

Sermon Discussion Guide:

The Promise is for All

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Scripture: **Romans 10:9–13**

Series: **The Promise of Advent**

OVERVIEW

We are a diverse group of people. God has made us all unique. Unique in our taste of movies, Christmas songs and other daily items. But the bible and the gospel unites us in one central purpose. Our gospel includes a certain and comforting promise for everyone.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Romans 10:9-13; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8; Joel 2:32; Romans Acts 2:21; Romans 3:19-20; Romans 10:14-17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Scott stated that all of scripture comes to one point—the cross. The great promise, the gospel, is clearly laid out in Romans. Have you heard of and used the Romans Road texts? Discuss each of these verses in Romans and the implications of 3:23, 6:23, 5:8 and 10:9-13.
2. Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21, and Romans 10:13 state that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. This is the sinner's response to the work of God in our heart.. As we realize we are sinners, we see our great need to be rescued. What does it mean to call on the Lord? What is the need as one calls on the Lord.
3. Romans 10:10 states we first believe in the heart and then confess with our mouths. Belief and faith are a gift from God—see Ephesians 2:8. How does this differ from one stating they believe in God, or there is a God. How important is the confession with our mouths?
4. God issues an open arm invitation (see Matthew 11:28–30, John 6:37, and Psalm 25:3). We have great promises that lie in our salvation—our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. How does this encourage you in your daily walk?
5. In Romans 10:12, it states that the gospel is for everyone. Have you ever struggled with this, thinking you, or others, are not worthy of salvation? What about heinous criminals? Or people who have wronged you or hurt you? What has been your conclusion?
6. Consider our holy Savior's arrival into a fallen world. See all that was happening around this miraculous birth—the humble beginning, unlikely witnesses, the angels, the star, the lack of compassion for Mary, politics, commerce, desire for power and status. Our need for a Savior was apparent from the beginning and missed by those it was given to and seen by those from far off. As we ponder the reality of the birth, and the loving, gracious provision from God, we see Christmas at its fullest meaning. Merry Christmas!