

NOW WORD Covenant Church
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WE ARE RESPONSIBLE
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“It is our responsibility to share the Gospel”

Matthew 28:18-20. I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.

Romans 10:14-15. How then shall they call on Him in whom they do not believe? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?

- **People will call on Jesus to save them only if they believe he can do so.**
- **Romans 10:12-13** - Jew and Gentile^[f] are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.
Romans 10:10.

And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard?

- **Belief in Christ cannot exist without knowledge about Him.**
- **Acts 26:16-18** - Now get to your feet! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and witness. Tell people that you have seen me, and tell them what I will show you in the future. ¹⁷ And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles¹⁸ to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for

their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me.'

And how shall they hear without a preacher?

- **People hear about Christ when someone proclaims the message.**
- **1 Thessalonians 2:13** - Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe. **1 Thessalonians 2:4, Romans 9:11. 10:17,**

And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

- The message about Christ will be proclaimed when someone is sent by God to do so.
- **Matthew 28:18-20** - Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

We must pray for the gospel to go forward.

- **Matthew 9:37-38.** He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." **Ephesians 6:19, Colossians 4:3-5, 2 Thessalonians 3:1.**

Romans 10:15 - How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!