Message Study Notes **"How Beautiful"** Romans 10:13-15

If there be any one point in which the Christian church ought to keep its fervor at a white heat, it is concerning missions. If there be anything about which we cannot tolerate lukewarmness, it is in the matter of sending the gospel to a dying world. - *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

Romans 10

13 .. *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

An Old Testament quote from **Joel**, followed by four "relentlessly logical rhetorical questions" - *D. Stuart Briscoe, The Preacher's Commentary*

God will hear the cry of any who will call upon Him for salvation. However, faith depends on knowledge.

14 *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

believed in: Placed confidence in, thought to be true.
preaching: proclaiming openly. - Thayer's Greek Definitions

How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them? - CEV

15 *And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

Isaiah 52:7 *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

So...Why the shoeboxes and presents??

Proverbs 18:16 *A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great.* A gift will get you in to see anyone.-CEV

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*

Children are, to a great extent - destitute of ambition, pride, and haughtiness. They are characteristically humble and teachable. - *Albert Barnes Commentary*

Mark 10:15 *I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."* 16 *And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.*

Matthew 18:1 *At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"*
2 *He called a little child and had him stand among them.*
3 *And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

change: Turn around, change your mind. - Thayer's

4 *Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*
5 *"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.*

welcomes: Grant access to, not to refuse friendship - Thayer's

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Hebrews 4:12,13 *For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

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Matthew 28:18 *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*
19 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*
20 *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And* [ιδου] ~~*surely*~~ *I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

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