

A Study Through
The Book of Romans

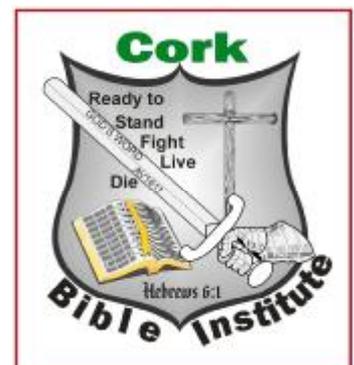
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There are 16 different Scriptures you will need to become very familiar with from the Book of Romans. Write down any key words that will help you remember each one as we study through this Book:

- Romans 1:17 _____
- Romans 2:4 _____
- Romans 3:28 _____
- Romans 4:3 _____
- Romans 5:1 _____
- Romans 6:6 _____
- Romans 7:18 _____
- Romans 8:1 _____
- Romans 9:3 _____
- Romans 10:3 _____
- Romans 11:1 _____
- Romans 12:1,2 _____
- Romans 13:14 _____
- Romans 14:13 _____
- Romans 15:4 _____
- Romans 16:17 _____

The Book of Romans

SECTION ONE

Chapter's 1 and 2

DEALING WITH SIN

In this section of Romans, we will learn the following Truths:

The Righteousness of God
The Sinfulness of the Best of Man

The Book of Romans

Chapter One - *The Righteousness and Wrath of God*

I. Introduction - Romans is The Greatest Book in the New Testament!

This is not an overstatement! This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!

II. Theme Verse of Romans: Romans 1:17

III. Introduction of the Letter (1:1-7) - All one long sentence!

A. The Author of this Letter (1,2) Identifies himself right at the start.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

B. The Subjects of this Letter (3-6)

1. The primary subject of this Book of Romans involve _____

 - a. He became flesh like us, and yet He was God
 - b. His works proved that He was God
 - c. His holiness (perfect life) proved it
 - d. His resurrection proved it!

C. God wanted to powerfully show that He was there, cared, and was willing to do what was necessary to get all who wanted to come, to heaven!

1. The other subjects involve _____
 - a. GRACE (Eph 2:8,9) - Salvation from our SINS! We are "called" by His name because we trusted in that name! I am a Christian NOT because I got baptized, but because I trust CHRIST!
 - b. Apostleship. Every Christian has a purpose - Paul's was to be an Apostle. Every Christian is called to be a saint (1:7)
 - c. All because of simple obedience to faith
2. The Book of Romans can be outlined as follows:
 - a. Chapters 1, 2 deal with _____ - Negative!
 - b. Chapters 3 through 5 deal with _____ -Positive!
 - c. Chapters 6, 7 deal with _____ (victory over sin)
 - d. Chapter 8 deals with our _____ in Jesus Christ
 - e. Chapters 9 through 11 deal with the _____ of the JEWS
 - f. Chapters 12 though 16 deal with a Christian's _____

D. The Recipients (7) To ALL that be in Rome - It was written to EVERYONE! Because EVERYONE needs this Book! Notice that there are "Letters" written to the saints at Colosse, at Ephesus, at Corinth, at Philippi (NOT just to Rome)!

IV. Paul's Attitude Toward People (1:8-12)

A. An Attitude of _____ for Christians

B. An Attitude of _____ (1:9-12) He looked forward to being with them!

C. An Attitude of _____ (1:13)

1. Concerned that the Christians might misunderstand.
 - a. He has been Purposing to Go!

- b. But he is always surrendered to God - Christians MUST be prepared to wait upon God!
2. Concerned for the souls of the lost there in Rome - Paul was seeking to have fruit - _____! Paul never once cared about finances, and housing, but rather about people's souls, and their eternal destiny! He wanted only to preach Jesus Christ, and to see people turn from idols to serve God (1 Thes 1:9)

D. **An Attitude of** _____ (1:13-16a)

1. Paul says, "I am **determined** to do God's will and preach there!" How purposed are YOU to do God's will for your life?!
 2. Paul says, "I am **debtor** to do God's work there!" He was no longer a sin-debtor, but a service debtor! EX of someone rescuing someone else, and that person realizing what they owe the other! Sometimes, they start doing all sorts of things for them! Paul's life was focused on all peoples. Just as Christ died for all, Paul lived to preach Christ to all! Are you a debtor?
 3. Paul says, "I am **ready** to preach the gospel there!" *But it takes time*
 - a. Involves being trained in the Scriptures - Prepared/Trained
 - b. Involves being ready to do the job that Christ has for him there! Every Christian needs to have this concern and drive! Paul had preached all over Asia-minor, and trusted that he was now ready to press on further into Europe!
 - c. Involves being ready to pay the price - In Rome Paul was going to be beheaded!
 4. Are YOU ready to serve?!
- E. Paul concludes that, "I am _____ of the gospel!" Everything Paul put up with was because of the Gospel, and the worth of one person's soul! The gospel (horrible death, burial, resurrection for our sin) may be scorned at and mocked by the "refined" and "sensitive," but to those of us who are saved it is the only hope for this world! Are you ashamed of this Bible? Of the gospel message? Paul was not ashamed of what saved his soul (are you?).
- F. You see, Paul knows the condition of the human race, and how that their only hope rests in the preaching of the Gospel to save them that believe!

V. **The Message of the Gospel (1:16-32)**

A. **Its Definition** (1:16) - What is the Gospel? GodSpell, GodNews, Good News

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B. **Its Revelation** - The Gospel Reveals the Righteousness of God - Salvation By Faith Alone! (1:16,17)

1. Man's righteousness stinks (Isa 64:6; Titus 3:5)
 2. God's righteousness must be maintained
 3. So, God came and paid off our debt at the cross, and then asks us to just come as we are, and by faith receive complete forgiveness of sins!
 4. Then, God demonstrates His righteousness one person at a time, from FAITH to FAITH! Notice, it is not from baptism to baptism, or from communion to confirmation, or from church service to church service! But only by faith!!!
 5. We next look at the third aspect of the Gospel - **Its Reason** - The Wrath of God - Against ALL Ungodliness (1:18-32)
- C. **Its Reason** - What is the Reason, Purpose for the Gospel message? Because of the Wrath of God - against all ungodliness (1:18-32). That's why people NEED the good news we have in our hands and heart! **Trouble is coming!**

1. _____ (1:18) - Wrathful, Angry, Against some things, Negative!
 - a. God is *against* all ungodliness and unrighteousness like a Doctor is *against* cancer, and infectious diseases! The purpose of a Doctor is to identify sickness, and then remove it from the life of an infected individual. God is primarily interested in removing the sin that cripples, and ultimately damns us!

- b. The principle is this: In order to preserve His creation, God must destroy whatever would destroy it.
EX: The U.S. Govt must find those that would blow-up government buildings, and stop them! Or else more people will die!
- c. Every parent understands this feeling of wrath when they think of someone attempting to molest their children!
2. _____ - Describes man's condition (1:18-32) - Sinful, Full of Sin!
- a. They _____ the truth (1:18) - but it is in unrighteousness!
- 1) People possess the truth - it is not hidden. But it is held in unrighteousness. It's like saying that it is held in contempt - not respected!
 - 2) People suppress the truth - hold it back. Would rather glorify Santa instead of the Saviour at Christmas. Would rather glorify the Easter Bunny instead of the resurrection. Would rather believe some university professor concerning evolution instead of the word of God. And then they get angry when someone attempts to bring God back into reference!
- b. They _____ the truth (1:19-21). God has seen to it that EVERY person has some "light" to direct them to Him (John 1:6-9)
- 1) Clearly visible and verifiable - yet ignored and rejected
 - 2) Understood - that is what science is all about - observing
 - a) You understand atoms (invisible) because you understand planets and galaxies
 - b) You understand gravity (invisible) because you can observe its effects!
 - 3) Even His eternal power, and Godhead!
 - a) We understand His power because we have seen the power of His creation
 - b) We understand His power because we see the size of His creation (no limit)!
 - c) We understand His Godhead (authority) because of His revealed and observable power! He's head, CEO, First Cause
 - d) We understand His Godhead (trinity) because everything operates in threes: 3-dimensions (not 4); 3-states (gas, liquid, solid); 3-sciences (time, space, motion), 3-parts to a human (body, soul, spirit); 3-parts to a family (father, mother, children); 3-aspects to time (past, present, future).
 - 4) So, every scientist, evolutionist, physicist, school teacher, astronomer, astrologer, chemist, surgeon is without excuse (1:20). If they have rejected the truth, it will not be because they didn't have it right before their very eyes!
- c. They _____ the truth (1:22,23,25) - into a lie. People have to have something that they can reference as true (Einstein and the speed of light). They didn't like the truth as presented by God, so they changed it - like changing clothes, changing governments, changing wives!
- 1) *They knew God*, but they didn't like God as He was (Racism and bigotry at its highest level)!
 - a) Didn't glorify Him like He should be
 - b) Didn't thank Him for ANYTHING - and yet everything is from Him!
 - 2) *They changed God*. Into an IMAGE! Idolatry. De-evolutionary trail! They let their imagination take over - they became VAIN, empty, worthless, *air-heads*! Begin to worship trees, mountains, stars, Sun, moon, horrorscopes, 'aliens.' All the while calling themselves Professors, Doctors, MPs, Senators!
 - 3) All in order to *forgot God* - They forgot about the God of the Bible and started following their own god. They didn't like to retain God in their knowledge. Not popular
- d. They do not fear God. They know full well the judgment of God (1:32) - They just don't care!
3. The Revelation of the Wrath of God Results in THREE Judgments - God's Punishment (1:24-32) - We are dealing with *the High Price of Sin*! Remember, this is God's CURE for sin - its removal! These are progressive steps - downward! Evolution is a LIE!

Watch how God is simply acting like a mirror. Sometimes the best way for us to learn is by example (EX me learning my impatience)

- a. God gave them up to _____ (1:24). Just as people gave up on God, God gives them up! When people turn to idolatry (1:21-23), which is physical they can make no clearer statement than they do not want God (John 4:24) - EX of a husband turning to another woman - how do you think his WIFE is going to “interpret” it?
- 1) Because they did not glorify God, and were not thankful!
 - 2) Driven by *lusts* - No longer a matter of what is RIGHT and WRONG, but what FEELS good (you see, when you throw God out of your conscience, and throw His word out of your life, there is only YOURSELF to say what is good and bad)!
 - 3) So what do people end up doing? *Dishonouring* their own **bodies** between themselves (Heb 13:4) Sow dishonour toward God, and you will reap dishonour in your home!
 - 4) Here God judges people’s *bodies* - physical damnation (as in a ‘physical time-bomb’) - early death, overt troubles in the home, in the marriage, in their health - brought on themselves! This is the high price of loving sin!
- b. God gave them up to _____ (1:26,27) Still dealing with idolatry - replacing God! Some people worship statues and images and other man-made idols - some worship living creatures (nature, the stars, other people, themselves)
- 1) Vile affections deal with the heart and soul of a person
 - 2) They begin to have unnatural affections
 - a) Woman CHANGED to go AGAINST nature
 - b) Men turned away from the natural pattern of marriage relationships to an ungodly form of sexuality - homosexuality
 - c) This is NOT a statement that heterosexuality is right and homosexuality is wrong - No. That is found in Gen 13-19.
 - d) This is a statement that when people become homosexual, it is because they are reaping God’s judgment (1:26,27)
 - e) But compare with 1Cor 6:9-11 (Whew!)
 - 3) These are only reaping what they sow - “receiving IN themselves that recompense of their error” - This is the very reason for why God removed the cities of Sodom and Ghomorraah from the face of the earth!
 - 4) So, when this stuff is going on TV, radio, in magazines, and in HOMES day in and day out, it demonstrates that people have already started going WAY DOWN the path to God’s judgment!!!
 - 5) Involves the damnation of the soul! - **Emotional time-bomb**
- c. God gave them over to a _____ (1:28) Abandoned, rejected, damned, lost, criminal, abhor!
- 1) This is complete abandonment - the worst thing that God could ever do toward a person is to leave them alone! EX: wives, leave your husbands for a couple of weeks and then come back into your home. EX: parents, leave your kids alone all day long.
 - 2) The problem is with people not wanting to keep God around (“retain”). So God leaves (Cf Rev 3:20).
 - 3) Satan’s primary goal is not only remove God from the university, from the government, and from the home, but to remove God from everybody’s CONSCIENCE!!!
 - 4) Spiritual abandonment - spiritual damnation! **Spiritual time-bomb!**
- d. **Principles:**
- 1) _____. Without external intervention, it is unstoppable!
 - 2) People desperately need the Good News of Jesus Christ if they are going to escape the wrath to come (Heb 2:3)!

- 3) You see, there is ONE thing that the Gospel (as powerful as it is) cannot do - it cannot save a person unless he or she sees themselves as a guilty, lost and condemned sinner, in desperate need of a Saviour!

What follows are **THE List of Man's Sins** (1:28-31). It will shock you what God will not tolerate. You see, if a person is going to try and get to heaven by his or her goodness, they are going to have to BEAT THIS LIST! And no one by Christ ever did it!

