

## GOD'S CALL ROMANS 10:18-21

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

BACKGROUND: “Every person has a knowledge of God whether they acknowledge it or not.” Kevin Phipps

**IGNORED**—The intricacies of God’s creation are flippantly dismissed by the spiritually-blind Jews. To come to faith in God, they must believe that He exists and then earnestly seek to find Him. (**Romans 10:18, Psalms 19:1-6, fn 19:1-6, Romans 1:18-20, fn 1:18-20[1<sup>st</sup>], Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[2<sup>nd</sup>], John 1:10, 11, fn 1:10, 11**) *Why does salvation begin by first believing that God exists?*

**RECEIVED** by the Gentiles—By universal revelation God’s grace goes out to all. From the beginning the Jews were to use their lives to lead the Gentiles to God, but they failed to fulfill their calling to be a light to the nations. Now the Lord uses the transformed lives of mostly Gentiles to win the Jews to Jesus. (**Romans 10:19, fn 10:18-20, Isaiah 65:1, 2, fn 65:1, Joel 2:28-32, fn 2:28-32, Matthew 24:14, fn 24:14, Matthew 5:14-16, fn 5:14-16, Genesis 12:1-3, fn 12:1-3**) *What could you say to win a Jewish acquaintance to Christ?*

**REJECTED**—“*Apeitheo* (**disobedient**) literally means to contradict, to speak against. Throughout her history, **Israel** had, for the most part, contradicted and opposed the truth of the God who had lovingly called her and graciously and patiently (**all the day long**) **stretched out [His] hands** to her.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Romans 9-16, p. 90. (**Romans 10:21, Luke 14:15-23, fn 14:15-24, fn 14:16ff[1<sup>st</sup>], fn 14:16ff[2<sup>nd</sup>], Matthew 23:37-39, fn 23:37[1<sup>st</sup>], fn 23:37[2<sup>nd</sup>], Malachi 2:1-9, fn 2:1, 2, fn 2:7, 8, Deuteronomy 18:15, fn 18:15**) *How is Israel’s rejection of God’s call a warning to churches?*

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