

"EXCUSES, EXCUSES!!"

ROMANS 10:14-21

I. THE CONDITIONS WHICH ARE PRELIMINARY TO CALLING UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD (10:14-15)

A. They Are Listed In Reverse Chronological Order (10:14-15a)

1. One Cannot Call Unless He Believes
2. One Cannot Believe Unless He Has Heard
3. One Cannot Hear Unless Another Is Preaching
4. One Cannot Preach Unless He Is Commissioned

B. They Are Strengthened By The Application Of Isaiah 52:7 (10:15b)

1. Beautiful Feet Deliver Redemptive Information In Keeping With The Truth Of God's Holy Name.
2. Beautiful Feet Deliver Redemptive Information In Keeping With The Fact That God Had Insured That The First Two Conditions Would Always Be Met.

II. ISRAEL ALONE MUST BEAR THE BLAME FOR HER REJECTION OF GOD AND HIS PLAN (10:16-21)

A. Her Obedience Was Essential (10:16-17)

1. The Proof: Believing The Report Is The Same Thing As Obeying The Gospel (10:16)
2. The Principle: Faith Comes Through Hearing The Words Of God (10:17)

B. Her Objections And Excuses Are Completely Invalid (10:18-21)

1. The Problem Is Not That God Had Failed To Provide Them With A Hearing (10:18)
2. The Problem Is Not That Israel Just Didn't Understand (10:19-21)
 - a. They Provoked God To Jealousy, God Would See That They Reaped In Kind (10:19-20)
 - i. God Would Provoke Them To Jealousy (10:19)
 - ii. God Would Kick Into Gear His Plan For The Gentiles (10:20)
 - b. They Were The Recipients Of God's Seemingly Endless Patience (10:21)