4. The Revelation of the Wrath of God Results in the revealing of the following LIST of man's Sins (1:28-32). There are 21 in all. They cover two distinct directions of sins. Notice how that ALL movies today (with very little exception) are filled with these things!
- a. The first set deals horizontally - _____
- 1) **Being filled with all unrighteousness** - not just dabbling in it, but being filled with it (count all the hours people spend in front of the TV and ingest all that ungodly filth)!
 - 2) **Fornication** - wrong sex (outside of marriage)
 - 3) **Wickedness** - wrong actions, wrong motives!
 - 4) **Covetousness** - now comes the knock-out punch! Focused on possessions, and getting, and having more than others!
 - 5) **Maliciousness** - only wanting to hurt other people
 - 6) **Full of envy** - never satisfied, content, or able to be happy
 - 7) **Murder** - Not self-defense, but hatred of life!
 - 8) **Debate** - always attempting to justify your actions
 - 9) **Deceit** - living a lie. Lying doesn't bother them.
 - 10) **Malignity** - relating to maliciousness, but more an attitude problem, than an action problem - malign or speak evil about something or someone (speak evil about those who are good, about God, about things they have no idea about)
 - 11) **Whisperers** - gossips, people who talk about you behind your back
 - 12) **Backbiters** - people who bite at you behind your back
- b. The second set deals vertically - _____
- 1) **Haters of God** - People hate Him personally! Racists!
 - 2) **Despiteful** - defiant attitude. Only wanting to prove themselves right
 - 3) **Proud** - measuring themselves by their accomplishments, and not by God's measuring stick!
 - 4) **Boasters** - caught-up in themselves and in the praise of men. Not "thankful" toward God. Definitely not humble
- c. This third set goes back to listing horizontal sins:
- 1) **Inventors of evil things** -
 - a) Majority of games now are evil! (Nintendo Sega, board games)
 - b) Look at what scientists have given us over the last 50 years - atomic bombs, pesticides that kill humans, nuclear disasters, chemical weapons, computer sex
 - 2) **Disobedient to parents** - the most fundamental unit of society is the home. In this family unit, there must be respect, trust, and obedience (parents no longer are trustworthy, and kids no longer trust)!
 - 3) **Without understanding** - no desire to know anymore, just want to DO, DO, DO! Live for the excitement, action!
 - 4) **Covenantbreakers** - no promise keepers (marriage, friendships)
 - 5) **Without natural affection** - the heart is all wrong. Love is now spelt LUST! Not loving the things that people used to naturally love (children are only a bother that can be aborted; God is only someone's opinion that can be refuted; Friends are only for advantages; Bible is only a book that can be dismissed). People rather substitute natural loves with un-natural loves (loving possessions; destruction; cruelty; self)!
 - 6) **Implacable** - not submissive, inflexible
 - 7) **Unmerciful** - always wanting mercy but never giving it!

5. Now think about it! Can anybody escape this list? NO! Because that is the list describing HUMAN NATURE! Maybe you might slip by Murder, Fornication, Hater of God, but NOT Envy, Lying, Covetousness, Disobedience to parents, Pride!
6. To top it all off, notice verse 32! People love it when OTHER people sin! THERE's your TV set at night! People LOVE to watch OTHER people get into bed with another man's wife! People LOVE to watch OTHER people murder someone! People LOVE to watch a kid on TV tell his or her parents where to go! That is their PLEASURE! They think it's ok because THEY aren't doing it! But they are! Christ said very clearly, you are what you think!

VI. Conclusion

THAT'S human nature! And the only hope for mankind is a NEW nature, that comes by humbling that old sinful nature that loves to sin, and coming to the cross, and asking Christ for the new one, the new birth! Repent of the old life so that you can accept a new one!

VII. Study Questions

A.

The Book of Romans

Chapter Two - *The Sin of Self-Righteousness*

I. Lesson Introduction - The Greatest Book in the New Testament!

- A. This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!
- B. In Chapter 1, the apostle Paul has described the condition of the human heart in very vivid terms - as depraved (To be ruined utterly in character or quality: stained, corrupted, perverted, debased)!
- C. And we clearly saw that it was not a “pretty” picture of our condition. But the thing to understand is, that this is exactly how GOD sees the human HEART, not his or her outward appearance!
- D. But Paul is NOT finished! God has something more to say because there are so many people who look at the list and find some way of excusing THEMSELVES, and looking down at OTHERS - “civilised” vs “heathen” and the lower classes

II. Focus Verse : Romans 2:4

III. The Sin of Self-Righteousness (2:1)

A. The Misunderstanding About Morality (1) - Outward Goodness

1. _____ . Morality is people living right one with another. People desperately need this today. People don't live clean lives (filthy conversations, nudity on TV and in newspapers and at work). People need to live up to right standards!
2. _____ ! Morality is important when it comes to dealing with humanity. But when dealing with GOD, our own righteousness can never attain to God's standard (Rom 3:23). **All of us are sinners**, and fall short.
3. Anyone who attempts to approach God with their _____, and morality, is overlooking the fact that Jesus Christ came to die for the sins of the WHOLE world - including the sins of GOOD people (Isa 64:6)
4. A person's own morality, own goodness, own righteousness is no substitute for the sinlessness of Jesus Christ!

B. The Misunderstanding About Paganism/Heathenism (2:1)

1. Not all heathen live in grass huts! Character traits of “heathen”:
 - a. _____ - TV, the covers of the majority of Magazines, notice the higher and higher skirts!
 - b. _____ - adultery, fornication, divorces
 - c. _____ - they make “gods” out of people and things (Rock music stars, bank accounts)
 - d. _____ - male and female!
2. So don't try and fool yourself! Don't try and excuse yourself by thinking that you are different than all those “heathen” out in the jungle who do all those wicked things listed in 1:18-32! WE ALL have committed sins out of that list! We ALL break God's Laws!

C. Self-Righteousness Contrasted With God's Righteousness (Luke 18:9-14)

1. A Parable - A lesson from Jesus Christ
2. The Religious man - Having Self-righteousness
3. The Sinful man - Asking for God's righteousness
4. The result - Justification. Why? Right attitude about himself, about God, and didn't worry about other people's sins!

D. **The Problem** is *NOT* the fact that these people in Romans 2 were judging others, but more importantly, that they had set themselves up ABOVE others, and were thinking that they weren't sinners, or at least weren't THAT BAD! God says, THOU art without excuse! In other words, YOU ARE IN TROUBLE WITH GOD TOO!

E. This all leads us to the fact that, so far in Romans, we have studied:

1. The Power of God in Chapter One
2. The Wrath of God in Chapter One
3. The Depravity of Man in Chapter Two
We now turn to...

IV. The _____ of God (2:2-16) - Dealing with a lot of ‘negatives’ first. The ‘positive’ stuff will come later.

A. The Qualifications of the Judgment of God (2-11) - How Is It Qualified to Judge You?

1. _____ (2) - God has all the facts; no guesswork!
 - a. Man will lie to get ahead; People are not interested in truth - that takes too much work to find out! People just want peace and quite! EX of in the home! God is quite different though!
 - b. Rom 3:4 - God is always TRUE or else He cannot be God (Tit 1:2) As in trustworthy, accurate, without variation (James 1:17)
 - c. Makes for fear - there is nothing hid from God (Ec 12:14; Mk 4:22). The judgment is against evil - like a Doctor’s drugs are against sickness!
 - d. Makes for confidence (“we are sure...”) - you can trust a God like that! He wont turn on the one who is doing right!
2. _____ (3)
 - a. Rom 3:23; 6:23 are directed at ALL people
 - b. Heb 9:27 includes EVERYBODY
 - c. Watch out for those who set themselves up as “better” than others, and think that “others” deserve punishment, but not them!
 - d. The important thing is to “turn yourself in” so to speak, accepting that you are guilty, and then cling to Christ as the payment for your sins! ONLY then is the judgment of God diverted - away from you, and onto Christ!
3. _____ (4)
 - a. People who are self-righteous really despise God!
 - b. They despise not God’s judgments, but rather His goodness, forbearance, and long-suffering toward them! They just don’t like the fact that God is not impressed with their “religion” and “good works”
 - c. God knows full well that people live and think the way they do because of ignorance “not knowing.” So He waits so that He can get the information to them so that they can make a valid decision!
 - d. God’s goal is NOT to judge a sinner, but that the sinner would come to repentance and be saved from hell (2Pet 3:9; Ezek 33:11)
4. _____ (5-9)
 - a. God’s decisions are based upon righteousness, and whether you meet its demands (Rom 3:23) - if you can’t, you reap the consequences - unless you seek a substitute who DID meet the demands for you - Jesus Christ!
 - b. God is against hard, impenitent, stubborn, rebellious hearts
 - c. Notice that it is the *hard heart* that treasures up the wrath, not the wicked *deeds* alone!
 - d. The “day of wrath” refers to the last judgment of Rev 20:11-15 (2Pet 3:7,1-13)
 - e. Without a Saviour, **every** person will get what they deserve (2:6)!
 - f. God’s judgment will honour the right heart attitude (2:7):
 - 1) Patient continuance in well doing
 - 2) Seeking for God’s glory, and honour
 - 3) Seeking for immortality (knowing they are lost)
 - 4) They reap ETERNAL LIFE! This is God’s pattern for all humanity: even the heathen in darkest Africa!
 - g. God’s judgment will condemn the wrong heart attitude (2:8)
 - 1) Contentious
 - 2) Not obeying the truth - rebellious (1:21-22)

- 3) Choosing rather to obey unrighteousness and do evil
- 4) These reap indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish (hell-fire; 1:23,24)
5. _____ (9-11)
 - a. Jew or Gentile, both are dealt with the same
 - b. There is no respect of persons with God - NOBODY can buy-off God, bribe Him, sway Him, or cheat Him! He is a RIGHTEOUS JUDGE!

Gen 18:25 Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

B. The Basis of the Judgment of God (2:12-16) - _____

1. Judgment is coming. It is sure, it will be according to truth, it has not come yet because God is patient and long-suffering, it is righteous, and it is impartial!
2. God has to have a basis upon which He can judge the entire human race impartially (2:11). That basis is the same basis that all societies judge themselves by - whether it be a national constitution document, or a city ordinance book - the basis is referred to as LAW! God has his Law, and it resides in two forms:
 - a. The Law of God Written In the Conscience (2:15a)
 - b. The Law of God Written In the Bible
3. _____. The person that does not have the written laws of God still sins, and will still perish! Or else, all humanity should be striving for IGNORANCE!
4. Going by what you DO POSSESS is important (2:13,14), no matter which "law" that you have.
 - a. The Gentiles/heathen may not have the written law, but they know inherently ("by nature", 14) what the Law says, and they subject themselves to their own law - all societies do this for self-preservation - it agrees with God's Law
 - b. The Principle - God will judge every person by the standard that he or she has, not by what they do not possess. God expects every person to act upon the information that they have from the heart
 - c. If people would just follow their conscience honestly, it would prove that they would follow God's word, and God would get the Scriptures to them
 - d. The Bible is not a Charm or amulet, but something to OBEY!
5. People will be judged by one of two things:
 - a. By their conscience which plainly tells every person what is right and wrong in general terms - it is not a perfect guide, but sufficient for God to see if you will at least follow it!
 - b. By the written word of God which also plainly tells people what is right and wrong in specific terms
6. Notice that it is the ' _____ ' that is of interest to God, not 'head'
7. The importance of the written Law (Ps 19:1-7)
 - a. God is declared, but not defined
 - b. All people know about God (they all worship something) - but by nature do not know Him personally
 - c. It is the Law that is perfect, and alone is capable of converting the soul - to be saved, every soul MUST have access to the Bible
 - d. That is why people go to the farthest reaches of this planet - to take the good news of Christ to every sinner world wide so to find those souls looking for the thing that will not just answer their questions, but will save their souls!

C. The Focus of the Judgment of God (2:16-29) - The Destruction of a Religious Man's Confidence (which is: _____)!

1. The Religious Man's _____ (2:16-20)
 - a. Is only concerned with the outside (Cf Mt 23:25,26)
 - b. Is unaware that God is more interested in the heart - the secret things (John 3:18-21)
 - c. Is wrapped-up in:
 - 1) His birth - here, he is a Jew

- 2) His “relics” - the “holy” Bible, the Law
 - 3) His knowledge - about God, and about His will
 - 4) His refined tastes in religion - approves and appreciates “excellent” things
 - 5) His vocation - Considers himself a “teacher” - a professional - thinks that he is “really good”
2. The Religious Man’s _____ (2:21-27) - Will face God’s Judgment
- a. *He has No Foundation* - a profession, but no Possession
 - 1) Trying to teach, and yet never learned himself. The Law teaches loud and clear that we are sinners in need of a Saviour from sin - and yet he doesn’t know that (John 3:9-12)
 - 2) Always excusing himself - having a double-standard:
 - a) Stealing, Adultery, Idolatry
 - b. *He has no testimony* - the Gentiles who know nothing about God are at least HONEST about themselves, and are not hypocritical. And it embarrasses God (Heb 11:16). Only proves that ALL people are religious - the question is, “Which is God’s way?”
 - c. His biggest problem is that *he trusts in outward rituals and ceremonies* - his circumcision
- D. The Religious Man’s _____ (2:28,29) - He MUST Escape the Judgment!
1. Not in outward flesh actions and activities (Eph 2:8,9; Phil 3:8,9). The flesh profiteth nothing (John 6:63)
 2. But rather in the circumcision of the heart, in the spirit - allowing Christ to CUT your heart free from sin, and the flesh so that it can serve God freely!
 3. Seek ONLY the praise of God and not man

V. Study Questions

A.

The Book of Romans

SECTION TWO

Chapter's 3 Through 5

OUR GREAT
SALVATION

In This Section of Romans, we will see the following Truths:

There is No Difference between Jew or Greek; Religious or Non-Religious
Our Faith is the most important part of us to develop
The Benefits of Salvation are Incalculable!

The Book of Romans

Chapter Three - *There Is No Difference*

I. Introduction - The Greatest Book in the New Testament for the Christian!

- A. This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!
- B. In Chapter 1, the apostle Paul has described the condition of the human heart in very vivid terms - as depraved (To be ruined utterly in character or quality: stained, corrupted, perverted, debased), and therefore lost!
- C. In Chapter 2, Paul outlined the Judgment of God against man's condition, and how God is righteous in judging.
 1. **Qualifications** (2:11) - How Is God Qualified to Judge You?
 2. **Basis** (2:12-16) - The Law of God
 3. **Focus** (2:16-29) - The Destruction of a Religious Man's Confidence
- D. We now turn to Chapter 3, and deal first of all with four questions that are expected after reading the previous 3 chapters
- E. It turns out that these four questions have haunted man for the past 2,000 years, and without the Bible, they would be enough to confound the wisest person alive!

