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THE SURE WORD by Jonnie Hutchison

HAVE YOU OBEYED THE GOSPEL?

“For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. 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? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all **obeyed the gospel....**” (Romans 10:13-16a). A careful consideration of these verses indicates that to call upon the name of the Lord is equivalent to obeying the gospel. The progression that leads to salvation is preaching, hearing, believing, and calling upon the name or authority of the Lord by obeying the gospel. But, as the scripture says, “Not all have obeyed the gospel.” Have you?

Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). The Hebrew writer states that Jesus “became the author of eternal salvation to **all who obey Him**” (Hebrews 5:9). Dear reader, have you done the Father’s will? Have you obeyed Jesus? Have you obeyed the gospel?

The Lord has left us examples in the New Testament of exactly how people obeyed the gospel. They heard the preaching of the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them” (. Acts 8:5). They accepted the testimony that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts 2:36; 8:12) , repented of their sins (Acts 2:38), verbally confessed faith in Him (Acts 8:37), and were baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38;8:12, 38). Please read these passages and study them carefully for how one obeys the gospel has not changed. The response made in the 1st century is the very same response required in the 21st century.

What will happen to those who do not obey the gospel? Let the Bible answer: “...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and **on those who do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

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