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"How beautiful (KJ version) on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, "your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7)

In case you missed it, that's our first memory verse for our study of Romans, which we launched last nite! And how appropriate that verse is in capturing the overall theme of the book of Romans! It's all about the "good news" of the Gospel--and the promise that "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved!"

But Paul, in Romans 10:14, raises some probing questions: "how can they call on Him in whom they have not believed...and how will they believe in whom they have not heard? And how they hear without a preacher" (or from somebody who shares the gospel with them)? And "how will they preach (share the message) unless they are sent" (in response to the "great commission)?

And so, we see what Douglas Moo calls the "chain of evangelism"--linking a person's salvation with "hearing" and then "believing" the Gospel message, but all dependent on someone "being sent" and sharing that "good news"!

Writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit Paul makes it clear in saying that "faith" (saving faith) comes from hearing the word of God! (Romans 10:17)

And so, his reference to Isaiah--to the "beautiful feet" of those who "bring the good news of salvation"!

Well that's just a taste of what we're in for as we study the book of Romans! Next week we'll focus on the apostle Paul himself! And our memory verse comes from II Peter 1:20-21: "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit (like the apostle Paul) spoke from God!" And so, we can trust and rely on the authenticity of Scripture, and the testimony of Paul!

Our prayer as MOB leaders is that each of you will become involved with us in this study of God's Word--and will also take on the challenge (and blessing!) of memorizing and internalizing these special verses from the Bible, which will go with you long after our study is complete, and strengthen your walk with the Lord!

May God bless your week!

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