II. Focus Verse: Romans 3:28

III. The Expected Questions (3:1-10)

- A. QUESTION #1 (3:1,2) - **If it doesn't matter if a person is Jew or Gentile, What good is it being a Jew?**
The question deals with whether the Jews really were God's "special" people (Dt 14:2), and if so, what good was it then?
 1. Contrast with 2:28,29
 2. Two Jews here:
 - a. _____ - Spiritual Jew
 - b. _____ - Fleshly/Physical Jew
 3. The question has to do with whether God is all through with the Jews as a race or not
 4. The answer is NO NO NO! That would erase 3/4 of your Bible which was written to literal, physical JEWS! More later on in Chapters 9-11
- B. QUESTION #2 (3:3,4) - **If the Jews don't believe in Christ, hasn't God failed?**
 1. Christ came to Israel - not to Ireland
 2. Jesus was born a Jew, and preached to Jews
 3. And yet, the Jews rejected Him, and crucified Him - So what?
 4. The fact stands - God still is TRUE, and EVERY man is a liar. It demonstrates that no one can count upon a human for ANYTHING spiritual - but you CAN count always upon GOD!
 5. God never fails - it is WE who fail, and God who comes and puts everything back together - demonstrating God's abilities and righteousness
- C. QUESTION #3 (3:5-8) - **If sin demonstrates God's holiness, can't sin be considered good?** University professors delight in "redefining values," and instructing in "values clarification." All of which only means making good into evil, and evil into good!!!
 1. Just because God's plans cannot be defeated by sin, and...
 2. Just because even SIN is an opportunity for God to show His greatness, and righteousness doesn't mean that sin is in any way good or beneficial - It would imply that it was not right for God to judge it if it turned out to be helpful - WHO NEEDS THAT KIND OF HELP? It just demonstrates God's ability, NOT sin's benefit!
 3. It is referred to as "Mental Reservation" where you LIE so that someone else benefits - politician - no one thinks it is wrong now!

4. Note: the people who believe this deserve _____ (3:8)! Because all they are trying to do is 'justify themselves, and their sins!'

D. QUESTION #4 (3:9,10) - **Aren't those who at least TRY to live by the Law better than those people who don't?**

1. NO WAY! Why? Because BOTH are PROVED (Chapters 1 and 2) to be "under sin"

- a. As in "under its power and authority"
- b. As in "under its curse"
- c. As in "trapped," and being "forced to serve SIN and not God"

2. God declares that "there is NONE righteous, no not one."

3. The need then is not to get under a church roof, but rather UNDER the BLOOD of Jesus Christ! Saved!

E. The effect of sin is that since Adam, sin has tainted and stained just about every aspect of our lives - like a dye injected into a body for an x-ray, or like cancer spreading - sin has permeated us, and **condemned** us!

II. The Indictment/Charge - " Under Sin" (3:9)

A. No exceptions

B. No excuses

C. The best thing is to approach the bench and accept the evaluation!

III. The _____ Against the Human Race (3:10-18) - Observable Proof! Note that it is "written" evidence that is given, as in any court of law (Ps 14,53; Isa 59)

A. **Sin affects every person's _____** (3:10-12) - his or her value! 'Character' defines WHAT THEY ARE.

1. No one is righteous - without sin! No one is perfectly right.
2. No one fully understands God - all of us conclude using finite reasoning
3. No one wholly seeks after God - all seek for their own reasons and benefits
4. No one stays "on track" 100% of the time - they waver and wander from time to time off the "narrow way"
5. No one is profitable to God - no one impresses God!
6. No one does good 100% of the time! NO ONE! people do single acts of 'goodness' but never 100% throughout entire life!

B. **Sin affects everyone's _____** (3:13-14) - their speech! WHAT THEY SAY.

1. Their mouth is like a putrid open tomb to God (James 3:8-12)
2. Their tongues are only used for deceit - they LIE for gain!
3. Their purpose in conversation is to hurt, poison and kill with the tongue like an asp/deadly snake!
4. Their mouth is FULL of cursings and bitterness! Their foul-mouth may be 'hidden' or suppressed, but it is still full, and saturated. Just hit a moral man, or make him mad, and watch his language!

C. **Sin affects everyone's _____** (3:15-18) - their actions! WHAT THEY DO.

1. They love murder more than life (abortion, TV ratings, videos)
2. Their lives are full of destruction and misery - no real joy - they mock it! Just look at history - full of destruction and misery!
3. They have never known real peace - always chasing after elusive rainbows and pipe-dreams!
4. They have no fear of God - *that is the only thing that restrains sin!*

D. Try and find somebody who does not fit that description - you wont! And if you did, I will show you a liar, and a deceiver! Either God is right, or we are all quite stupid!

E. All that a person IS, SAYS, and DOES is ruined (tainted) affected by sin - totally _____ or "ruined."

F. Yes, people are different in 'degree' of sin, yet ALL still are sinners, and ALL have SINNED! Therefore ALL need a Saviour!

IV. The Court's Verdict (3:19) - Guilty as Charged in 3:9

A. Condemned, Lost, Guilty, Ungodly, without hope (no getting off on a "technicality")

- B. It is at this point that the “defendant” is going to need a good lawyer - Somebody who will know the way out of this mess (Because the punishment of the above sins is DEATH (Rom 6:23).

V. Where Can A Sinner Turn (3:19-24)? There are only two choices:

A. Can the Sinner Turn to the ___ for Help? (3:19,20) Insufficient!

1. Designed to make us *aware* of sin - not cured from it!
2. Designed to shut us up before God!
3. Designed to condemn us! It was the Law that demonstrated our guilt! That would be the WORST place to turn for help! No resolutions accepted!

B. In Comes the _____ of God (3:21-24) into the Courtroom. The sinner does not have to go very far to find an Advocate (1 John 2:1,2)

1. Right when the sinner is condemned under the authority of the Law, the “righteousness of God” Is Manifested - clearly evident that it is obtainable without the works of the Law
2. This is not something unexpected - It was Prophesied that it would come (Gen 3:15,16; Gal 4:4,5). Thankfully it came at the right time. The righteousness of God rested in a PERSON (Jesus), not in some religion
3. Activated completely by faith - “believe” It is NOT legislated. You could not force sinners to become perfect. Justification (pardoning) occurs only when requesting Mercy and Grace on the basis of Jesus Christ’s full payment made for your sin!
 - a. Mercy - Not getting what you ___ deserve- punishment for sins
 - b. Grace - Getting what you ____ deserve - forgiveness of sins
4. It is available to ALL (3:22-24) - there is no difference - How?
 - a. There is no difference in their need - all have sinned and come short of God’s standard
 - b. There is no difference in the way Christ deals with each sinner - they ALL must come to the cross!
 - c. There is no difference in how Jesus grants the righteousness of God FREELY to all who believe!
5. What does freedom and forgiveness COST? (3:24) It’s **F.R.E.E.**

VI. How Is A Sinner Saved Then? By the Work of _____ (3:25-31) - Atonement

A. The Definition: Propitiation is part of the process that God went through to save the sinner from the punishment of their sins - hell! If a person falls short of God’s standard, where else will he or she go?

1. _____ - to make completely innocent
2. _____ - to buy back something that was lost
3. _____ - The Full, Satisfactory Payment for Sin by Christ.
4. _____ - to totally remove the sin account from existence!
5. These definitely are Bible words - real Doctrine

B. The Need for Propitiation:

1. ALL are guilty of crimes against God (Rom 1:29-31; 3:23)
2. Sin MUST be judged and punished
3. God’s righteousness MUST be satisfied

C. The Work of Propitiation - Again, it is a PROCESS

1. No one of themselves has the ability to atone (pay) for their sins
2. Under the O.T. they had lambs, but only temporary until THE Lamb would come
3. Propitiation required a full, perfect and COMPLETE payment to be made for man’s sin
4. It turns out that God Himself put forward the payment for sin - His very own Son - perfect, righteousness holy, keeper of the Law!
5. Jesus became our substitute
6. Requires faith in His BLOOD as being sufficient to pay - not in your own goodness, or in a religion, but Christ’s blood (Col 1:14)

D. The Source of Propitiation (3:27-30)

1. Definitely NOT of our own works (Eph 2:8,9), rather of FAITH
2. Definitely NOT of the O.T. Law (3:28), rather of the N.T.
3. Definitely NOT extended only to the Jews (3:29), but to the WHOLE WORLD!
4. Again, it is ALL by FAITH in the _____ of Jesus Christ alone (Rom 1:17)!!!

E. The Result of Propitiation (3:31)

1. Establishes the Law as unbeatable by man
2. Establishes the Law as insufficient to save man
3. Establishes the Law as fulfilled completely for man, by faith!

VII. Study Questions

- A. **Define Propitiation:** _____

- B. **Define Remission:** _____

- C. **Why does a person need Propitiation?** _____

- D. **What was the Old Testament term for propitiation?** _____
- E. **Under the Old Testament, how did someone obtain propitiation?** _____

- F. **In the New Testament, what does our faith need to specifically be in?** _____

- G. **What is the result of propitiation in a person's life?** _____

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Chapter Four - *Becoming Strong in Faith*

I. Review - The Greatest Book in the New Testament for the Christian! Why?

- A. This one Book in your Bible condenses down the greatest themes of all time - the themes of sin, judgment, salvation, sanctification, real victory, eternal security, and service for the Lord!
- B. In Chapter 1, the apostle Paul has described the condition of the human heart in very vivid terms - as depraved (To be ruined utterly in character or quality: stained, corrupted), and therefore lost!
- C. In Chapter 2, Paul outlined the Judgment of God against man's condition, and how God is righteous in judging.
- D. In Chapter 3, the Lord dealt with the fact that There Is No Difference between ANY human being *in reference to sin*:
- E. Lastly, the Lord explains _____ (3:25-31)

II. Focus Verse: Romans 4:3

III. Chapter Four - Becoming Strong in Faith (4:1-25)

A. The _____ of Faith (4:1-8). The Bible is filled with examples!

1. Abraham (4:1-5) What has Abraham found? 3 wonderful things!
 - a. Righteousness - where? Not in himself (3:20-22)
 - b. Justification - He found the way to be "_____" (4:2-5)
 - 1) By works? NO! (Tit 3:5; Eph 2:8,9) Then would God owe it to him.
 - 2) By faith! Faith in what? God, yes, but more than that! Faith particularly *in* _____! Even the devils believe in God (James 2:19)! You had better believe His word! Not on experience! Religion is based upon experience - salvation is based upon trusting God's word.
 - c. Imputation - the method of justification is by transfer of accounts (1Pet 3:18)
 - 1) Abraham was not born righteous - there was a time and place where God's righteousness was transferred to Him, so he therefore did not have it to begin with!
 - 2) As we shall see, David was not born righteous - he needed God's righteousness transferred to him to be saved as well!
 - 3) Therefore, Jesus says in John 3 that ALL must be born again - a whole new spiritual birth where God's righteousness is imputed to the sinner, and the sinner's sins are imputed back to Christ!
 - 4) Don't believe for a minute that you were born righteous! You were born a sinner just like the rest of us, and like Abraham, you need to repent of sin, and completely trust God's substitute in your place - Jesus Christ! AMEN!!
 - d. The same salvation that Abraham found, is available to ALL (3:22)!
 - e. Don't reject it! Come to Christ today, and receive the forgiveness of sin
2. King David (4:6-8) - Three Scriptures (2 Sam 11,12; Ps 32; 51)
 - a. We have to go back and see the background events to this statement (2 Sam 11,12)
 - 1) King David commits adultery with another man's wife - Bathsheba, who was married to Uriah
 - a) David is bored and does the equivalent of flipping through his Sky movies - He starts scanning the evening horizon of housetops for some activity
 - b) He spots a woman who has chosen to take a bath out on her housetop (strange place if you ask me)
 - c) David, who already was married several times over, decides that the game is on - if she is willing to portray herself out in the open, then she must be open game
 - d) David finds out that she is willingly "open game" - the *TWO* commit Adultery
 - e) But God knows all about it! Bathsheba gets pregnant - a definitely unwanted pregnancy
 - 2) King David then attempts to cover up that sin by murdering Uriah, so that he can marry Bathsheba

- a) King David must get Bathsheba's husband back there so that Uriah could take responsibility for the child (that's what people want, someone ELSE to take over)
 - b) Uriah doesn't bend, and so is murdered by order of the king!
 - c) David goes ahead and marries Bathsheba (both of them are truly worthless sinners!)
- 3) Then an old prophet of God named Nathan shows up and announces that David is a wicked adulterer and murderer! David's secret is known! But what to do?
 - 4) Problem: *Murder* and *adultery* were no "normal" sins that a person could just go get a lamb and confess their sin, and the lamb pay for them. There was no sacrifice available to the murderer or the Adulterer. According to the Law of the Old testament, they had to DIE!
- b. Here is where something happens in the life of David (Ps 51)
 - 1) He _____ his sin
 - 2) He _____ full responsibility - no excuses are given
 - 3) He _____ God's righteous judgment - no defense made!
 - 4) Then God says, "That's what I needed to see in you David - a broken and contrite heart." David repented.
 - 5) Then the Lord did something wonderful - God DID NOT "impute" the sin of David to David's record!
 - 6) Question: To _____ was the sin imputed then? There was no lamb sacrifice that David could offer? See Isa 53:6
 - c. Now, THAT is SALVATION!
- B. The _____ of Faith (4:13; 4:9-17), as opposed to Works!**
1. Righteousness is Not Limited to the Jew Only (4:9-11)
 - a. Circumcision identified the Jew from the Gentile
 - b. Circumcision was a sign and seal - it was not salvation (4:11)! NOTE: It was *after* Abraham's salvation that he was circumcised.
 2. Righteousness is Not applied by the Law (4:11-15)
 - a. Abraham obtained righteousness completely by faith (4:3)
 - b. Abraham became the 'father' of two different peoples:
 - 1) Spiritual father of a special people who follow HIS steps of FAITH, NOT his works!!!
 - 2) Physical father of a special people called the Jews.
 - 3) Father in the sense of LEADER, EXAMPLE
 - 4) Father in the sense of being the beginning of God's Heritage. From the beginning, God has had HIS people, and the devil has had his (Cf John 8:44)!
 - c. Note that 'the promise' was not given through the works of the O.T. Law, but always by FAITH (4:13)
 - d. Note that Faith is the exact opposite of Works (4:14, 4)!
 - e. The law brings wrath onto those who cannot keep it perfectly (James 2:10)!
 - f. What Abraham did was escape the law's ability to judge him (Cf 4:6-8)!
 3. Righteousness is God's Business (4:16,17) - Not Man's!
 - a. Is imputed by God's grace (Cf Eph 2:8,9), not our works
 - b. Is made sure to ALL the seed - not up to chance, and effort
 - c. Is based upon God's abilities - not ours! To resurrect the dead, and to create a universe out of nothing!
- C. The _____ of Faith (4:17-22) How Faith Works**
1. Faith Must have an _____ to Trust - Not Blind Faith (4:16,17)
 - a. The Promises of God - spoken word of God (Cf Matt 4:4)
 - 1) You can trust God - not to lie to you!

