

## WHAT ABOUT THE HEATHEN?

TEXT: Psalms 98:1-2 “<sup>1</sup> O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. <sup>2</sup> The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.”

- I. **NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN** (Acts 4:12, Romans 10:8-10)
- II. **THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE** (Romans 1:16-20)
  - a. Call of Christ is to *every* man (John 1:9, 12:32-33)
  - b. Historical Circumstances (Romans 1:17-18)
  - c. Personal Circumstances (Matthew 5:45; Titus 2:11; Psalms 98:2)
  - d. Personal Conscience
    - i. (Romans 1:19 *That which may be known of God is manifest IN them.*)
    - ii. (Romans 2:14-15 *Gentiles... shew the work of the law written in their hearts.*)
    - iii. The conscience can be seared (1 Timothy 4:2) by being exposed often to evil and wickedness.
    - iv. The conscience must be washed and renewed with the Word of God (Ephesians 5:26; Romans 12:2, Romans 2:14-15).
  - e. Divine Creation (Romans 1:20; Psalms 19:1-3)
- III. **YE SHALL SEEK FOR ME AND FIND ME** (Jeremiah 29:13)
  - a. They Should Seek the Lord (Acts 17:23-31).
  - b. God Will Be Found of Them (Jer. 29:13).
    - i. Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-39)
    - ii. Cornelius (Acts 10:1-6, 11:13-14)
    - iii. Man in Macedonia (Acts 16:9-10)
- IV. **NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH** (2 Peter 3:9)
  - a. Three Groups of lost people:
    - i. Those who are very hungry for the truth (small minority)
    - ii. Those who will always reject the truth (majority)
    - iii. Those who are not necessarily looking, but they will believe if given the truth (our primary target for witnessing)
  - b. Christians have a responsibility toward the lost
    - i. Some have not the knowledge of God (1 Corinthians 15:34)
    - ii. How can they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:4)
    - iii. Go ye into all the world (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8)
    - iv. I am pure from the blood of all men (Acts 20:26)