

# Salvation—Hearing

Intro: The basis for salvation on the part of man is his need to hear the Gospel of Christ. Jesus warned men to take heed both how they hear (Luke 8:18 “<sup>18</sup>Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.”) and what they hear (Mark 4:24 “<sup>24</sup>And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.”) because He understood the importance of hearing.

## I. CHRISTIANITY IS A TAUGHT AND LEARNED RELIGION.

### A. The need for teaching is because man cannot guide himself.

1. Pro. 14:12 “<sup>12</sup>There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.”
2. Isa. 53:6 “<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
3. Jer. 10:23 “<sup>23</sup>O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”

### B. Coming to Christ.

1. Isa. 2:3 “<sup>3</sup>And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”
2. John 6:44-45 “<sup>44</sup>No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.”

### C. Becoming a Disciple.

1. Mat. 28:19-20 “<sup>19</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach [literally “make disciples”] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”
  - a. The way a disciple is made:
  - b. Baptizing
  - c. Teaching
2. The meaning of *Disciple*.
  - a. It comes from the Greek μαθητής (*mathetes*).
  - b. We generally apply it to one who is a follower.
  - c. Definitions by Lexicons:
    - (1) Thayer: “a learner, pupil, disciple”
    - (2) BDAG: “1. one who engages in learning through instruction from another, *pupil, apprentice*... 2. one who is rather constantly associated with someone who has a pedagogical reputation or a particular set of views, *disciple, adherent*”
  - d. While it came to mean more than just a pupil or learner, that is the actual meaning and basis of the word.
3. Thus, to be a disciple, there must be a teaching and learning. This involves the pupil hearing.

## II. FAITH

### A. It is necessary to be saved.

1. Heb. 11:6 <sup>“6</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
2. In Christ; John 8:24 <sup>“24</sup> I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.”

### B. Faith comes by hearing

1. Rom. 10:17 <sup>“17</sup> So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
2. Within the context, Paul is speaking of salvation and the need for man to hear; Rom. 10:13-17 <sup>“13</sup> For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. <sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? <sup>17</sup> So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

## III. WHAT MAN MUST HEAR.

### A. The Gospel or Word of God

1. Jesus admonition to heed what we hear; Mark 4:23-24 <sup>“23</sup> If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. <sup>24</sup> And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.”
2. This is why the commission to preach the Gospel.
  - a. Mark 16:15 <sup>“15</sup> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”
  - b. 1 Cor. 1:23-24 <sup>“23</sup> But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; <sup>24</sup> But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”
  - c. The Gospel is God’s power to save; Rom. 1:15-16 <sup>“15</sup> So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

### B. Many are not hearing the Gospel.

1. There is the preaching of philosophy, science, social agendas, emotional stories, etc.
2. These things will not aid in the salvation of man.

### C. Answers the question regarding those who have never heard the Gospel.

1. 2 The. 1:8-9 <sup>“8</sup> In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>9</sup> Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”
2. Those who never hear do not come to a knowledge of God, thus they do not have eternal life; John 17:3 <sup>“3</sup> And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”
3. Thus, the importance of taking the Gospel to the world.

Conclusion: Hearing is a vital part of man’s response to God’s marvelous grace. We must make certain we hear the right thing so we can respond properly to that grace of God.