- 2) You can rest in the fact that He did not leave His word up to oral tradition, but rather in a written, verifiable document!
- b. The God behind the Promises
 - 1) God gave His word so that you could know Him
 - 2) And so that you could trust Him
2. Faith Has Got to _____ the Obstacles in the Way to the Promise (4:18-20)
 - a. “Against hope...” Lack of understanding - Abraham could not figure out HOW God would do what He was promising - yet he had HOPE (confidence)
 - b. “His own body now dead...” Lack of strength - Neither Abraham nor Sarah had no physical ability to obtain God’s promise - so he directed all his strength into his faith
 - c. “Staggered not...” Lack of determination - As in a boxing ring, with “blow” after “blow” coming against you as you go against the flow! Abraham did not “stagger,” no matter what obstacles he encountered
3. Faith Can _____ in its Confidence (4:21)
 - a. Note that Abraham was not “partially” persuaded, but **fully**
 - b. The *work* was in God’s hands - Abraham knew that only God could fulfill God’s promises - so why should Abraham even try? Abraham has got enough to do, just to stay submitted, and close to God in this wicked world!
4. Faith Will Obtain the _____ Reward (4:22)
 - a. Abraham got a son - Isaac
 - b. Abraham himself became a son - a son of God “BY FAITH!”
- D. **The _____ of Faith** (4:23-25)
 1. It is one thing to KNOW ABOUT Abraham’s faith - it is another thing to actually POSSESS Abraham’s faith! There exists the same opportunity for people today to experience what Abraham experienced. Faith is the door of that opportunity!
 2. The opportunity of faith is revealed in a written, verifiable account - God’s record (4:23,24; Gen 15:1,5,6). Not traditions or opinions
 - a. Abraham believed not only “in the Lord,” but in what He SAID - so you have to possess what God said (Matt 4:4)!
 - b. God provided the only thing that would increase a person’s faith in Him (Rom 10:17) - not his or her experiences!
 - c. Therefore, if God recorded all this, there must have been a reason (4:23,24). Not just for historical records (Rom 15:4), but for US - YOU and ME!
 3. The opportunity here has some _____ though (4:24)
 - a. Believe on the same God the same way - completely by faith
 - b. Trust in the Saviour’s works instead of your own
 - c. Accept the free gifts of salvation (God’s gifts are free) - which follow
 4. The opportunity has some excellent pay-off (results) (4:23-25)
 - a. Imputation - Transfer of sin to a Saviour
 - b. Justification - Transfer of God’s righteousness to you
 - c. Eternal Life! Direct access to heaven and eternity with Christ
- E. Therefore: To become strong in faith involves:
 1. Following the examples of faith as recorded in this Book
 2. Seeking the righteousness and power of faith instead of our good works
 3. Putting your faith into operation
 4. Availing yourself of every opportunity that faith provides! Trust the Lord for salvation, and then for EVERYTHING in life!

IV. Study Questions

A.

The Book of Romans

Chapter Five - *The Benefits of Salvation*

I. Introduction - The Greatest Book in the NT for the Christian!

- A. This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!
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- C. In Chapter 2, Paul outlined the Judgment of God against man's condition, and how God is righteous in judging.
- D. In Chapter 3, the Lord dealt with the fact that There Is No Difference between ANY human being *in reference to sin* - ALL HAVE SINNED
- E. In Chapter 4, we learned some things about becoming Strong in our Faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ - WHY? Because HE makes the difference for our eternity! Jesus Christ is the only One capable of "justifying" us - and it requires complete confident trust to obtain!
- F. We now come to Chapter 5, and begin to examine what are the Benefits of Justification - What makes Salvation so "great?"

II. Focus Verse: Romans 5:1

III. Chapter Five - The Benefits of Our Salvation (5:1-11)

First, you must get "_____" though (Cf 5:9), by Christ's blood - not your good works!!!

- A. One you obtain salvation, there are nine benefits that accompany "justification," or salvation.
 1. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____ *With God* (5:1)** "we have peace with God"
 - a. We are dealing with people being _____ of God - like "germs" in this universe. Enemies because of sin (3:23). God literally sees all sinners as His enemy (5:10; Eph 2:12-13)
 - b. Real peace could only be obtained by an adequate payment for all sins (Eph 2:13-16; Col 1:13,14,19-22) at the cross.
 - c. Not dealing with just ANY peace, but with Peace WITH God (Isa 59:1,2). Real feeling ALWAYS follow FACTS, not fantasy! God is the One who we have to deal with - either now, or later (Heb 9:27)
 - d. Peace is obtained by faith alone - the faith to turn from sin, and turn TO Christ! Why?
 - e. Because, peace is only made possible by the death of Christ at the cross - not anything that we can do!
 2. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____ *to God* (5:2)**
 - a. A person is "justified" (saved) how? By _____, and that justification/salvation brings what? _____. No more division!
 - b. Therefore, because *the reason* for division between man and God (our sins) has been done away, the person has direct access to a holy God - we are no longer blocked by sin, nor contrained to a system of sacrificial offerings to pay for our sins - all paid for!
 - c. Fourfold purpose of this access to God:
 - 1) To get us back to where we each belong - back right with our Creator - no one belongs in hell, and no one belongs in sin.
 - 2) To possess Grace. It was GRACE that provided Jesus Christ for our sins. That same grace is made available for all aspects of life to the sinner who has come by Christ to God
 - 3) To be able to _____ in that grace: have confidence, assurance
 - 4) To have JOY that far exceeds anything that this life offers. The Christian's new life in Christ is full of joy! Enjoyable, not just endurable!
 - d. What it took to gain this access - Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - 1) John 14:6
 - 2) Eph 2:18,19
 - 3) 1Pet 3:18

- 4) 1 Tim 2:5 There can be no other mediators, or priest systems to come between us and God. When you get saved, it is all by Jesus, and YOU become your own priest!!!
3. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____ With God** (5:2) “wherein we stand” - We Don’t Back Down!
- a. Stand Where?
- 1) On God’s side - For God and right - no longer for self, or the world, or the devil! We not only have access to God, but we have a place WITH Him! So, Stand up and be counted!
 - 2) In _____. A Christian is placed right in grace, and does not need a bunch of mediators to obtain grace for them- remember, we have direct access with Christ as our ONLY middle-man!
- b. Stand How? _____ (more about this in 5:5).
- 1) Nothing more to fear (Rom 8:1)
 - 2) God is the reason/authority for what we follow (not cunningly devised fables, 2Pet 1:16-19)
 - 3) God is our hiding place (James 4:7,8; Ps 32:7)
 - 4) The Christian MUST make the effort to KNOW (2 Tim 2:15) what to believe (not just make a good guess)
- c. Why Stand?
- 1) Because the devil wants Christians to feel defeated, and to just “fall into line” with the rest of the world, and not have an impact! If the fire-brigade had the same urgency that Christians do about eternity, and heaven and hell, and the souls of men, very few fires would ever be put out, and fewer lives would be saved!
 - 2) The one thing this world needs to see is someone who is rational and confident in God’s grace, facing hell and high-water head-on - all because they are following the Lord Jesus!
 - 3) Because God has not only given us the ability TO STAND, but also the armour necessary to _____ standing (Eph 6:13)
4. **Because of Justification, We Possess ____** (5:2-4) Real Joy!
- a. The Christian possess salvation - right now (1 John 5:11-13)
- b. The Christian however possesses something called ____ - not a dream, but a settled confidence
- c. This HOPE provides *all the joy* the Christian ever needs! Why?
- 1) We have a future (Prov 14:32) - Ours is a SURE hope. No longer hit or miss
 - 2) We have/possess forgiveness - Our souls are SAVED
 - 3) We have fellowship with the God of eternity (1 John 1:3)
- d. What kind of JOY are we dealing with? Joy that is above circumstances:
- 1) It is easy to rejoice in *expectation* of the glory of God
 - 2) Much harder to rejoice in the expectation of troubles. But the Christians knows full well that our troubles and tribulations are not meant to destroy us, but rather to mould us, and produce in us four characteristics:
 - a) Tribulation works, moulds, generates _____ - You cannot get patience ANY OTHER WAY! God wants patient Christians
 - b) Patience produces _____. Experience only comes through hard work, and time - no short cuts!
 - c) Experience produces ____ - confidence in the SAVIOUR that just keeps getting you through EACH AND EVERY TRIAL - you can confidently rest in Christ - He knows the way home!!!
 - d) Hope produces _____!
- e. The source of our joy is the LOVE of God (5:5) - not our love for Him. We need to learn to be acceptors of God’s love - learn to accept the love of Christ, and let it FUEL, and DRIVE your actions for Him!
5. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____** (5:5)

- a. No _____ in God's kingdom (Philp 1:6)!
 - b. God ALWAYS comes through (Heb 13:5,6) Why?
 - 1) Because He is committed to US - He proved it: in Israel, and in Christ!
 - 2) Because He has a plan that He is working out (Rom 8:28)
 - c. This kind of confidence provides the Christian the strength and courage to *live by faith* - NOT by anxiety and concern!!!
 - 1) Because you are resting in Someone that is consistent (Heb 6:18), and therefore TRUSTWORTHY!
 - 2) Because we are armed with everything we need to face each day! Jesus has not just given us salvation, and then left us to fend for ourselves during the rest of our lives - He has equipped us to face EVERY challenge and struggle ahead! He has provided all of the above benefits - PLUS!
 - a) ***We have God's love*** (more next week on this) - this gives us confidence! Not just a little bit of it, but it is "shed abroad" (the entire space)
 - b) ***We possess God's precious Holy Spirit!*** IN OUR HEARTS! Not something that we still need, but got when we trusted Christ (Eph 1:13; 2Cor 1:22; John 14:16,26; 15:26). He gave us PART OF HIMSELF, until we get to heaven (like leaving someone your wallet - but more like leaving your child in their hands until you come back - just to prove that you really ARE coming back! What a way to prove it!
6. **Because of Justification, We Possess the _____ (5:5)**
- a. The Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit are the same Person
 - 1) The Third Person of the Trinity - God!
 - 2) The term, "Holy Ghost" describes His Function, Operation
 - 3) The term, "Holy Spirit" describes His official Title
 - b. The Holy Ghost is GIVEN, not _____ by the believer
 - 1) Eph 1:13, 14 He is our _____, proving, and securing our salvation
 - 2) John 14:16,26; 15:26 The Holy Spirit _____ FOREVER
 - 3) He MUST abide with OUR spirit in order for us to grow spiritually, and for us to be clean, and walk with God! Cannot be muted without repercussions - like muting your WIFE!
 - c. What the Holy Ghost does for us:
 - 1) He _____ us of sin - the greatest work!
 - 2) He _____ us (see above)
 - 3) He _____ us (see above)
 - 4) He _____ the love of God into our hearts (Rom 5:5)
 - 5) He _____ and enables the Christian to serve the Lord (Rom 12, 1Cor 12)
 - 6) He _____ the believer
7. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____! (5:5-11).** Not just "cheap talk" but something proven!!!
- a. The Kind of Love that God Gives:
 - 1) First Love (1 John 4:10) - We are talking about GOD'S love
 - 2) Sacrificial Love (John 3:16)
 - 3) Adoptive Love (1 John 3:1) - One where God would want to adopt someone so totally unlike Him, and make him His very own child!
 - 4) Abundant Love (Rom 5:8) - Like being commended for a job well done, and yet it wasn't us that did it! And yet God "commends" His love towards us!!!
 - b. The Kind of Person that God Loves
 - 1) People that are without the necessary strength (5:6)
 - 2) People that are opposite to God - "ungodly" (5:6)

- 3) People that God calls “sinners” (5:7,8; Luke 19:10)
 - 4) The enemies of God (5:10)
 - 5) Those who are under the wrath of God (6:9)
 - a) John 3:36
 - b) Rom 1:18
 - c) Rom 12:19 - Wrath is Justice that must be executed against Satan, his angels, as well as all who follow him (2 Thes 1:6-9)
 - c. The Results of God’s Love (5:6-11)
 - 1) Christ took the sinner’s place and personally died for them (5:6-8)!
 - 2) Not only died, but shed His blood as payment for our sins (5:9) - did not just die a natural death, but one under the wrath of God that we deserved!
 - 3) He justifies the sinner (5:9,1)
 - 4) He completely saves the sinner (5:9; 2Cor 1:9,10) from wrath
 - 5) He reconciles (5:10) the sinner to a holy God by forgiving them ALL their sins!
 - 6) He personally gives the sinner “the atonement” (5:11) - the payment needed to become forgiven - He enables the sinner to pay!
8. **Because of Justification, We Possess *the* _____!** (5:6-11) - Salvation from Wrath
- a. The greatest of all treasures that a Christian is allowed to possess is NOT the Holy Spirit, nor Peace with God, nor Access to God, nor the Love of God, nor Authority with God, nor True Joy, nor Confidence in Christ, but rather possession of _____ - A Perfect Payment for all my sin giving me salvation from the WRATH of God!
 - b. A review of the condition of the human race (5:6-10) - We deserve the wrath of God. Next week we will learn “Why?” See Gen 3!
 - 1) We are without the necessary _____ (5:6) to please God - we are defective - should be sent back to the manufacturer
 - 2) We are OPPOSITE to God - “ungodly” (5:6) - Quite unlike God
 - 3) We are “Sinners” (5:7,8; Luke 19:10)
 - 4) We are Enemies of God (5:10)
 - c. Understanding the wrath of God (5:9).
 - 1) Gal 3:10 -- John 3:36
 - 2) Rom 1:18
 - 3) Rom 12:19 - Wrath is Justice that must be executed against Satan, his angels, as well as all who follow him (2Thes 1:6-9)
 - d. The Atonement (5:6-11) - Propitiation - all because of the Love of God - for unworthy SINNERS!
 - 1) Ex 32:30 - Sin had to not just be forgiven, but atoned, or paid for
 - 2) Lev 1:4 - To obtain atonement required judgment upon an innocent sacrifice, with the transfer of guilt to the innocent
 - 3) 1Pet 3:18 - Our atonement/propitiation is complete in Christ Jesus!

