How will they Be Saved?:

Man’s Responsibility

Matthew 28:19

The Great Commission has only one command for all Christians — “make disciples!” This verb is modified by three Participles (verbal adjectives), which explain to you how disciple making is accomplished. 1. “While going” – disciple making is a lifestyle, it happens naturally, though this does not negate the need to be intentional. 2. “baptizing” – this implies the sharing of the truth of the gospel, and the lost being regenerated and given faith. “Baptizing” refers to the initiation into the covenant family. We make disciples by sharing the faith and bringing converts into the covenant family. 3. “teaching them all that I command you” – the ongoing discipleship ministry is one that requires all Christians to be learners and teachers. It is not the church’s job to be the teachers, but the church teaches the teachers so that the teachers (you) can teach (others).

Romans 10:14–17

It’s been said that your life is the greatest witnessing tool. This is false information. Your mouth is. No one comes to Christ because you raked the neighbors yard. They come to Christ through hearing the gospel proclaimed. One’s ethics may aid in drawing the lost or may soften their hearts to listen to you, but without sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit will not regenerate the heart of the unsaved (cf. 2 Thess 2:13–16).

Acts 18:5–11

It has been asked, “Doesn’t God’s Sovereignty in salvation make your witnessing futile? If God is going to save who He has already determined He will save, why should you ever evangelize?” – Scriptures show us that it is God’s Sovereignty in Salvation that serves as a major motivation for our evangelism, rather than make it an act of futility.

Man’s Responsibility in Response to the Gospel

Verses

Romans 10:9–13

The requirement of Man as seen in session one is that we confess, believe and call on the name of the Lord. These requirement and others, such as repent, be reconciled, etc. are the requirements, the commands given to mankind in order for them to be saved. We are held accountable to even this small task.

John 3:3, 15, 16, 18

Belief, faith (same word – “GK. pistos”) is the bases upon which man will be judged. If one has true biblical faith, he/she is given eternal life -- salvation. If one does not have biblical faith, they are judged already for their lack of faith. The call to faith is a call to all. Those who do no believe already are judged, those who do “believe” or “have faith” (remember even faith is a gift of grace – Eph 2:8–9) are given eternal life.

Romans 4:1–16

Though the text shows the contrast between faith and works of the Law. The concept can be broadened to any scheme of man to achieve righteousness. If the grace of salvation was earned, then it would no longer be grace, but an earned wage. Rather, grace is given freely and is responded to, as in the case of Abraham, through faith. The end result is that righteousness was credited to him by God.

There is a conundrum: We have the responsibility to evangelize the lost, but they cannot respond. The lost are required to repent and believe but they lack the ability.

The Solution: God must be the first mover, “LT. the primus motor.” Regeneration precedes faith.

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