

*“How Beautiful are the Feet of Those
Who Bring Good News of Good Things”*

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*“And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, **“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!”**”*
(Romans 10:15)

Read Romans 10:5-17

Contained within this chapter is a powerful exhortation to the people of God to take the word of God to the inhabitants of this world. The simplicity of faith is clearly noted in verses 9-13: everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (v. 13). The gospel indiscriminately applies to everyone (i.e. Jew or Gentile, male or female, bond or free man) who calls on the name of the Lord. Its application is restricted only by the necessity to believe the gospel.

The questions then poised by verses 14-15a become the heart of the paragraph. Someone cannot call on him, if the “him” is an unknown (v. 14). One cannot know him, if he has never been heard of. And no one will hear unless someone “preaches” to them who the ‘He’ is. And no one will preach unless they are somehow sent. It is here we read with excitement the explosive statement of verse 15b, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!”

Why are the feet of those who bring good news of good things so beautiful? Because those feet carry one who has been sent, one who brings with them the message of Him in who is life from death and salvation from eternal damnation. It is for this reason that their “feet” are beautiful!

Verse 16 sadly notes how not all men everywhere have faith. Verse 17 becomes directional, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

As a fellowship we can sit back and do nothing, but doing nothing sees no one saved. It is only as we embrace the necessity of sharing the gospel that we engage in the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of sinners. Missions is not something done when removed from one’s cultural upbringing. Missions happens every time the word of God is expressed. Every time a word is shared, a kind deed expressed, a card sent, the gospel preached, the people gathered, in these actions bridges are being built for the proclamation of the gospel. Our endeavor is to broadcast the word of God as far and wide as possible in order that hearing might take place and faith might be expressed.

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How beautiful are your feet when you take with you the good news of Jesus Christ. May God raise us up as a fellowship where the gospel of good news is intentionally taken into our local, national, and global community. May we never tire in the task of making disciples of all the nations. May we not rest until He is proclaimed as reigning over the nations and may we never cease in saying to all people everywhere, "It is finished!"