B. The Failure of Adam, and the Free Gift of Christ (5:12-21)

1. **The _____ of Adam** (Gen 5:12-14)
 - a. Sin’s entry into the world. It was not present at the beginning!
 - 1) Instigated by _____ (Gen 3:1; Rev 12:9; 20:1,2; Isa 14:12-15)
 - 2) _____ by God (Dt 11:26-28) - God has always provided a choice.
 - a) First to the angels. God was not defeated when Lucifer fell, but rather used it in order to defeat him later on
 - b) Then to the human race. Love is always based upon choice, or else it is not true love (Cf Matt 22:37)
 - 3) By one man - Adam (Gen 3:1-6) - acted as the DOOR
 - 4) By _____ - not “tricked” (1 Tim 2:14) - simple **disobedience**

b. Sin’s effect on this world - Condemnation/Judgment

- 1) The judgment - DEATH (Rom 5:12; 6:23; James 1:14,15) “...death passed upon all...” - A three-fold judgment - There is a price to pay for sin (Gal 6:9)!!!
 - a) _____ - the instant severing of direct unhindered communication with God. One-third of the person dies - the spirit (Eph 2:1)!
 - b) _____ - the unexpected end of the life of the flesh. The second third of the person dies - the body!
 - c) _____ - the final separation from God, and all hope - hell! The third part of the person forever dies - the soul (Rev 20:11-15)!
- 2) The Scope, or Range of the Judgments (all because when sin entered by Adam, *IT* affected/tainted all aspects of God’s creation):
 - a) Judgment upon _____ (2:17; 3:16):
 - (i) That they would now die - they MUST lose flesh!
 - (ii) That man would always struggle to live (3:19)
 - (iii) That childbirth would be extremely painful
 - (iv) That sin would reign over them - run them
 - b) Judgment upon _____ - “upon all men” (Rom 5:12). The “image of God” was marred, and needed to be replaced - replaceable only by THE image of God, Jesus Christ (2Cor 4:4), the Second Adam!
 - c) Judgment upon _____ - the earth itself was cursed (Gen 3:17-19). It still is! But one day the curse will be “undone” (Rev 20, 21)!
 - d) Judgment of _____ (Gen 3:14,15) - He is not being allowed to get away with “murder!” Satan is limited by God until the one final fight match (Rev 20)

c. Sin’s independence from the Law (Rom 5:13,14).

- 1) Sin REIGNS over three of the _____ general time periods in human history (Cf 2 Tim 2:15; there are actually *seven*):
 - a) In The Garden - Innocence - no sin until *the Fall*
 - b) From the expulsion of Adam to Moses (Rom 5:13) - Before the giving of the Law (Ex 20) and yet sin was still sin - SIN began its REIGN in Gen 3!
 - c) From the Law till Christ (Ex 20 - Luke 16:16). Every aspect and detail of sin described
 - d) From Christ until Satan judged (John 1:17 - Rev 21). Grace exceeds the power of sin, yet sin still present
 - e) After Satan judged (Rev 21). No more sin! Sin destroyed!
- 2) The general nature of Sin.
 - a) Sin is sin, even if in done ignorance. The Law just clearly identifies sin - it puts a spotlight upon it (John 3:19), giving us the “knowledge of sin” (Cf Rom 3:20; 7:7)
 - b) We may not sin “after the similitude” (like the way) of Adam’s transgression, but we still sin! Sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4)
 - (i) Adam had a Law (Gen 2:16,17)
 - (ii) All people have a law written in their conscience that they choose to keep, or to violate (Rom 2:14,15)
 - (iii) The written Law of God was just the capstone of a system of righteousness that proved that no person on earth was perfect (Rom 3:20,21)

2. **The Free Gift of Jesus Christ (5:15-21)**

- a. Salvation’s entry into this world (5:15) - A simple comparison is presented between Sin’s entry by the first Adam, and Salvation’s entry by “the second Adam,” Jesus Christ!

By one man - Adam	By one man - Jesus Christ
The offence was earned	The free gift was given

Sin and Death abounded	Grace and Life abounded
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b. Salvation’s contrast with Sin (5:16). The result of sin is the exact opposite of the result of God’s grace - Here it is in a “nutshell”:

Adam’s one sin brought vast condemnation, no matter what righteousness he did	Christ’s free gift brought vast forgiveness, no matter what sin a person did!!!
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c. Salvation’s superiority over Sin - The “much more” of God’s plan (5:17-21)

1) God did not just *tilt* the balances back to neutral, but _____ the scales in LIFE’s favour (John 10:10)!

Even though Adam’s sin destroyed life	Christ’s righteousness destroyed death (which was against life)
Adam brought death in through the reign of sin	Jesus so much more brought life in through the reign of grace

2) We inherited God’s judgment, but we can receive God’s free gift to escape it - exercise free will! God’s righteousness is not imposed! Must be wanted just like sin was wanted!

Adam’s offence brought <u>judgment</u> upon all people	Christ’s righteousness brought the <u>free gift</u> upon all people
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3) After Adam disobeyed, no matter how much he may try and obey again, he can never return to the position he had before. God Himself had to obey in the place of someone else, and then pay for the sin of that someone else, as if it was HE who had disobeyed - All so that sinners could be made righteous!

Adam’s disobedience made us sinners by birth	Christ’s obedience makes a person righteous by new birth
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4) God had to counteract the disease of sin with a more powerful cure than would completely do away with the power of sin to destroy the sinner anymore!

Just to make sin clearer, and more easily understood, God gave the Law	But, as sin abounded, God gave GRACE, capable of overpowering sin and the Law
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5) Satan’s only design is to destroy, murder, and ruin (John 8:44). God’s only design is to bring about life (Jer 29:11; John 3:16,17)

Just as sin reigned with one purpose - to produce death	So grace <u>is available</u> to reign through the righteousness of Jesus Christ - to produce eternal life by Jesus Christ
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d. A final comparison list (a review of Rom 5:17-21)

By one man’s disobedience - Adam	By one Man’s obedience - Christ
_____ entered	_____ entered
The offence was _____ by all	_____ available to all
Death abounded, and now reigns	Grace abounded and Life can reign
Condemnation	Justification
Many were made sinners	Many are made righteous
Required the Law to enter in	Required Grace to enter in
Offences (sins) abounded	Grace abounds (<i>over-rules</i>) sin
Sin has reigned unto the death of all	Grace now can reign unto eternal life for all

IV. Study Questions

- A. Define "Justification" _____
- B. Name SIX things that we possess because we are justified with God:
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
- C. We are justified by "what?" _____
- D. In God's kingdom, God uses our tribulations to produce WHAT in us? _____
- E. There is no what in God's kingdom? _____
- F. Name SIX things that the Holy Spirit does for us
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
- G. What was "the door" that allowed sin into our world? _____
- H. List the three deaths that a person could experience:
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- I. God did not just *tilt* the balances back to neutral, but DID WHAT to the scales in LIFE's favour? _____
- _____

The Book of Romans

SECTION THREE

Chapter's 6 and 7

THE CHRISTIAN'S
SANCTIFICATION

In this section of Romans, we will learn the following Truths:

How to Handle Sin in Your Life
How to Handle “the Old Man”

The Book of Romans

Chapter Six - *What To Do With Sin*

I. Introduction - Greatest Book in the New Testament for the Christian!

This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!

II. Book Review So Far - *There are Six Sections to Romans*

A. SECTION ONE - **Dealing With Sin** - Chapters 1 & 2

Chapter 1. **The Righteousness and Wrath of God** - Describes the condition of the human heart in very vivid terms - as depraved (ruined utterly in character or quality)!

Chapter 2. **The Sin of Self-Righteousness** - There are so many people who look at the list and find some way of excusing THEMSELVES, and looking down at OTHERS - "civilised" vs "heathen" and the lower classes

B. SECTION TWO - **Our Great Salvation** - Chapters 3-5 (*Justification*)

Chapter 3. The fact of There Being No Difference - No Excuses

Chapter 4. How To Become Strong in Faith

Chapter 5. The Benefits of Salvation

C. We Now Turn to SECTION THREE - **The Christians' Sanctification** - Chapters 6 and 7

1. We have learned so far WHAT CHRIST DID WITH OUR SIN

2. It is now time to focus our attention onto _____!

3. Meaning of "Sanctification" - _____

4. Importance of Sanctification (2 Tim 2:21)

a. Nobody likes to eat a half-eaten burger - we want a fresh one

b. No one likes to put on dirty socks - we desire clean ones

c. No one enjoys breathing smoggy and dirty air - but rather clean, fresh air

d. God does not use dirty, filthy Christians either! Christians can get dirty and filthy in body, in soul, and in spirit!

e. So God works hard in our lives to keep us clean

f. It took "Justification" to get us clean. "Sanctification" is what keeps us clean!

5. Compares best to a **Lantern** that must be kept clean in order to allow it to light the surrounding room!!!

III. Focus Verse: Romans 6:6

IV. Lesson - What To Do With Sin!

A. Stop Living (_____) In Sin (6:1-7; 1Pet 1:15,16) - Be Holy!

1. _____ Abounds More Than Sin (5:20,21, 6:1)

a. Sin had dominion over every person on this planet since Adam, and was killing and damning all

b. God's grace brought Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God into the world to SAVE sinners from the dominion and power of sin

c. Salvation brought by Jesus Christ was powerful (abundant) enough to cancel the power of sin, and pull its plug

1) This happened when I cried out to the Saviour to **save me**

2) The Holy Spirit took me OUT of a life of sin (Eph 2:1,5), and placed me IN Jesus Christ (1Cor 12:13; a place of safety and security)!

d. So the question comes, "*Shall we continue in something that Christ died to save us from?*" **Of course not!**

2. Christians Are _____ To Sin (6:2-5) - God states this as a FACT

a. When a sinner got placed into Christ, they participated in three events (1Cor 15:1-4)

- 1) Christ's _____ (6:2,3) - He died for my sins, so when I got placed into His death, I lost my sins (Heb 10:16-18)
 - 2) Christ's _____ (6:4,5) - He was buried to show that He was really really dead, and took my sins to hell
 - 3) Christ's _____ (6:4,5) - He arose from the dead WITHOUT sin (Heb 9:28), and now lives in heaven, so I too, once I have been placed INTO Christ, have been given a whole new (Eph 2:1, *resurrected*) life, that is to be lived WITHOUT sin!
 - 4) The Christian therefore lives a different life because of that one-time event at Calvary (Gal 2:20) - its effect is present tense in our life!
 - 5) Notice "the newness of life" (6:4)
 - a) Our life is new - alive! No longer "dead" in sins
 - b) Our life is eternal - no longer heading for a hole!
 - c) Our life is Christ living in us, through us, to others!
- b. God calls this "placement" into Christ _____ (6:3-5)
- 1) No way on earth that BAPTISM can mean sprinkling, or "dipping" or "pouring" but total _____ (burial).
 - 2) No way that *this* BAPTISM is referring to WATER baptism - This is a SPIRITUAL event - baptized INTO "Jesus Christ." *Jesus* is not WATER!
 - 3) This is THE most important baptism. Water baptism only _____ (symbolizes) this true baptism
 - 4) There is only ONE Baptism that matters (Eph 4:5) – getting INTO Christ by faith alone!
 - 5) And yet there are seven Baptisms. Learn these, and you learn a lot of Bible! Be glad for the exhortation to rightly divide the word!
 - a) Baptism in the Old Testament
 - b) Baptism into Repentance – John's Baptism
 - c) Baptism Into Christ
 - d) Baptism Into Water
 - e) Baptism Into Fire
 - f) Baptism Into Suffering
 - g) Transitional Baptism
 - 6) The Seven Baptisms in Detail
 - a) _____ - _____
 - (i) Taking unclean things and people and cleansing them ceremonially
 - (ii) Necessary under the Old Testament (Mark 7:1-4; Heb 9:10)
 - (a) Shown by Namaan the Leper
 - (b) The priests in the Temple washing their bodies in large tubs
 - (c) Washing of the animal sacrifices before burning their flesh
 - (d) Washing of Temple items
 - (e) They were ALL a shadow of things to come
 - (iii) Baptism into Righteousness – a constant baptism for only the priests
 - (iv) They are all INVALID under the New Testament!
 - (v) Yet the Roman Catholic Church retains all the ceremonies that they liked and made them part of our approach to God today!
 - b) _____ - _____ (Mt 3:6) – A Water Baptism "unto repentance"
 - (i) The Jews were commanded to get baptized BEFORE Jesus was accepted by the Jews as Messiah
 - (ii) It prepared them for their Messiah
 - (iii) It was NOT a believer's baptism – only for Jews, and only before the presentation of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah
 - (iv) They Jews needed to repent of their religion, and their past, and be ready for their Messiah
 - (v) Jesus was Baptized with John's Baptism – and John didn't think Jesus needed it (Mt 3:13-15)! But it was a must for Jesus to show that He was JEWISH and part of the nation – not an outsider!

