

"THE WORD OF FAITH"**Introduction**

1. "I cannot believe"
2. Effectively v. coercively
3. The one and only thing you need is FAITH IN CHRIST

1. THE WAY TO BE SAVED MADE CLEAR

- 1) This is the greatest thing to learn
- 2) "Saved"
 - (i) from sin
 - (ii) death
 - (iii) hell
- 3) Two things are said to be required:
 - (i) believe in the heart
 - (ii) confess with the mouth
- 4) Not what the Pope says: Examples
Q. Do you have what you need to be saved?

2. WHY HEART AND MOUTH ARE REQUIRED

- 1) Because:
 - (i) mouth without heart is hypocrisy. Judas.
 - (ii) heart without mouth is unworthy
- 2) God requires confession:
 - (i) See Christ: "Who do men say...?"
 - (ii) The Ethiopian eunuch: Acts 8
 - (iii) "Confess me before men"...
- 3) If there were no outward confession:
 - (i) there would be no witness to others
 - (ii) how could the church exist?

(iii) what about the next generation

(iv) shame + fear must be overcome

APPLICATION: There is a blessing in confessing Christ before men**3. THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFT TO US ALL**

- 1) v.10: "unto salvation"
- 2) v.11: "not ashamed" in life/death
- 3) v.12: to Jew + Greek / "rich" to us
- 4) v.13: "whosoever".. "shall be saved"
OBSERVE: Look how he repeats + repeats it

4. THE STEPS WHICH GOD TAKES TO SAVE US

- 1) The need we have: "to call on the name..."
- 2) But to do so we need faith
- 3) To have faith pre-supposes knowledge
- 4) In turn, this requires a preacher
- 5) Again, the preachers must be raised up by God
- 6) So: the raising up of preachers is a matter of the utmost importance
- 7) Look at this: v.15: "How beautiful"

5. BUT THERE IS A DANGEROUS POSSIBILITY

- 1) v.16: not to obey the gospel

- 2) Gospel-obedience is the thing which God requires of you
APPLICATION: Will you not then believe in your heart and confess with your lips?

CONCLUSION

1. Do you say, "I cannot"?
2. **Illustration:** E. Erskine (p.51)
3. Indonesian lady (p.51)

PSALM

95: 1 – 6

89: 15 – 18

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