

## A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ROME

### WHOEVER CALLS ON JESUS WILL BE SAVED

Romans 10:11-13 "Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

One ethnic group considers itself superior to another. The community in which you live can determine your social standing. Graduating from the "right" university can determine who gets a job. There are so many ways in which human beings judge the worthiness or unworthiness of one other. There is much discrimination in today's world.

Rereading yesterday's devotional verses (Romans 10:8-10) and again today's verses in Romans 10:11-13, God's word makes it abundantly clear that the key to salvation is your relationship with Jesus. Do you believe He is the one and only Son sent by God to pay for your sins and the sins of all people? Do you believe Jesus loves all people equally. Do you believe God sent Jesus to save all people including you? (See John 3:16)

Note today's devotional verses states "anyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." ". . . the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him." "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:11-13) ". . . whoever believes in Him (Jesus) should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

The key to your salvation is not your country of origin, the state, county, or city where you live. Which side of the tracks you currently live, your skin color or economic net worth does not determine whether God will love you. He loves all people everywhere. Thus, 1 Timothy 2:1-6 exhorts, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people."

Prayer: Jesus, use me to witness to all people with whom I come in contact that You alone are their Lord and Savior and that by believing in You Your Father forgives their sins. Amen.

From Greenland's icy mountains, From India's coral strand,  
Where Afric's sunny fountains Roll down their golden sand;  
From many an ancient river, from many a palmy plain,  
They call us to deliver Their land from error's chain.

What though the spicy breezes Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;  
Though ev'ry prospect pleases And only man is vile;  
In vain with lavish kindness The gifts of God are strown;  
The heathen in his blindness Bows down to wood and stone.

Can we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high,  
Can we to men benighted The lamp of life deny?  
Salvation! Oh, Salvation! The joyful sound proclaim  
Till each remotest nation Has learned Messiah's name.

Waft, waft, ye winds, His story, And you, ye waters, roll,  
Till like a sea of glory It spreads from pole to pole;  
Till 'o'er our ransomed nature The Lamb for sinners slain,  
Redeemer, King, Creator, In bliss returns to reign.  
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