamed" Isa. 28:16
5. V. 12 Jew and Gentile must obey = "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."
6. God is over all and will bless those who call upon him

B. V. 13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

1. Whosoever - any person, Jew or Gentile
 - a. Tit. 2:11 - to all men "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,"
 - b. Not predetermined
2. Shall be saved
 - a. Future tense - shall call = shall be saved
 - b. Salvation of the soul
3. "Call upon the Name Of the Lord"
 - a. What does this mean? How does one call upon the name of the Lord?
 - b. Quote from Joel 2:32 "And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered:"

C. V. 14-15 series of questions

1. Preacher with the message
2. Sent
3. Preaches the message
4. People hear the message
5. People believe the message
6. Then they can call on the name of the Lord
7. Then they will be saved.

D. To call means to obey

1. Obey the message preached
2. What does a preacher teach the people?
3. Mark 16:15-16
 - a. Preacher
 - b. Goes into all the world
 - c. Preaches the Gospel - Rom. 1:16
 - d. Men hear and believe
 - e. Then they are baptized
 - f. Then he is saved
 - g. Does not believe then he is not saved
 - h. Rom. 10:9-10 - no believing - no salvation

II. ACTS 2:21-38

A. Context

1. Day of Pentecost
2. Holy Spirit descended on apostles - began speaking
3. Peter began His sermon in v. 14
4. Quotes from Joel 2

B. V. 21 "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

1. Quote from Joel 2:32
2. How did Peter and his audience understand this term?

C. V. 32-36 Peter tells them about Jesus

1. Jesus was killed
2. God raised him up !
3. He is both Lord and Christ

D. V. 37-38

1. Pricked in their heart - knew they were guilty and lost
2. What shall we do?
3. In other words how shall we call upon the name of the Lord and be saved?
4. V. 38 repent and be baptized = remission of sins - is the answer
5. To call upon the Lord simply means to obey the commands of the Lord.

E. Summary - v. 21 - call V. 38 Repent & be baptized

III. ACTS 22:12-16

A. Context

1. Paul telling about his conversion - he is in Jerusalem
2. Relates the events
 - a. On way to Damascus to persecute
 - b. Light - voice
 - c. Go to Damascus and it will be told thee

B. V. 12-15

1. Ananias told Saul to receive his sight
2. God has chosen thee

C. V. 16

1. Calling on the name of the Lord included Baptism
2. Baptism is a command of Christ - Mk. 16:16
3. Therefore to call on the Lord means to obey the commands of the Lord.

Conclusion

1. In order to be saved everyone must call on the name of the Lord
2. To call on the Lord is doing the Father's will - Matt. 7:21
3. To call on the Lord is to obey the Gospel
4. Death bed repentance, saying Lord Lord, Belief only, Prayer - is not what he means
5. In every case of conversion there was obedience - heard, believed, repented, confessed, and were baptized - then they were saved !

6. Will you call on the name of the Lord? If so then you will obey the Gospel and be saved
 7. Verses which indicate that it is a continual process of calling on the name of the Lord
 - a. 1 Cor. 1:2 "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:"
 - b. 2 Tim. 2:22 "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."
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