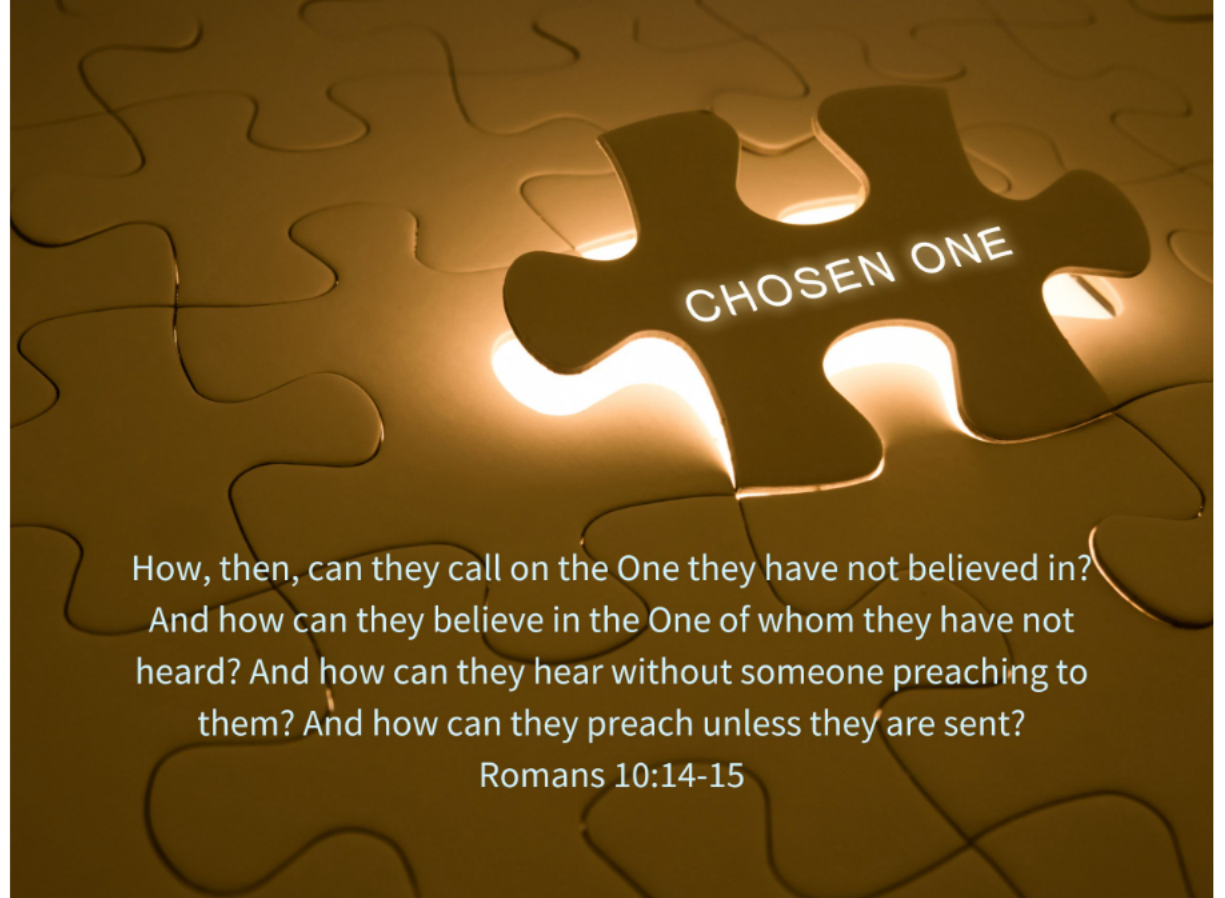




CHOSEN ONE

How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not
heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to
them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?

Romans 10:14-15

DEVOTION:

When we are in trouble, God takes the initiative to save us. He is more than able to take us from our difficult circumstances and restore us. We need never be afraid that this grace of God will disappear; His grace is everlasting.

How does God elect people? In the heart of these chapters on God's election, we read the simple words: "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message" (Rom. 10:17). God does not elect people in some or other mysterious way. He elects His people by using the ordinary words of those who preach the gospel. God sends these people. We hear their words and believe. Therefore, we call upon Lord's name (see Rom. 10:12). In this way, we become God's elected people! Every step of the way from unbelief to belief is something that God does.

Let us never cease to be amazed that God draws people to Him through His Word. For those of us who have the privileged position of teaching, let us do so with responsibility, commitment and expectation.