

Eliminating Excuses

Romans 10:18-21

Read Romans 10

Proverbs 22:13

Proverbs 26:14

Introductory Thought:

One of the Great Goals of the Bible is to Eliminate All Excuses

Romans 1:20

Romans 2:1

"...that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." (Romans 3:19)

Two Final Excuses the Jews Might've Had:

1.) Maybe They've Never Heard

Romans 10:18

Romans 10:17

Romans 10:17-18

Psalms 19:1-4

*Colossians 1:5-6, "...the truth of the gospel, **6** which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit..."*

Romans 15:19, "...so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."

Colossians 1:23, "...the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven..."

A.) Modern Excuse #1: What About the Man on the Island?

B.) Modern Excuse #2: I'm Ministering in the Hardest Place on Earth

"The rapid progress of the gospel in the early days has ever been the amazement of the historian. Justin Martyr, about the middle of the second century, wrote, 'There is no people, Greek or barbarian, or of any other race, by whatever appellation or manners they may be distinguished, however ignorant of arts or agriculture, whether they dwell in tents or wander about in covered wagons, among whom prayers and thanksgivings are not offered in the name of the crucified Jesus to the Father and Creator of all things.' Half a century later Tertullian adds, 'We are but of yesterday, and yet we already fill your cities, islands, camps, your palace, senate, and forum. We have left you only your temples.' R. H. Glover (The Progress of WorldWide Missions, p. 39) states, 'On the basis of all the data available it has been estimated that by the close of the Apostolic Period the total number of Christian disciples had reached half a million.'" —William Hendriksen

2 Thessalonians 3:1

2.) Maybe They've Never Understood