



WHO DOES WHAT IN SALVATION? Fulfilling Our Responsibility to God and the Lost

Lesson 23 • Romans 10:14-21

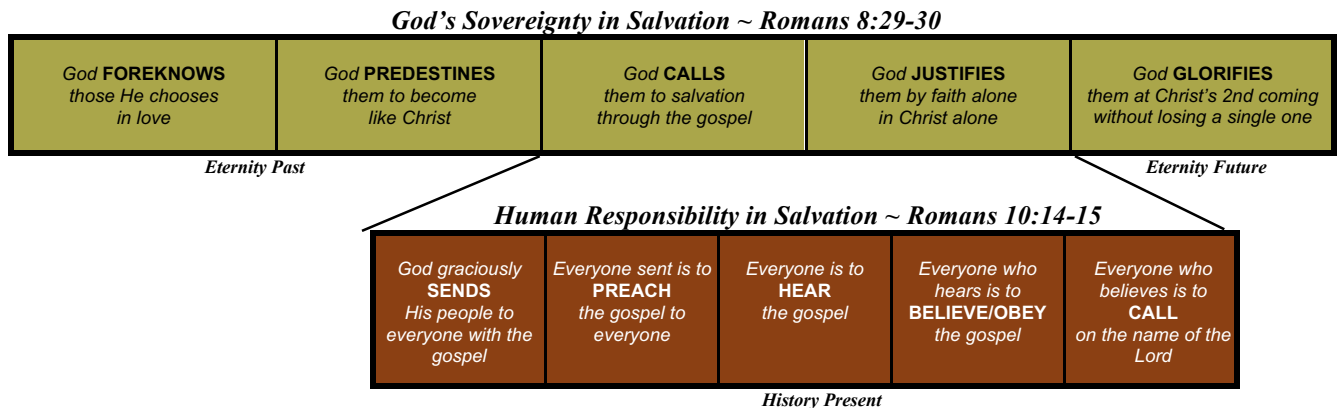
Understanding and accepting one's circle of **RESPONSIBILITY** is important in life!

- So many problems in **LIFE** is the result of going outside of our circle of responsibility
- So many problems in **EVANGELISM** is the result of going outside of our circle of responsibility:

Who Does What in Salvation?

1. Believer's Circle of Responsibility: **PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLES.** (10:11-15)

- God is **SOVEREIGN** over the means and the end of salvation.



- God is **SENDING** His people to all peoples to proclaim the good news of the gospel of Christ. *Romans 10:14-15*

Because the gospel is good news for all people (10:11-13), we must proclaim it to all peoples (14-15)!

- 1) All people have the same **NEED**. (3:22)
- 2) All people need the same **MESSAGE**. (3:28-30; 10:11-13)
- 3) All people are saved in the same **WAY**. (10:17-18)

- God is sending **ALL** of His people to proclaim the gospel of Christ to all peoples. *Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 8:4; 11:19-21; Acts 13:1-4; Ephesians 4:11-12*

2. Unbeliever's Circle of Responsibility: RESPONDING TO CHRIST WITH A FAITH THAT OBEYS. (10:16-20)

➤ The responsibility of the lost is made very clear in *Romans 10*.

1) **OBEY** what they hear proclaimed in the gospel. *Romans 10:16-17*

2) **BELIEVE** with all their heart in the Lord Jesus Christ who is proclaimed. *Colossians 2:6-7; Romans 1:1-6; 16:25-27*

3) **CONFESS** with their mouth that that Jesus is Lord, because God has raised Him from the dead after He lived a perfect life and died as a perfect sacrifice for sinners on the Cross. *Romans 10:9*

4) **CALL** on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ as the sovereign God-Man whose very character and conduct is sufficient to save anyone and everyone who places all their hope and confidence in Him! *Romans 10:12-13*

➤ But why do so many not respond to Christ in this way—especially the majority of Israel? *Romans 10:18-20*

1) Israel **heard** the gospel of Christ and **understood** what God was doing to save all peoples. (10:18-19)

- They were **JEALOUS** that God chose to save non-Jews!
- They were **ANGRY** that God revealed Himself to the spiritually ignorant.
- They were **FRUSTRATED** that God was saving those who were not seeking Him or pursuing His righteousness!

2) Israel was too proud of their self-righteousness to repent and believe the gospel. (10:19-20)

- Too proud of their own **NATIONALITY**: We alone are the chosen people of God!
- Too proud of their own **SPIRITUALITY**: We alone possess the true knowledge of God!
- Too proud of their own **MORALITY**: We alone are seeking to be right with God!

3) Israel's **DISBELIEF** led to **DISOBEDIENCE** that eventually led to **DENIAL**. (10:16, 21)

3. The Lord's Circle of Responsibility: GRACIOUSLY SAVE ALL THOSE WHO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD. (10:9, 12-13, 21)

➤ The Lord Jesus is so **SOVEREIGN** that He determines to save even the most hardened sinners. *Romans 10:9, 12-13*

➤ The Lord Jesus is so **MERCIFUL** that He desires to save all rebels who will come to Him for salvation. *Romans 10:21*

The Lord of All Who Is Rich to All Who Call on His Name to Be Saved...

still extends His hands out to disobedient and contrary people!

Obey the gospel and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved today!