

How Will They Hear if No One is Sent?

Romans 10.14-15

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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!”

Paul poses some essential questions:

- How can you call on someone you don't know exists?
- How can you believe if you don't hear about Him?
- How do you hear about Him if He is not preached?
- How will such preaching be done if no one is sent?

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. Acts 13.1-3

How are we to know which people to send?

- Those who show ability: Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers
- Those the Holy Spirit indicates: ...the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

How are we to hear the Holy Spirit:

- While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, ...

⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. Acts 13.4-5

The result:

- They obeyed: being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went...
- They went to specific places: When they arrived at Salamis...
- They preached the Gospel: they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews.