

Acts 22:3; Galatians 1:14

Romans 1:16-17

A Christian's relationship with those far from God:

- We have a burden for *them*
- We have a calling to *them*

Verses 1-3

Verse 4

Galatians 3:24

***They* rely on themselves.**

Verse 5

Verses 6-7

***They* reach for Heaven.**

Bad news: In our flesh, we want a shortcut of practical works over a lifestyle of faithful, covenantal obedience and worship.

Donald Trump (July 31, 2024 interview with Laura Ingraham – Do you believe in Heaven?) – I do. If I'm good I'm going to Heaven. And if I'm bad, I'm going someplace else, like over there, right?

Verses 8-9

***They* can receive the Gospel.**

C. E. B. Cranfield – The confession that Jesus is Lord is the acknowledgment that Jesus shares the name and nature, the holiness, the authority, power, majesty and eternity of the one and only true God...there is expressed the sense of His ownership of those who acknowledge Him and of their consciousness of being His property.

Verse 10

Kenneth Boa – [Saved] – confirmed in our faith and carried to the portals of the kingdom of God.

***They* can respond by faith.**

Verse 11

Verse 12

Verse 13

Verses 14-15

Gospel proclamation always precedes Gospel confessions.

They can be reached.

Substitutionary Atonement — Jesus' death, in fallen humanity's place, satisfying the demands of God's holy justice which results in reconciliation with God and eternity in His presence.

Good news: In Christ, we receive a life of eternal salvation resulting in a lifestyle of faithful, covenantal obedience, worship, and practical works.

Verse 16

Verse 17

What can we do?

- 1. Pray for those far from God.**
- 2. Pray for laborers (*Matthew 9:34-35*)**
- 3. Care for souls**
- 4. Share the Gospel**
- 5. Send and be sent**
- 6. Remember and be reminded**

Scripture Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3:1-5*