

6. **Because** _____ **overwhelming teaches salvation by belief**

Gen 15:5-6 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he **believed** in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

John 3:18 "He who **believes** in Him is not condemned; but he who does not **believe** is condemned already, because he has not **believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36 "He who **believes** in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not **believe** the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and **believes** in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 20:31 but these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **believing** you may have life in His name.

Acts 4:4 However, many of those who heard the word **believed**; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Acts 16:30-31 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
³¹ So they said, "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

In the New Testament alone,

- there are **241** occurrences of the VERB "believe" in 217 verses. Though not all verses refer to eternal salvation, the vast majority do. (I counted 217 relating to salvation – 90%.)
- there are **243** occurrences of the NOUN "belief / faith" in 227 verses. I did not make an exact count, but easily 80-90% of those refer to either salvation through "belief" or the content of salvation ("the faith").

Why Calling on the Name of the Lord is for the Saved, not the Unsaved

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.

Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

Romans 10:13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

1. **Because "Call" Is Often Used as a _____ for "Pray"**

Gen 4:26 And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then *men* began to call on the name of the LORD.

Gen 12:8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent *with* Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Gen 13:4 to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

Gen 21:33 Then *Abraham* planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.

Deut 4:7 "For what great nation *is there* that has God *so* near to it, as the LORD our God *is* to us, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him?"

1 Sam 12:17 "*Is* today not the wheat harvest? I will call to the LORD, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking a king for yourselves."

2 Sam 22:4 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. (cf. Ps 18:3)

1 Ki 8:52 "that Your eyes may be open to the supplication of Your servant and the supplication of Your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to You."

1 Ki 18:25 Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare *it* first, for you *are* many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*."

1 Chr 16:8 Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Ps 80:18 Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

Ps 105:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Ps 116:13 I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD.

Ps 116:17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

Isa 12:4 And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted.

Isa 55:6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

Acts 7:59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

2. Because "Who Call(s)..." Is Used as a _____ for "Believers"

Ps 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Ps 145:18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

Jer 10:25 Pour out Your fury on the Gentiles, who do not know You, And on the families who do not call on Your name...

Acts 9:14 "And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

Acts 9:21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

1 Cor 1:2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

2 Tim 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

3. Because of the Clear Teaching in the _____ of Romans 10

a. The commonly-used verse (10:13) simply _____ Joel 2:32

10:13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

b. The immediate _____ (11-12) makes Paul's point obvious

10:11-12 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call (~) upon Him.

c. What _____ in 10:13 (Joel 2:32) proves Paul's point?

10:13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

- Not _____ people are doing...
- But _____ is doing it...

d. The logical & sequential _____ presented in Romans 10:13-14

10:13-14 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." ¹⁴ 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?

- _____ comes before calling on the name of the LORD
- Calling, then, is an action of one who already _____

e. The context of Joel 2:32

It involves a specific PROPHECY, a specific POINT in time, a pervasive POURING out of the Spirit, specific atmospheric PHENOMENA, a specific PRAYER, a specific PLACE, and a specific PHYSICAL rescue.

f. The _____ between evangelism and those of Joel 2:32

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4. Because _____ teaches salvation by belief

10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

10:6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above)

10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

10:11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." (Quoted from Is 28:16)

10:14 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?

10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

5. Because the context of _____ teaches salvation by belief

1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

3:21-22 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. ...

3:24-26 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

4:3-5 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness

9:33 As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

13:11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.