

Sunday A.M.
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Call On Jesus

Rom. 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Desperation in Our Call

The statement from the verse above is a comforting absolute...you call, He's near; you call...He hears; you call...He helps; you call...He saves.

But I believe the type of call Paul speaks of is one of desperation; from one who feels desperate and wants to be saved. The context of verses around verse 13 bears that out. It wouldn't be too different from the desperate call of someone drowning.

The Realization of Sin's Treachery in Our Call

The desperate call to Christ for salvation always follows the stark realization of the treachery of our sin. When the consequences of sin come painfully before us, we are in the right disposition to call on Jesus. The Bible says there is no other name under heaven whereby we are saved, Acts 4:14.

The Element of Confession in Our Call

Confession starts in the mind as we reason, "I am wrong." Then it goes through the heart as we conclude, "Jesus is right." But if confession remains in these provinces it contains the energy for salvation but not the action. To utter the conclusions of the heart and mind from the mouth is like releasing the energy of a bow into the arrow and directing it to the ears of Christ. This is a moment of release that has a tremendous effect of finality on us, and that is likely why it is part of our call for salvation.

The Element of Belief in Our Call

Rom. 10:9-11 clearly show that we must first believe Jesus can and will save us, and there is no salvation unless we do.

The Lord's Response to Our Call

Rom. 10:12 states that the Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him. The riches you receive from God are numerous and liberating.