

WITHOUT HEARING I'LL NEVER KNOW

This is my second article of five about the plan of salvation. This is based upon what God Himself has stated in the Bible. Last time we stated that faith is the foundation of each one of these steps.

In Romans 10 the question is asked, "How can anyone believe in someone if they have never heard about them?" Now, I believe that anyone can believe in God without hearing about Him. They may not call Him God, but all they have to do is look at the miracle of creation and see that there has to be a supernatural power out there somewhere. But the real question comes up, "How will they ever know about Jesus if no one tells them?"

In Romans 10:17 it says, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." It is essential that we listen to what God reveals to us whether we hear it from the Bible or through another believer. The Bible is much, much more than a collection of stories in one big book. It is God speaking to me. You have to say that for yourself. "It is God speaking to me."

Some people feel that all they have to do is possess a copy of the Bible. In such a situation that person does not have a Bible. They have a book with pieces of paper in it. Get one that can take wear and tear. Write notes in it. Underline in it. Let it convict your life. Let it guide your life. Let it encourage your life.

Can you respond to Jesus and accept Him without ever reading the Bible? Yes, but I would not recommend it. Why? Because you are just accepting what a man says, and you do not know if he is telling you the truth or not. Preaching and teaching can lead you to the truth, but make sure it is the truth.

How many times have you heard someone plead for you to accept Jesus? You won't be able to say to God what you likely said to your parents. "I didn't hear you." Yes you did. You just had selective hearing. You selected not to apply what you heard, but right now you still can. Jesus is calling you to come to Him and receive His grace. Can you hear Him? He can be heard loud and clear.

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