- c) _____ (1Cor 12:13) The process of being Born Again – this is THE one Baptism to make sure you have!
- (i) I WAS “in sin” and in bondage to the power of sin (Eph 2:1)
 - (ii) But once redeemed by the blood of Christ, I have been instantaneously placed INTO Jesus Christ! I am now bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh!
 - (iii) It was done by the Holy Spirit!
 - (iv) It can NEVER be undone (John 10:27-29)
 - (v) Jesus calls it “you in me, and I in you, etc” in John 17
 - (vi) That moment, I got the Holy Spirit IN me, and the Holy Spirit put ME into the Saviour – the Ark of God! And I’m SAFE for evermore!
 - (vii) I died the moment I got born again, and came out a CHANGED man!
- d) _____ (Mt 28:19,20) - Water Baptism
- (i) A testimony and picture to this world of the change that took place in the heart of the believer at the time of salvation! It is only a ceremony of obedience.
 - (ii) Water baptism is clearly a FIGURE or TYPE of something which already took place in the heart of the believer the moment he/she was saved (1 Pet. 3:21). Water baptism is the ordinance representing the identification of the Christian with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - (iii) Pictures the death, burial, and the resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:1-9)
 - (iv) Sprinkling and dipping doesn’t adequately picture that at all!
 - (v) This water baptism *identifies* or *associates* the believer no longer with the old life of sin, but with Jesus Christ and His death, burial, and resurrection. It is in the same way that a uniform associates a worker with the company they work for!
 - (a) I went into the water in people’s minds the old me
 - (b) But from the moment I gave my testimony, their view of me should have changed
 - (c) Now I am living DIFFERENTLY! Not the same!
 - (vi) Water baptism presents a public testimony to the world that one has accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and that they are willing to live a different life now for the Lord Jesus (**Acts 2:41; Romans 10:11**)!
 - (a) Acts 2:41 "...they that gladly received his word were baptized..."
 - (b) Acts 8:12 "...when they believed... they were baptized..."
 - (c) Acts 8:36-37. Ethiopian eunuch. "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God...and he (Philip) baptized him."
 - (d) Acts 9:18. Paul's baptism. "...and he received sight...and was baptized."
 - (e) Acts 10:47-48. Cornelius' household. "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized?"
 - (f) Acts 16:14-15. Lydia's baptism. "...whose heart the Lord opened...she was baptized..."
 - (g) Acts 16:33. Philippian jailer. "...they spake unto him the word of the Lord...and...he...was baptized..."
 - (h) Acts 18:8. Crispus and company. "And Crispus...believed...and many...were baptized."
 - (i) Acts 19:5. Disciples at Ephesus. "...they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus..."
 - (vii) So, when immersed into water in baptism, does this “wash away our sins?” (see **Ephesians 2:8,9; Galatians 3:11**) What saves the sinner then? (see also **Ephesians 1:7; 1John 1:7; Colossians 1:20**) Only the blood of Christ can wash away our sins!
 - (viii) The apostle Paul’s whole focus in life was the preaching of the Gospel - not in baptizing (**1 Cor 1:13-18**)! Not to say water baptism is not important, but that it was *secondary* to salvation - not part of salvation!
 - (ix) When the Jews crossed the Red Sea in Exodus 14:21-31), it was an Old Testament Picture of New Testament Baptism (1Cor 10:2). The Jews had believed the blood would save them, and now had been baptized!
 - (x) Every believer should be baptized!
- e) _____ (Mt 3:11,12) – Hell Fire
- (i) Every unsaved person is ultimately BAPTIZED into Hellfire (note verse 12!) if they reject Jesus and try and get into God’s presence on their own merits (Rev 21:8; Matt 25:41)!
 - (ii) Charismatics think this baptism is what they are experiencing when they get the gift of tongues, and that it is what the Apostles experienced on the day of Pentecost!
 - (iii) People who go into this baptism, die for all eternity!
 - (iv) NO ONE should want this “baptism!”

- f) _____ - _____ (Mt 20:22)
- (i) Jesus Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection is called *His Baptism*.
 - (ii) It also can refer to our death FOR the Lord under persecution!
 - (iii) For believers, death is a baptism, because our bodies WILL be resurrected!
 - (iv) The principle is our troubles should be allowed to change us, soften us, mould us! Your pride will have to die before that change can take place! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we didn't fear what our Lord has ahead for us?!
- g) _____ (Acts 2:38)
- (i) This was a believer's baptism, but for the early New Testament Jews only - for them to receive the Holy Ghost. You and I got Him the moment we believed!
 - (ii) This baptism was not preached to anyone else besides those Jews who had been baptized by John the Baptist, and then had sought the crucifixion of their Messiah!
 - (iii) After their conversion, they were re-baptized – none of us are like this! Not for the Holy Ghost, or for anything, except out of obedience!
- 7) What's the point of all these different Baptisms?
- a) First to show that we ARE unclean before God – in need of cleansing – and not always by water
 - b) That our approach to God is on HIS terms – first through ceremonies, washings, priests, temple, sacrifices... and then later through Jesus Christ, in absolute obedience to His word!
 - c) That Baptism always shows the DEATH of something or someone so that a new person could take over!
 - d) That no Baptism except Spiritual Baptism does anything for your soul!
- c. It is THIS action by God at our salvation that enables us to die RIGHT - i.e., die towards the right things
- 1) Our first birth brought us to life with our spirit being dead - dead toward God (Eph 2) - dying towards hell
 - 2) Our second birth brings our spirit to life, and *slays* the flesh - dead toward sin - dying, but towards heaven!
 - 3) Problem: why is not my body completely dead to sin?
3. The Problem is with “_____” (6:6) He still lives. He has to if you are going to live right now - you need him, he is your “tent”
- a. The old man is, and always has been our problem - not Satan, not the world, but ME!
 - b. The “old man” is best compared to a mother-in-law. You have to have one, but not too close! You have to have your flesh to live this life, just don't keep it too close - put some distance between you and the Lord, and your own flesh!
 - c. The “old man” must be *kept crucified* - the longer my “old man” stays being crucified, the more its powers are destroyed (1Cor 9:27; 6:12)
4. God says that Christians are made _____ from sin (6:7)!
- a. Just like a dead body no longer sins, the same is true for us! If we would would not permit it (*let it*)!
 - b. A Christian is free from the DOMINION (control) of sin!
 - c. A Christian therefore needs to determine not to be tricked into going back under sin's dominion, and control! That is the work of temptation - to deceive
 - 1) _____ your new man – from the onslaught of temptation
 - 2) Quickly _____ and forsake your old man when he gets the better of you (1Jn 1:9; Pr 28:13)
 - 3) _____ the damage the old man produces – take responsibility for it
 - 4) Accept that you are going to _____ with the old man until the day you die!
 - d. This death and freedom does not occur automatically, or instantaneously at the new birth, but is mastered like anything else - through faithful effort for the Lord (2 Tim 2:4)!
 - e. Never completely free from sin, until COMPLETELY dead.
 - f. So this work is our goal
 - 1) By first surrendering to the GRACE of God - salvation

- 2) Then by getting serious about commitment to Christ - serious enough to put up with the obstacles in the way of living for Him
- 3) Then by getting busy for Him - not just talking about it, but DOING something for Him (Bible, prayer, raising your family the Bible way, standing up for Christ in life)

B. Start Living _____ (6:8-23) - Allow HIM to Fill the Void

1. To live “in Christ” first means discovering that it was Christ’s death alone that gave us eternal life (6:8-10) - Great Victory!!!
 - a. A Christian’s death with Christ took place at salvation (8)
 - b. Our salvation gave us not only eternal life spiritually, but the promise that God would raise up our physical bodies new also, never to die again (8)
 - c. Because death has no more dominion over Christ, it effectively has no more dominion over us.
 - d. Notice that Christ Jesus died how many times!!! **ONCE!**
 - e. Jesus Christ now lives unto God - just as we can!
2. Part of serving Christ means to “_____” our lives to be dead to sin (by faith, acceptance of God’s word) so to live unto God (6:11)
 - a. “*Reckon*” means: _____! You cannot begin to enjoy the new life in Christ until that part of you which was killing you is not listened to anymore - is treated as dead!
 - 1) Reckoning is an act of the mind that over-rides the heart
 - 2) Reckoning re-directs the empty heart towards God
 - b. “*Alive unto God*” means that we can now...
 - 1) Live the right way - God’s way
 - 2) Live for God - which I could not do if I was living in sin
 - 3) Live without fear
 - c. Notice that it is going to only be through Christ’s help - must have _____ by the Lord - a spiritual walk!!!
3. To serve Jesus Christ, we are to _____ sin to reign (6:12) – WE MUST HINDER IT! Do what you have to, to protect your walk and fellowship with God! It is completely up to YOU - Get God’s help daily (Ps 23 - restoring)
 - a. Don’t be afraid to control your TV! It controls too many!!!
 - b. Analyze your music in your home and car!
 - c. Evaluate what you talk about - does it degrade into gossip?!
 - d. Control what your minds thinks about (2Cor 10:5; Phil 4:8)
 - e. Note: A Christian can, and must hinder sin, because otherwise, you will become its servant, obeying it by lust, which we all have!
4. In order to serve Christ, Christians are not to yield ANY members of their body as instruments of unrighteousness (6:13):
 - a. Key word is ____: give way to, like pressure
 - b. Free-will before salvation, and _____ salvation.
 - c. Dealing with the members of our bodies being the instruments of unrighteousness (1Cor 6:19,20):
 - 1) Your eyes - wandering, lustful
 - 2) Your mind - devious, wicked imagination
 - 3) Your hands - greedy, working for self
 - 4) Your feet - going to where your ought not
 - 5) Your tongue - gossip, slander, hatred
 - 6) Your sex life - dominated by “hormones” - not right!
 - d. Why? What is so different? What happened when I trusted Christ that made the difference? Grace has taken over the job that the Law was doing (6:14)!

- 1) Before salvation, you were under the Law - your spirit was dead! Even when you were good, and honest, you did it only for yourself - just a puppet serving the devil!
 - 2) At salvation, God resurrected your spirit (Tit 3:5), and thereby empowered you to yield to God (1 Tim 1:7)
 - 3) It is that power that the Christian can draw-on moment-by-moment - the power of the resurrection to fight sin (Phil 3:8-10)
5. Next in line in serving Christ is _____ (6:15,16)
- a. Notice that, in order for a person to be saved, they must _____ the Gospel from the heart - to completely trust Christ - not just have a head knowledge - but ALL the heart!
 - b. That simple obedience was a surrender to ALLOW Someone to save you - not to try and save yourself!
 - c. True freedom is therefore the freedom to serve the truth - the true and living God (1 Thes 1:9)
 - d. In order to live free from sin's domination, we must first RECKON ourselves to be dead, which causes the Christian to start YIELDING to the new life Christ gave us, which now needs to be OBEYED - its work is not automatic in our life!
 - e. Salvation is not _____ to sin, but _____ to SERVE (6:15)!
 - f. The Christian still chooses whom to obey - sin, or the Saviour
 - g. This is the great battle of today for Christians - they feel free to do ANYTHING they want - THAT's the attitude of the lost
 - h. Sin still kills! Don't kid yourself! You serve one or the other!
 - i. The Christian WANTS to obey Christ, and go by His word - obeys from the HEART! That's the difference (2Cor 5:14)
 - j. Why would we call on Christ to save us from something that we are not going to give up (Luke 6:46)? What a thing?!
 - k. At salvation, a Christian no longer serves sin (1Cor 6:9-11)
6. An important attitude in serving Christ Jesus is _____ (6:17,18)
- a. Who wouldn't be thankful for REAL freedom?! Salvation from sin, death, and HELL!
 - b. This is one of the root-sins of humanity (Rom 1:21)
 - c. And is one of the most important attitudes of the Christian (1 Thes 5:18)
7. The last important step in serving Christ is realizing that you are now serving righteousness (6:18-23) and no longer sin!
- a. I am free to _____ - Oh I wish you would get this! Serve right things. The greatest thing God wants to create here is servants. I may sin, but I DON'T serve it anymore!!!
 - b. You have got to see your problem NOT being your family, or your job, or your finances, or your enemies, but your _____
 - 1) The flesh is a "black hole" it only feeds on itself - is NEVER satisfied - it only led to more iniquity
 - 2) The more you served it, the more it demanded!
 - 3) but now that you have turned to Christ, the Lord says, "Now let's see how much effort goes into serving me in comparison! - real amazing how little pull Christ has!
 - 4) Every Christian in this room should serve Christ with as much if not more vigour than they did their flesh and sin! Unto holiness - a clean life - Sanctification!!!
 - c. Before salvation (6:20) - you were free from righteousness - you were judged by your SIN - by your wrong - your good didn't even count at all (Isa 64:6)
 - d. After salvation, we are judged at the _____ not for our sins, but according to what we did for Christ - our bad doesn't even count at all on that day - our focus is serving Christ Jesus, and the reward for putting Him first!
 - e. The comparison is made (21) to the reward we had for our efforts in sin - nothing but shame since it only led to death!!!
 - f. But when we see the fruit of our efforts for Christ (6:22), we see holiness (clean channel through which He can work), and we see the end being everlasting life

- g. And the most condensed Gospel verse in the Bible is Romans 6:23 here! Serving sin only leads to death - sin EARNs death. Serving Christ (salvation) reaps (not earns) eternal life - it is given!
MEMORIZE THIS VERSE!!!

V. Study Questions

- A. What is the Meaning of “Sanctification”? _____

- B. Write out Romans 6:6 _____

- C. What abounds MORE than my sin? _____
- D. Christians Are “**WHAT**” To Sin? _____
- E. When a sinner got placed into Christ, they participated in three events (1Cor 15:1-4)
1. Christ’s _____
 2. Christ’s _____
 3. Christ’s _____
- F. God calls this “placement” into Christ **WHAT**? _____
- G. True or False: Water baptism only **PICTURES** (symbolizes) this true baptism? _____
- H. There are really 7 forms of baptism in the Bible... List the missing ones:
1. Baptism in the _____ - Ceremonial Washings
 2. Baptism unto _____ - John's Jewish Baptism (Mt 3:6) – A Water Baptism but not like ours
 3. Baptism into Jesus Christ - Baptism of the Spirit (1Cor 12:13) The process of being Born Again – this is THE one Baptism to make sure you have!
 4. Baptism into Water - The Believer's Baptism (Mt 28:19,20) - Water Baptism
 5. Baptism into _____ (Mt 3:11,12) – Hell Fire
 6. Baptism into Suffering - Death (Mt 20:22)
 7. _____ Baptism (Acts 2:38)
- I. God says that Christians are made “**WHAT**” from sin? _____
- J. What does it mean “to reckon ourselves dead indeed unto sin”? _____

- K. Write out Romans 6:23 _____

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Chapter Seven - *Problems With the Old Man*

I. Introduction - Greatest Book in the New Testament for the Christian!

This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!

