

AMANA TRUST BIBLE STUDIES

Lesson 16

Enjoying the Riches of the Lord by Calling on His Name

Bible reading

Please pray over these verses.

Romans 10:12-13

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him;

13 For “whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Introduction

The way for man as the vessel, as seen in Romans 9, to be filled with Christ as the content is by calling on the name of the Lord as revealed in chapter 10. By calling on His name, we are not only saved but are also practically brought into all the riches of the enjoyment of the Lord for our experience.

Bible study reading

Please prayerfully read through the following portions of ministry related to this lesson.

Romans 10:12 and 13 say, “There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; for whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” To be saved here means to be brought into the enjoyment of the riches of the Lord. The Lord is rich both to the Jews and to the Greeks. He is the rich Lord of all the peoples who call on His name. When we call “Lord Jesus,” we are calling upon the Lord because His name is His person. This kind of enjoyment is the filling up of the vessel in Romans 9. The vessel in chapter 9 can be filled up with the riches of the Lord only by our calling on Him. (*Elders’ Training, Book 6: The Crucial Points of Truth in Paul’s Epistles*, ch. 2, section 5)

Vessels need content. Although Romans 9 tells us that we are vessels, it does not give us the way to be filled. It is wonderful to be a vessel of mercy unto honor and glory, but it is pitiful to be empty. We need to be filled. The way to be filled is found in Romans 10. Every vessel has a mouth, an opening. If it has no mouth, it is not a vessel. Instruments such as hammers, knives, and axes have no mouths. However, we are vessels, and as vessels we have an opening—our mouth. Do you know why you have a mouth? You were made with a mouth that you might be filled with the riches of Christ. Our mouth was made for calling on the name of the Lord Jesus. The Lord is so rich! He is rich to all who call upon Him. There is a verse in the Psalms which says, “Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it” (81:10). As empty vessels with a mouth we should open our mouth wide that we may be filled with the riches of the Lord.

In order to be saved we need to call upon the name of the Lord. However, calling upon His name is not only for salvation; it is also the way in which we receive the riches of Christ. The Lord is rich to all who call upon Him. When we call upon Him, we participate in and enjoy His riches. (*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 23, section 2)

Going deeper

Please read or listen to these materials for an in-depth study of this lesson.

Further reading:

[Life-study of Romans, msg. 23](#)

[Life-study of Acts, msg. 9, section 2](#)

Radio broadcast link:

Broadcast 24, [Life-study of Romans, God's Selection, Our Destiny \(2\)](#) (Start from the 18:32 to 27:07-minute mark)

Broadcast 26, [Life-study of Acts, The Conversion of Saul \(2\)](#)

Broadcast 31, [Life-study of Genesis, The Second Fall of Man \(3\)](#)

Footnotes from Recovery Version of the New Testament:

Romans 10:12, footnote 1

Romans 10:13, footnote 1

Acts 2:21, footnote 1

Questions for personal or corporate study:

References in brackets indicate readings or broadcasts that may be helpful in answering the questions.

- What is the significance of the practice of calling on the name of the Lord? (*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 23, section 2; Broadcast 24)
- How can we see this crucial practice revealed in both the Old and New Testaments? (Acts 2:21, footnote 1, Recovery Version)

Works Cited

Lee, Witness. *Elders' Training, Book 6: The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles*. Anaheim: Living Stream Ministry, 1985. www.ministrybooks.org

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