

Quoting Joel 2:32 Paul wrote at Romans 10:13 about Jesus, “*All who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*” But Joel was speaking about Yahweh God. This proves that Jesus is God.

Response: Joel 2:32 was also quoted by Peter at Acts 2:21 while preaching to Jews who had not accepted Jesus as the Christ (Messiah). At this point in his sermon he had not yet mentioned Jesus; so his audience would have had to understand “*the Lord*” to mean Yahweh God. His first reference to Jesus was one verse later where Peter calls him “*a man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.*” Next Peter accused, “*you killed [Jesus] by nailing him to a cross by the hands of lawless men.*” Peter’s audience would have understood that their action of crucifying a prophet of God was the same as rejecting God, the opposite of calling upon His Name. Those convicted by Peter’s words understood that they were in danger of judgment and repented of their sin, accepting Jesus as Lord and Christ. -- Acts 2:14-36

Unlike Peter, Paul was not addressing unbelievers, but Roman Christians. They already understood that ‘*calling upon the name of the Lord*’ God included accepting Jesus as Lord and Christ. Jesus said that “*no one comes to the Father, but by me.*”¹⁸ Therefore, one has to call upon Jesus (the name means *Yahweh Saves*) to call upon Yahweh God. So while there appears to be a blurring of the scriptural application in Romans 10:13, there is no warrant for trinitarian conclusions. -- John 14:6

¹⁸ Acts 4:12 reads, “*And there is salvation in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*” [Prop #18]