

"Tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"-1King 22:16

"Whoever Calls on the Name of the LORD Shall be Saved"

The above title is taken from Romans 10:13. Many religious teachers believe that this scripture is teaching that the moment a sinner utters the name of Jesus he will be saved?

In light of other scripture, it cannot mean to just "call out" the name of the Lord. Matthew 7:21 reads as follows, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven". From this we learn that merely "saying the name of Jesus" is not enough to save a man.

What is the meaning of phrase "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved"? To be able to answer that question, it is important to read the context. "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? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" (Rom. 10:14-16).

According to the context, calling upon the name of the Lord involves **preaching, hearing, believing, and obeying the gospel**. A person who has not heard the gospel, believed the gospel and obeyed the gospel simply has not called upon the name of the Lord.

Faith, repentance, confession, and baptism are all involved in "calling on name of the Lord." Acts 22:16 records, "And now why are

you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' Since baptism is an act of obedience, as are faith, repentance and confession, we "call on the name of Lord" when we through faith obey the commandment to be baptized. "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered". "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:16-17; 3-4).

Are you willing to "call upon the name of the Lord" this day by hearing, believing, and obeying the Gospel? -Fred Singleton

Abortion



Forty seven million babies have been aborted in the U.S.A. since 1973. Consider this fact: More Americans have died because of abortion than have died in the Civil War, World War one and two, The Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf war and the current Iraq War! **Where is the outrage!**--Ward Hogland, The Voice, Booneville, MS,

Beware Of False Teachers

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False teachers must be a particular concern of God because there are so many warnings in His word

HAVE YOU STUDIED YOUR BIBLE TODAY?

against these predators. Even in the Old Testament, there are multiple admonitions in regard to false teachers. *“Behold, I am against them that prophesy lying dreams, saith Jehovah, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting”* (Jer. 23:32). *“When a prophet speaketh in the name of Jehovah, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Jehovah hath not spoken: the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him”* (Deut 18:22).

In the New Testament, these warnings are renewed and reemphasized. *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world”* (1 John 4:1). *“But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers”* (II Pet. 2:1).

Warnings For Today

Every Christian, every preacher, and every elder should be watchful in our own day. It seems a congregation is never more at risk than the time that it selects new elders or chooses a new preacher. Elders should not be chosen solely because they are good at business, successful in the world, or respected in the community. All of these qualities are admirable, but it is truly important for an elder also to be a student of the word, able to convict the gainsayers, and capable of recognizing a departure from the faith. We live in a day of widespread apostasy. The duty of elders to tend the flock of God is crucial for the time in which we live. –via Bulletin Briefs, July 2007.

How Evolutionists Jump to Conclusions

A little boy said to his father: “I know where horses come from now.” The father said: “Where do horses come from?” The boy said: “The blacksmith makes them.” The father said: “Did you ever see a blacksmith make a horse?” The boy said: “Not a whole horse, Daddy, but when I passed his shop I saw him nailing his foot on”! That is a fair illustration of how evolutionists jump to conclusions.” –Foy E. Wallace, Jr., Number One Gospel Sermons, page 85

“ How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their

scorning, And fools hate knowledge” (Proverbs 1:22).

Never An Alcoholic!



It is possible to live to be old and never run the risk of becoming an alcoholic. The way to **never** become an alcoholic is amazingly simple, inexpensive, healthy and wise.

Never take the first drink.

Why should anyone take the chance? It is reported that one out of 10 persons who begin the practice of drinking alcoholic beverages will become addicted (an alcoholic). Why drink? What good reason? None, whatsoever!

An abundance of non-alcoholic beverages, including pure water, are readily available. This may not have always been the case. But, even way back in Bible times, Scripture declares, “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby, is not wise.” (Prov. 20:1).

Addiction produces disease, divorce, disasters, destruction and death! Let’s go a step further than the commercials which declare, *“Don’t drink and drive.”* Let’s join together and plead earnestly: **Don’t drink and live. Really live!**

So, be wise. Never take that first drink. If this admonition has come too late, then, the next best thing is—**Never take another drink!** –Al Franks, Magnolia Messenger, June/July 2007