

GOSPEL CALL

ROMANS 8:30

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: "... He (God) addresses the gospel call to our intellects, our emotions, and our wills. He speaks to our intellects by explaining the facts of salvation in his Word. He speaks to our emotions by issuing a heartfelt personal invitation to respond. He speaks to our wills by asking us to hear his invitation and respond willingly in repentance and faith—to decide to turn from our sins and receive Christ as Savior and rest our hearts in him for salvation." Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 695.

BY PROCLAMATION—An act of God's working (maybe through you!) to lead an unbeliever to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. (**Romans 8:30, 28, fn 8:30, Romans 1:16, fn 1:16[1st], II Timothy 4:1, 2, 5, fn 4:1,2, John 4:10, 27-42, fn 4:35, fn 4:39, Matthew 28:18-20**) *Why does God want you, a believer, to proclaim His gospel to an unbeliever?*

BY SEEKING CONVERSIONS—"The word *conversion* means 'turning'—here it represents a spiritual turn, a turning *from* sin to Christ. The turning from sin is called *repentance*, and the turning to Christ is called *faith*." Grudem, p. 709. "... the heart attitudes of repentance and faith only begin at conversion. These same attitudes should continue throughout the course of our Christian lives." Grudem, p. 717. (**Romans 8:30, Acts 20:19-21, fn 20:18-21, II Corinthians 7:10, fn 7:10, Hebrews 9:22, fn 9:22, Acts 2:38, fn 2:38, 39, I John 1:8-10, fn 1:8-10**) *What are two basics God uses in converting unbelievers and why is this so?*

BY PUTTING TOGETHER FAITH AND REPENTANCE—"...the person who genuinely turns to Christ for salvation must at that time release the sin to which he or she has been clinging and turn away from it in order to turn to Christ. Thus, neither repentance nor faith comes first; they must come together." Grudem, pp. 713, 714. (**Romans 8:30, Romans 3:23, fn 3:23, Romans 5:8, fn 5:8, Romans 6:23, fn 6:23, John 14:6, John 1:12, 13**) *Using one sentence for each vital point, write a simple plan of salvation (gospel call) that you will remember how to give to others.*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.