II. Book Review So Far - *There are Six Sections to Romans*

A. SECTION ONE - **Dealing With Sin** - Chapters 1 & 2

Chapter 1. **The Righteousness and Wrath of God** - Describes the condition of the human heart in very vivid terms - as depraved (ruined utterly in character or quality)!

Chapter 2. **The Sin of Self-Righteousness** - There are so many people who look at the list and find some way of excusing THEMSELVES, and looking down at OTHERS - “civilised” vs “heathen” and the lower classes

B. SECTION TWO - **Our Great Salvation** - Chapters 3-5 (*Justification*)

Chapter 3. The fact of There Being No Difference - No Excuses

Chapter 4. How To Become Strong in Faith

Chapter 5. The Benefits of Salvation

C. We are in SECTION THREE - **The Christians’ Sanctification** - Chapters 6 and 7

1. We have learned so far WHAT CHRIST DID WITH OUR SIN
2. We are focusing our attention onto WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH SIN!
3. Meaning of “Sanctification” - To *set apart, protect, to keep clean*
4. Importance of Sanctification (2 Tim 2:21)
 - a. Nobody likes to eat a half-eaten burger - we want a fresh one
 - b. No one likes to put on dirty socks - we desire clean ones
 - c. No one enjoys breathing dirty air - but rather clean, fresh air
 - d. God does not use dirty, filthy Christians either! Christians can be dirty and filthy in body, in soul, and in spirit!
 - e. So God works hard in our lives to keep us clean
5. Compares best to a **Lantern** that must be kept clean in order to allow it to light the surrounding room!!!
6. Chptr 6 says that a Christian’s Sanctification involved two things:
 - a. Stop Living (continuing) In Sin (6:1-7; 1 Pe 1:15,16) Be holy
 - b. Start Living In Christ (6:8-23) - Allow HIM to Fill the Void

III. Focus Verse: Romans 7:18

IV. Study Lesson - Dealing With Our “Old Man” (Romans 7:1-25)

A. Review- Every Christian has ___ Natures (Ro 6:6; 2 Co 5:17; 4:16)

1. An _____ - What we were born with. Body, flesh, outer man
2. A _____ (2Cor 5:17) - second birth, something inside is brand new (Eph 4:22-24)
3. These two do not get along! That is the battle a Christian fights!

B. A Christian is ___ to the Law (Rom 7:1-4) – not to its constraints, but to its condemnation

1. The Law is compared to a binding contract like a _____
2. And the contract was “in force” until the death of a partner
3. Thankfully, the Law died at the cross (Eph 2:12-16) when the “body of Christ” was sacrificed to pay-off the penalties of the Law.
4. Specifically, it was in power only until it was fulfilled (Mt 5:17)
5. So, a Christian has no further relationship to the dominion of the Law - _____ - forget trying to be perfect to get to heaven! People under the power of the Law HAD to live by it!
6. A sinner is married to the Law _____. Once saved, the Law has no power over the Christian. Christ does (Tit 2:11,12)

7. This is not to say that the Law is not good (Cf 7:7). It still rightly defines sin, and holiness, and righteousness.
8. Far too many Christians have the attitude that because they cannot lose their salvation, then they can do anything that they want - that is the sin of _____ - being on the fence! The Christian is saved to no longer serve the Law (as we shall see), but rather to serve Christ, which requires us to live right, and holy as well, but not in order *to obtain* salvation, but *because* of it (Eph 2:8-10)!
9. These same Christians completely refuse to read and study the Old Testament, even though _____ is where _____ that we believe is founded! They are shallow Christians, with only self in mind!

C. A Christian is _____ from the law's power over the soul (7:5-6)

1. Not only is our old "partner" (the Law) dead (it is still there, but not dominating - God considers it dead), but we are delivered from any power that the Law had over our eternity!
2. Notice that the Law only aggravated sin - made sin worse - killed us!
3. But now that we are saved, the thing that had held us on a collision course with death and hell, itself is now dead!
4. All so that we could SERVE in the newness of spirit instead of in the oldness of the "letter" (7:6; 2Cor 3:6)

First Husband - Law
 Caused us to Become Dead
 Affects my flesh
 Produces fruit - death
 Oldness of the letter
(Rituals, Ceremonies)

Second Husband - _____
 Causes us to be Alive _____
 Affects my _____
 Produces fruit - _____
 Newness of the spirit
(Spirit and Truth - John 4:24)

5. The "letter" of the Law gets old when you just follow instructions without a personal relationship with the Author of those "letters." They become only rituals, and ceremonies that are empty. But once a person meets the Author, and understands the eternal perspective behind it all, the letters, words, sentences come alive!
6. If a person is only "serving" God in the rituals, and ceremonies of "the Law," then they have not trusted Christ, and are still LOST!
7. Holy living is not found in doing the Law, but in _____ (Gal 5:16)!

D. A Christian is Still Bound to This _____ (7:7-23)

1. Therefore, the law is still very necessary (7:7)
 - a. The instructions are correct - my ability to follow the instructions was flawed
 - b. Sin is not revealed _____ - either a written moral code, or an unwritten conscience (Rom 2:14,15). Without the Law, sin had no life - no power - no enemy.
2. Even though I am saved, this flesh is still headed for a hole in the ground! I have got to get rid of this "old man" and get a new body - which is exactly what is promised me (1Cor 15:50-54)
3. Sin used the Law to deceive me, and kill me spiritually (7:8-11)
 - a. I was born "_____" (without the knowledge of right and wrong) Dt 1:39 - I had sin, but it was not charged to me because of my inability to even comprehend good and evil.
 - b. Then, the Law (either by conscience, or written moral code) slew me (killed me spiritually, Eph 2:1-5) - God used _____ Law I went by to bring me to a knowledge that I was a sinner against HIM. Everywhere a person turns, they are facing a system that condemns him or her as "flawed" (unable to be perfect) - religion, govt, society...
 - c. So, the FOUR-FOLD PURPOSE of the Law is as follows:
 - 1) To outline God's holiness, and HIS standards (Rom 7:12)
 - 2) To reveal sin as it really is (Rom 7:7)
 - 3) To condemn sin (Gal 3:13; Rom 3:19; 4:15) - write it off; no toleration
 - 4) To direct sinners to Christ (Gal 3:24)
 - d. The Law does not, and cannot: _____, or _____ - only God's grace can do that (Gal 3:21-24; Rom 8:3,4)!

4. We cannot blame the Law, but ___ for our predicament (7:11,12) Ignorance is not possible, unless we are infants, autistic, mongoloid, etc. Notice that more and more people are claiming “temporary insanity” in court cases these days to get out of responsibilities! A true Christian will acknowledge that the OT Law is right, and important to know and understand!
5. The purpose of the Law was to make sin be ___ sinful (7:13) - so we would not think of sin lightly, but fearfully! **Oh that people would look to the Law again - so that they could need Christ!**
6. Here begins the struggle: for the sinner to face their sin, and the Christian to realize what kind of a life they have been called to live!
7. The Law is spiritual, but my flesh is _____, and sold away (dominated) to sin (7:14-16) - Let’s look at the proof:
 - a. I do the very things that I wont allow someone else to do
 - b. What I want to do, I don’t do
 - c. The very things that I hate, I end up doing
8. Since I CAN’T seem to do what I should, I need the Law (7:16) to keep my flesh in line, while I serve the Spirit. Very complicated here!
9. There is an ‘I’ in me that is not the problem, but SIN, and the fact that ‘I’ love the sin (7:17,18) - MY WILL is neutral.
 - a. As a Christian, my choice is to do right - I love the law of God in my inner man (my will, my MIND; 2Cor 4:16 which is the image of God in me that is marred). I got born again, so the Spirit of God is in me to draw me to things that are right, and pure, and good, and to restore that image of God.
 - b. But I can’t seem to always do right - something keeps fighting me - what’s wrong with me?
 - c. Sin is the problem - brought into the world through Adam by Satan (Rom 5:12).
 - d. Sin is bound in my flesh, my physical life, my body (which is called my “outward man” which perishes (2Cor 4:16).
 - e. Even though I have been delivered from the penalty of sin, I have not been delivered from its presence - it is a drain, and drag on my desire to live for God! I am locked in a struggle.
 - f. The normal Christian concludes that they just can’t wait to be delivered from this “body of death” that we have to carry around and deal with all the time.
 - g. Notice that it is not “WHAT” shall deliver me, but WHO!!! No psychology, no education, no drugs, no paycheck can deliver a person from hell, or from death, or from the Christian struggle - ONLY JESUS CHRIST can!!

E. A Christian is Also Bound For Heaven - All Because of Christ (7:24,25)

1. Notice who Paul is quick to acknowledge! His salvation is BINDING, and more powerful than any other binding (7:1-4).
2. So, our delieverer not only WAS Christ(from the punishment of sin), but IS Christ (deliveres me from the power of sin - keeps me), and WILL BE Jesus Christ (from the very presence of sin; 2Cor 1:10)!
3. One of these days, when you die, you will be torn apart:
 - a. My spirit is inhabited by the Holy Spirit.
 - b. My soul and spirit will separate from my body and go up to be with the Lord Jesus.
 - c. But my body will go into the grave and rot like it should!
4. So, until the day I reach heaven, I am just going to have to keep fighting my body’s desire to serve sin, so that I can serve God!
 - a. It will be a never ending battle - until the day you die
 - b. Yet, it is a steadily advancing battle - no Christian HAS to give in to sin always. Every Christian has the potential to sin less and less as they mature - just like a child is to disobey less and less.
 - c. The only way to mature, and not give in, is to obey the Spirit, through the clear commands of the word of God. Trying to do it without the Bible is NOT spiritual, but *self* again!

VI. Study Questions

Study Quiz – Chapters 1 – 7

STUDENT NAME: _____

DATE _____

SCORE _____

I. Memory Verses

1. Romans 1:17 For therein is the _____ of God revealed from _____ to _____: as it is written, The _____ shall _____ by _____.
2. Romans 2:4 Or _____ thou the riches of his goodness and _____ and _____; not knowing that the _____ of God leadeth thee to _____?
3. Romans 3:28 Therefore we _____ that a man is justified by _____ without the _____ of the law.
4. Romans 4:3 For what _____ the scripture? _____ God, and it was _____ unto him for righteousness.
5. Romans 5:1 _____ being _____ by faith, we have _____ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
6. Romans 6:6 _____ this, that our _____ man is _____ with him, that the _____ of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not _____ sin.
7. Romans 7:18 For I _____ that in me (that is, in my _____,) _____ no good thing: for to _____ is present with me; but how to _____ that which is good I _____ not.

II. Chapter by Chapter Summary of Romans so far...

A. SECTION ONE - Dealing With _____ - Chapters 1 & 2

Chapter 1. **The Righteousness and _____ of God**Chapter 2. **The Sin of Self-_____**

B. SECTION TWO - Our Great _____ - Chapters 3-5 (*Justification*)

Chapter 3. **The fact of There Being No _____ - No Excuses**Chapter 4. **How To Become Strong in _____**Chapter 5. **The _____ of Salvation**

C. We are in SECTION THREE - The Christians' _____ - Chapters 6 and 7

Chapter 6. **We have learned so far WHAT CHRIST DID WITH OUR _____**Chapter 7. **We are focusing our attention onto WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH _____**

III. Definitions

1. What is the basic meaning of "sin"? _____

2. What is the meaning of "the Gospel"? _____

3. Meaning of "Sanctification" - _____

4. Meaning of Justification - _____

5. Meaning of "the flesh" - _____

6. Meaning of "to put off" - _____

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SECTION FOUR

Chapter 8

THE BELIEVER'S
SECURITY IN CHRIST

Safe, Secure, and Shielded

In This Section of Romans, we will see the following Truths:

1. **That Jesus Christ will make at least five evident changes in the life of the Christian (8:1-17)**
2. **That God's investment in us is completely secure (8:18-39)**

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Chapter Eight - *Safe, Secure, and Shielded*

I. Introduction - Greatest Book in the New Testament for the Christian!

- A. In the **Gospels**, we have the account of the life of Jesus Christ. From that life, we learn the lessons that He taught and lived, and the truths that He demonstrated.
- B. In the **Acts**, those truths are lived out in the lives of His disciples.
- C. In the remainder of the NT, those truths are outlined, and explained in further detail. Biblical truths are called “doctrine.” Doctrine is what we build our lives upon - nobody wants to build their life on the sands of lies and deceit (ie, modern marriage, modern friendships, etc).
- D. **Romans** defines the foundation of all NT truths in just one book. There is a lot in it, and it takes time to grasp these truths, simply because most of us have not been exposed to truth, but to religious lies.

II. Some Background - Review of Chapter 7, Problems With the Old Man

- A. In Chapter Seven we saw a great conflict in the life of the believer with “the old man” (our old nature). The conflict was whether the Christian would surrender his choice and will to the sinful ways of their flesh, or to the Spirit.
- B. We learned that Christ Jesus delivers us in three stages (2Cor 1:9,10):
 1. We have already been delivered from the eternal punishment of our sin by Christ at the cross,
 2. We are in the process of being delivered from the power of sin over our lives by Christ through our daily surrender
 3. We will be delivered from the very presence of sin by our arrival in heaven! Until that day, we still have to deal with sin’s influence on our life.
- C. It is in the area of _____ that the Christian has the most problems because, without surrender to the Spirit, the flesh dominates.
- D. But those problems have been accounted for by God by the provision of five “tools” or fortifiers that both balance out the Christians’ life in favour of holiness, and enables us to defeat the problems every time.
- E. Beyond that, the Lord then shows us the *security* of His investment in us - that He has done so much for us and in us, that He will not permit the loss of His investment, once it has been allowed to begin!

