



The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church
November 3: Faith Comes by Hearing
Romans 10:14-21

Why do you attend Church?

Why do we reject universalism?

Romans 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 10:14

What does Paul reveal as the source of faith?

"Man needs only to call upon the name of the Lord, this Savior of men, and the Lord is to be found. But to call upon His name is an act of faith, and faith is created only by the Word of God. Man does not hatch out faith by thinking hard about his need for it; man comes to faith in the Lord when he has heard news of Him." – Martin Franzmann

"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith."

What does this reveal about the Church's purpose?

Romans 10:15

What else is needed for us to believe?

"So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given. He works faith, when and where it pleases God, in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake. Our churches condemn the Anabaptists and others who think that through their own preparations and works the Holy Spirit comes to them without the external Word." - *The Augsburg Confession*

What does Paul mean by *beautiful feet*?

Romans 10:16

What problem does Paul suggest?

John 3:18-19 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

Romans 10:17

How does Paul summarize his teaching about faith? What does this tell us about preaching?

1 Thessalonians 2:13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Romans 10:18

What implied objection does Paul address? Has the Word of God gone out into all the world?

Psalms 19:1-4 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Romans 10:19-20

What second objection does Paul address?

Romans 10:21

What was Israel's problem?

Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!

November 17: Has God Rejected Israel?: Romans 11:1-12