

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." *Romans 10:17* No2 KJV



Hearing, ὁ ακοῆ in the Greek text, is more ὁ the thing heard rather than the act of listening. It means to grasp the sense of the thing heard. ὁ So then faith cometh by [the thing heard]. ὁ What is heard is the Word, ὁ ῥη μαθ in the Greek text, or ὁ the utterance. ὁ Many claim that God must be the one uttering. Was God's Word spoken by the prophets any less ὁ uttered? ὁ God sends His Word to accomplish His will. How it is sent is His prerogative. God says, ὁ So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. ὁ Jesus is ὁ the Word made flesh. ὁ This word ὁ Word in this text, ὁ λογος in the Greek text, includes not only the utterance, but the person, thought, and intent behind what is uttered. God's Word is the cohesion of Creation. Orbits and bonding from the micro to the macro are held in place by the ὁ sent Word of God. ὁ By the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water. ὁ One Day He will withdraw His Word. ὁ The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. ὁ A nuclear bomb is a small example of a few atoms flying apart. All particles in the universe from galaxies to atoms are ordered and controlled by God's Word! ὁ For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. ὁ God sends His Word and it will do what He pleases. We are told specifically in Scripture, ὁ It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe, [BUT] how shall they hear without a preacher? ὁ Preaching is passionate proclamation. Women can preach the Gospel as long as they abide by the rules of the Word of God in so doing. They are to keep/guard the silence of the assembly and not to usurp authority over men. Nothing prevents them from ὁ giving answer for the hope that lies within them, ὁ or passionately proclaiming it to ὁ every creature ὁ the Holy Spirit leads to them. You cannot preach something effectively unless you passionately believe it yourself. Obedience to ὁ preach the gospel to every creature, ὁ is the method chosen by God to impart the gift of faith to men. It is not up to us to convince. That is the Holy Spirit's work. We only ὁ utter ὁ the Word of God to ὁ every creature ὁ with passion. Should I proclaim it to a dog? Is a dog a creature? Where there's a dog there might be an owner nearby ὁ hearing ὁ the proclaimed Word. Farfetched? Maybe, but the point is obvious. I do not choose to whom I should ὁ preach ὁ the Gospel. The word ὁ every ὁ is quite clear. Someone's ὁ gift ὁ of faith may depend on you. You cannot know the mind of God or another's thoughts, but you can obey. ὁ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth ὁ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, ὁ The just shall live by faith. ὁ Continuing faith is also dependent on God's Word.

The Word commands the hearing ear,
The faithful preach it without fear,
God is pleased, His Word to send,
By those He chose to be his friends. -CGP

Someone preached, you heard, and you obeyed God's Word. Others need the same opportunity. Will you obey?

"And He said unto them, ὁ Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." *Mark 16:15* KJV