

mouth Jesus as Lord, and shall believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart men believe so as to obtain righteousness, and with the mouth they confess so as to obtain salvation. For the scripture says: *No one who believes in him shall be put to shame.* For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile. For the same Lord is Lord of all, and rich toward all who call on him. For, *Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

How, then, shall men call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without some one proclaims him? And how shall men proclaim him, unless they are sent? Just as it is written: *How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!*

But not every one listened to the good news. For Isaiah says: *Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us? So faith comes from what has been heard, and what has been heard, through the word of Christ.* But I ask: Did they not hear? Most surely they did.

*Their voice sounded out to all the earth.*

*And their words to the end of the world.*

But again I ask: Did not Israel understand? First Moses says: *I will stir you to jealousy with a nation which is no nation, At a nation without understanding will I rouse you to anger.*

And Isaiah is very bold, and says:

*I was found by those who sought me not.*

*I became known to those who asked not for me.*

But regarding Israel he says: *All the day long have I stretched out my hands to a disobedient and contradictory people.*

I ask, then: Has God cast off his people?

By no means. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. No, God has not cast off his people whom he foreknew. Or do you not know what the scripture says in the case of Elijah? how he pleads with God against Israel: *Lord, they have killed thy prophets, they have overthrown thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.* But what was the divine response to him? *I have left for myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal.* In the same way, then, at the present time, also, there is a remnant according to the selection of grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer from deeds; otherwise grace is no longer grace.