

- I. To Be Saved You Must Hear the Gospel (v.13,14).**
 - A. The gospel is the message God uses to save the lost (see Rom. 1:16) and set people free (see John 8:31,32).**
 - B. The gospel (good news) is this: In spite of the fact that we are sinners and deserve to die spiritually (to be separated from God forever) we can have spiritual life (a personal relationship with God) through faith in Jesus Christ.**
 - C. What about people who never hear about Christ?**
 - 1. God reveals himself through special (supernatural) revelation and general (natural) revelation.**
 - 2. God has chosen to limit special revelation (visions, the living Word, the written Word, etc.), but he reveals himself to everyone through nature (see Rom. 1:20 and Ps. 19:1).**
 - 3. The purpose of general (natural) revelation is to give us a desire to learn more about God.**
 - 4. The Bible promises that all who seek God will find him (see Deut. 4:29; 1 Chron. 28:9; and Jer. 29:13;).**
 - 5. This means that if someone really wants to know the one and only true God, that person will somehow hear about Christ (through some type of special revelation) and find God through Christ.**
- II. People Won't Hear the Gospel If We Don't Share It (v.14,15).**
 - A. Every follower of Jesus is called to share the gospel.**
 - B. What do people need to hear to make a rational decision about Christ? What are the basic issues of the gospel?**
 - 1. God's Plan: God loves us and wants us to have a full life on Earth and spend eternity in his presence (see John 10:10; 1 Tim. 2:3,4; and 2 Pet. 3:9).**
 - 2. Our Problem: We're all sinners (see Isa. 53:6; Rom. 2:8 and 3:23; and 1John 1:8) and our sin separates us from God (see Rom. 6:23).**
 - 3. God's Remedy: God sent his Son to this planet to die on a cross for our sin (see Rom. 5:8 and 1 John 2:1); Christ's sacrificial death is the only remedy for our sin (see John 14:6 and 1 John 5:11,12).**
 - 4. Our Responsibility: Understand who Jesus is, what he did for us on the cross, and accept him as Savior and Lord (see John 1:12).**

- III. Not Everyone Who Hears the Gospel Will Accept It (v.16).**
 - A. God calls us to share the gospel with as many people as we can – with the people he puts in our path.**
 - B. Some of these people are seeking God and waiting for someone to tell them about Christ; others aren't interested.**
 - C. Instead of focusing on those who aren't interested in Christ, we need to focus on those who are and get excited about the people who will turn from their sin and turn to Christ.**
 - D. Those who accept Christ will be eternally grateful for the love we showed them in leading them to the Lord (v.15).**
- IV. Hearers of the Gospel Must Accept Christ to Be Saved (v.17).**
 - A. When someone hears the gospel and by faith accepts Christ as Savior and Lord, that person is saved from eternal death and receives eternal life.**
 - B. To accept Christ you must have a basic understanding of who Jesus is and what Jesus did for you on the cross.**
 - C. You accept Christ by making a decision ... by praying to God ...by asking God to give you eternal life.**
 - D. God promise that if you call on the name of Jesus you will be saved (see Rom. 10:13).**
 - E. If you've never accepted Christ, accept him today ...call on his name ... make today your day of salvation.**