

What it Means to “Call on the Name of the Lord.”

Rom. 10:13

Introduction:

- A. Does this verse mean that one is saved by simply calling on the name of the Lord in prayer?
 - 1. To hear many preachers, especially at funerals, one would think so.
 - 2. But, Jesus says there is more involved in being saved (Matt. 7:21)
- B. We can learn what it means by looking more closely the those who are said to call on His name?

Discussion:

I. It Means Being *Saved* (text).

- A. The saved do more than call upon the Lord in prayer.
 - 1. Paul’s calling involved more than praying (Acts 9:11,18; 22:16).
 - 2. Pentecostians’ calling involved more than praying (Acts 2:21; 37-38).
- B. The saved are obedient believers (Heb. 5:8, 9; Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21)

II. It Means Being in the *Church* (1 Cor. 1:2)

- A. The church and those who call are the same. (Acts 8:3; 9:21).
- B. The church and the saved are same. (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23).
- C. The church and baptized believers are same. (Acts 2:38,41,47; 1 Cor. 12:13).

III. It Means Being a Saint (1 Cor. 1:2)

- A. *Saints* in Jerusalem like *those who called* in Damascus. (Acts 9:13,14).
- B. Saints are a people set apart.
 - 1. From power of darkness. (Col. 1:12,13).
 - 2. Into kingdom or church (Col. 1:13).
 - 3. By forgiveness. (Col. 1:14; Matt. 26:28 with Acts 2:38).

IV. It Means *Following Righteousness* (2 Tim. 2:22).

Conclusion:

- A. Do not be deceived into thinking that calling on His name is a one time act.
- B. It begins with our first act of obedience and continues until our last.
- C. Why not begin calling today by obeying the Lord today?