

# ROMANS

## THE RELIABILITY OF GOD

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### *The mysterious responses to Christ's beauty*

Introduction: how 10:1-13 flows into 10:14-21:

#### The beauty of the process that leads to salvation (14-15).

1. The pieces of this process laid out (14-15a).

**Rom. 10:14** 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? **15a** And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

**CALL – BELIEVE – HEAR – PROCLAIM – SEND**

2. This process beautifies all it touches (15b).

**Rom. 10:15b** As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

#### The beauty ignored, but the beauty persisting (16-17).

1. The stubbornness of pride prohibits a humble appeal to the gospel (16).

**Rom. 10:16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”

2. But the gospel's beauty compels us to proclaim the Christ (17).

**Rom. 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Though His beauty remains on display, the response is not commensurate with His beauty (18-21).

1. The beauty of Christ continues to spread (18).

**Rom. 10:18** But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for  
“Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world.”

2. Gentiles continue to respond more readily than the Israelites (19-21).

**Rom. 10:19** But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,  
“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;  
with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”

**Rom. 10:20** Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,  
“I have been found by those who did not seek me;  
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

**Rom. 10:21** But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

Which best describes us: enthralled or numbed?

**2Cor. 3:14** But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. **15** Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. **16** But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

**2Cor. 3:17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

## SONGS

“Your Grace is Enough” - Matt Maher

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” - Thomas Obediah Chisholm,  
William Marion Runyan

“Way Maker” - Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

“Goodness of God” - Ed Cash, Jenn Johnson

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$10,211.00  
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$362,376.00  
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$384,769.00