

Romans: Our Great Salvation
Message: How Will They Hear?
Text: Romans 10:13-18 (AM 9/10/17)

Today, we gather to launch a year of celebration leading up to Canaan's Bicentennial commemoration on Sunday, September 9, 2018. This milestone places Canaan in rare company in Alabama. Few Churches survive and thrive to celebrate 200 years of storied history. We should remember that today is really not about us or those whose shoulders we stand upon. We understand that God redeemed us *to live for His Glory and to share His Story!* Canaan's purpose is emblazed above the doors of this Sanctuary. Canaan exists - ***For the Salvation of man and the Glory of God!***

In today's text, Paul asks the question that every Church must answer. How will those that are perishing hear the life changing Gospel?

The Church's Mandate

I. God's Call (14)

"How shall they hear without a preacher?" (14d)

II. Man's Confession (13; 16-17)

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (17)

III. God's Confirmation (15)

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel..." (15a)

The Founders Responded to the Call

"How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (14b)

- By God's Grace they planted His Church in the wilderness

The Fathers Refined the Call

"How shall they hear without a preacher?" (14c)

- By God's Grace, they persevered through the crucible of war and poverty.

The Faithful Revived the Call

"How shall they preach unless they are sent?" (15)

- By God's Grace, they protracted God's footprint and influence.

The Family Is Renewing the Call

"Their sound has gone out to all the earth..." (18)

- By God's Grace, we purpose to build bridges to our neighbors and the nations.

Application: Have you answered God's Call to Salvation? He is calling!