
The Righteousness of Faith:

Its Appeal - Its Aversion - Its Acknowledgment - Its Antipathy

Opening Remarks:

Hearing From the Text:

Rom 10:14-21 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (15) And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (16) But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" (17) So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (18) But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." (19) But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." (20) Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." (21) But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

Seeing the Big Picture:

The Appeal - vs.14- 15
The Aversion - vs.16-17
The Acknowledgment - vs.18-20
The Antipathy - v.21

Understanding the Appeal:

Process Point 4: The Appeal and Its Approbation

Process Point 3: The Appeal and Its Attention

Process Point 2: The Appeal and Its Announcement

Process Point 1: The Appeal and Its Agents

Making Use of the Appeal:

Use 1: The constant disposition of the heart needs to be inclined toward believing the Word of Christ.

Use 2: In order to maintain the heart's Christ-ward disposition, the ears must be kept regularly attuned to the Word of Christ.

Use 3: The ears, as God's instrument through which He regularly chooses to reach the heart, must be kept faithfully within the proximity of the preached Word of Christ.

Use 4: The heart must be vigilantly guarded from improper preaching, and only submit itself to those whom God has truly called to the ministry of the Word.