III. Focus Verse: Romans 8:1

IV. Study Outline of Romans Chapter Eight

- A. **The Five-Fold _____ of Christ in the Life of the Believer** (8:1-17). When a person gets married, there are certain “signs” of married life that just cannot be hid to other people (ie, no more “freedom,” eating better, children coming along, change of residence, practicality in spending, etc). The same is true when a person invites Christ Jesus to enter their life.
 1. The Christians’ New _____ (8:1-4) Without fear of Condemnation
 - a. When a person was lost, without Christ, their “walk”, direction, and destiny was _____-bound (Cf Matt 7:13,14). They were “under condemnation” (John 3:18,36). It is the fear of hell, and of a righteous God that directs a sinner to completely trust Christ to SAVE them!
 - b. Once a person trusts Christ (are “in Christ Jesus”, 2Cor 5:17), they have a new walk (a new life-style of _____):
 - 1) Right relationship with God (8:1; 5:1; John 5:24)
 - 2) Right direction - headed for heaven
 - 3) Right companion - *along with* God (Cf Gen 5:22; 6:9), and “in” Christ - best place to be!
 - 4) Right desires - to seek after (follow) the Holy Spirit
 - 5) Right attitude - no more fear of hell. The eternal punishment for our sins has been taken care of. NOTE: Sins still bring about punishment in this life - you cannot just do as you please (Gal 6:7,8)!
 - c. This new walk is free from the chains of sin and death (8:2) that were pulling me down the path to hell. But I now have surrendered to the law of the Spirit, which binds me to Christ
 - d. The weakness of the Law was _____, my inability to keep it (8:3)

- e. So God took the initiative, and came in my very likeness, and _____ sin in the flesh, so that it would be powerless to damn me, once I trusted Christ (8:3).
- f. From my salvation, the righteousness of the law was “fulfilled” in me (because Christ, who Himself fulfilled the Law, is in me), and is DEMONSTRATED by my no longer walking AFTER the desires of the flesh, but AFTER the things of the Spirit (8:4). ***If this is not evident, it is simply because Christ is not IN ME*** (Cf 2Cor 13:5)!
- 1) ***The greatest evidence of salvation therefore is a changed life!***
 - 2) Having a heart after God (Act 13:22); doing things out of love for Christ, not out of fear (John 14:15); having an eternal perspective
- g. Question: Is a Christian ever judged at all? YES! Not as far as eternal life is concerned, but concerning our level of responsibility, and obedience. Dealing with this life (_____, 1Cor 11:29-32), and at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Christian rewards). More about this stuff later.
2. The Christians’ New _____ (8:5-8)
- a. “Minding” means obeying, paying attention to, setting your mind to do something.
 - b. A person who is going after the things of the flesh (the world, 1 John 2:14,15), cannot be going after the things of the Spirit.
 - c. Dealing mainly with those who are lost, and yet claim to be religious. “Carnal” means worldly, fleshly
 - d. Check your mind. What does it focus on? Do you renew it daily (Ro 12:2) in God’s word? Do you keep it under control (2Cor 10:4,5)? Or is it rebellious toward God (1 Pe 2:7,8)?
 - e. For the Christian to “mind” the things of the Spirit involves catering to God, obeying God, thinking and meditating on right things (Philp 4:8).
 - f. The unsaved mind only results in DEATH no matter how advanced! Do you know what the birth to death ratio was 2000 years ago was? 1/1. Do you know what it is today? 1/1!
 - g. The Spiritual mind results in **life and peace** (2 Tim 1:7). If a person’s life is a wreck, it is not because of Christ! If a Christian can’t handle problems, it is not Christ’s fault - they have their minds on carnal things, and not resting on Christ (Isa 26:3)
 - h. “Enmity” is when something makes another person your enemy. More and more “Christians” who think that God is their loving Father, really are the enemy of God - against God and limiting God
 - i. Those who are unsaved, cannot please God at all (Heb 11:6)!
3. The Christians’ New _____ (8:9-11,14) - No longer dependent upon just your conscience to guide you - He has a BIG job!
- a. The Christian is “in” Christ - Not “in” the flesh (bound to it)
 - b. The Holy Spirit is a Person - alive - not just a force.
 - c. The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian (1Cor 6:19). He is in you for a purpose - to help you: to make sure that you get to heaven. If He wasn’t sealed in you, then you could lose Him, and there would be no confidence of salvation!
 - d. The Spirit is how Jesus manifests Himself in you. He reveals Jesus to you through the pages of Scripture (John 14:26)
 - e. He helps keep your body “dead” (turned off). If Christ is “in” you then the body has been rendered “dead” because sin has been paid for and defeated at the cross. Reminds you of this - to let the body go - don’t tend to it so much (1 Tim 4:8)
 - f. The Holy Spirit provides you with a whole new life, more abundant than anything this life could ever offer (John 10:10). He helps you have a full life, & enjoy eternal life now!
 - g. The source of power in the life of the Christian is the same that raised up Jesus from the dead (Philp 3:10). No limit to what you and God can’t do together (Philp 4:13)
 - h. He makes sure that your body is “changed” at the resurrection
 - i. So, use your new Helper to:
 - 1) Keep sin under control in your life - let Him have your attention
 - 2) Keep your light shining bright to a lost world
 - 3) Serve the Lord Jesus - He is your strength, and drive
 - 4) Pray through your troubles and battles - use *Him!*

- 5) Begin to enjoy life - not because of your circumstances, but because of your Saviour, salvation, security, purpose, and results - all eternal, not temporary!

4. The Christians' New _____ (8:12,13,14)

- a. The Christian used to owe the flesh for pleasure (Heb 11:23-25), and owed God for sin (Ps 51:4). There is no "free lunch"
- b. To mortify is to put to death - a decision to disregard the domination of the flesh, so that you can respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit - let it die (that is what it will try to tell you that it is doing - like when a person comes off drugs: they feel like they are going to die - well, if so be - but you wont - you will find life)!
- c. Look at the warning to the Christians - NOT to follow the flesh, or it will kill you! Question: if a Christian takes drugs, will it not kill them just as fast as it will a lost man? YES!
- d. The Christian is obligated to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit (Luke 6:46) in doing the word, & the will of God. He will "lead" the Christian in keeping out of trouble, making right decisions, and "through" the tough times - just like the Lord "led" the Israelites through each battle, and wilderness.
- e. It is that "leading" of the God's Spirit that demonstrates (confirms) our relationship with Christ! God leads people in the following ways:
 - 1) To repentance - salvation (2Pet 3:9)
 - 2) To come out of the old life - separation
 - 3) To pray - urges us when and why and what for
 - 4) To follow Christ - live His life through yours
 - 5) To serve Christ - maturity because of the cost required
 - 6) To heaven - He leads the way for and takes us

It is important to not quench the work of the Spirit (1Thes 5:19)

5. The Christians' New _____ (8:15-17)

- a. **Adopted into His family.** The laws of adoption are stronger than the laws of marriage. You can dissolve a marriage - but not an adoption.

ILLUS: Two boys in a park. One adopted, other natural born. The natural born makes fun of the adopted. Says you're no good! You are an adopted child. The adopted boy responds, "Oh yeah?! Well, your mam and daddy had to take you, but my mam and dad picked me!" AMEN! God "Picked" me!

- 1) Can't get out of Christ once in (John 10:28)! Like being in an airplane. You can stumble and fall INSIDE a plane, but you don't fall OUT of it! Same with Christ!
- 2) God loves you as much as if you were Jesus - Son of God
- 3) The relationship you have is good enough that you relate to God as ABBA, (Hebrew) "DADDY!" not just "Father" - no disrespect! We don't cry "Our Father..." but DADDY! And we don't cry "Our Lady" or "Mary, Joseph and Jesus!" Ugh!
- b. **Heirs of His Riches!** Once you get into God's family, there is some inheritance to enjoy (1Pet 1:4). Dealing also with amount of inheritance - rewards conditioned upon our service record (honourable or ashamed) - suffering for Christ as we stand (2Cor 4:17). The Christian earns eternal rewards (treasures, Mt 6:19,20) that are presented at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2Cor 5:10,11)! This leads to the next aspect. Bearing Christ's name involves bearing His shame as well (Cf Heb 12:2)
- c. **Soldiers of His _____** (2 Tim 2:1-4). The relationship that we now have with Jesus is not an easy one to bear (Luke 9:23-26)

B. **God's Secure _____ in Us** (8:18-39) - Focus on 8:38,39

Define Eternal Security: Safe from condemnation for all eternity - cannot forfeit your salvation once you have obtained it by faith in Christ's finished work on the cross. Eternal Security is a FACT. Assurance is a FEELING!

1. We are Secure Because **He wont let anything slip** - He has it all worked out (8:18-23)

- a. All creation is waiting for correction back to Eden - begins to occur at the Second Coming of Christ (8:18-22)
- 1) Right now, everything is cursed - everything! Everything dies/struggles/fights! Everything is messed-up: hurricanes, earthquakes, mass-murders, the Middle East, road accidents (Job 5:7). Darwin and his survival of the fittest was not evolution, but the curse!
 - 2) Everything in this universe has been made subject to _____ (self-centered) by the fall of Adam. Satan is the ruler - all creatures are his subjects! But God has the thing worked out so that we have hope - we have something to look forward to - a SURE hope
 - 3) Everything is groaning and travailing for something better- like a woman in childbirth - a very long childbirth
 - a) That is all politicians talk about - a better day
 - b) Positive thinking - look on the bright side
 - c) Problem is: they all think they can do it without Christ coming back!

Everything is waiting for the day when Christians (“the sons of God”) are clearly manifested - when that which is in me, is apparent (8:18) - at the second coming
- b. My soul and my spirit are saved, but my body isn’t - so God will take care of that as well (8:23). He will retrieve me one day, and then later on will come get my body and *change* it
- 1) We already are the children of God (1 John 3:2). We have the firstfruits of the Spirit - salvation (8:23).
 - 2) But we are stuck in these cursed bodies - we look forward (work & wait) until a day that we will be free - redeemed physically. People put the emphasis on the material and not the spiritual - they want *healing* instead of salvation. Want an exclusive home instead of a mansion in heaven! Want lots of money instead of treasures in heaven.
 - 3) This is our HOPE (8:24,25; 15:13; Heb 6:16; Tit 1:2)!
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- a. When you are _____ - plagued with infirmities (2Cor 12:10). Notice the Spirit “helpeth” our infirmities - doesn’t promise to *heal* them! Take a good look at that!
- 1) Infirmities are meant by God to keep us humble and dependent
 - 2) Infirmities are meant by Satan to keep us from praying
- So we need God’s Holy Spirit dominating our lives so that we do as we ought, and do it right!
- b. When you _____. When you don't even know how to pray or what to pray, He is interceding, translating (Ex 19:7,8)!
- 1) *Groanings* - heartbreaks, disappointments, troubles (Ro 8:26,22,23; Ps 6:6; Lk 22:44; 2Cor 5:1-4)
 - 2) *Searching* - to find the will of God, blessing (Ro 8:27) God trusts His Spirit to tell Him what you need (Mt 6:8). Most of our prayers are not answered simply because we pray completely contrary to God’s will (8:27). Learn to listen to the Spirit of God in your life, and pray that way!
3. We are Secure Because **God’s plan hasn’t changed** (8:28-34)
- a. God Made a _____ (8:28) - to work everything out!
- 1) The Christian’s confidence - We KNOW how things are going to work out!!! God gave us a SURE word of prophecy (promise) as said Peter in 2Pet 1:19
 - 2) ALL things (Gen 50:20; Ro 5:3,4; 2Cor 4:15-17)!!!
 - 3) The working of things together - not *apart* - true evolution is controlled - by GOD (Philp 2:13; 1:6)! True evolution (things getting better) is only for the true Christian, and only because God works it out! Chance fails, science fails, natural selection fails!
 - 4) For GOOD. Satan CANNOT triumph (Isa 14:12-15)
 - 5) It is only for those who “*love God*.” It is dealing with Christians - the first commandment! The unsaved cannot claim this verse. But the Christian *can* leave their love (Rev 2:4)! But, even in

spite of our failure to love God as we ought, God still is going to work things out for us! All because of the next verse!

- 6) This verse is only for those who are _____ **according to HIS purpose** - surrendered to live in His will and purpose - you can either be going WITH God, or AGAINST Him! Even as a Christian! God does the calling (Gen 3:6-8), and we sinners do the responding!
 - a) Just as Abraham (who was unsaved) was “called out” of his homeland and family, so is the sinner called to forsake all and follow Christ.
 - b) Just as the Jews were “called out” of Egypt to follow Moses, so is the unsaved called out by God to come to Christ (Mt 11:28,29) and to follow Him (Mt 4:19)
 - c) Like a woman is called by her suitor to take on his name, so is the sinner called by Christ to take on His name (2 Chron 7:14).

- b. God’s Plan - His Purpose (8:29-30) - How God will do the impossible - make everything work together for good
 - 1) Based on _____ first (1Pet 1:2; Eph 1:4,5; 2 Thes 2:13; Gal 3:8) Not dealing with “foreordination”
 - a) *Knowing* who would get saved - not *making* people get saved (2Pet 3:9) - He does not fore-ordain
 - b) See it in the life of Pharaoh (Ex 3:19)
 - c) Free-will is imperative (Dt 30:19,20)
 - 2) _____. Simply means that your destiny is fixed! But a person’s destiny is only fixed, once they have Christ. Until then, they are sliding down - *in need of salvation*. So “predestination” means:
 - a) Not *to be* saved, but *to be secure* once saved! The Christians destiny is fixed! The unsaved’s is not! They can repent and get saved at any time (Jo 3:36)!
 - b) Not *to be* converted, but to be conformed to the image of Christ once you got saved!
 - c) Not *to be* born again, but to be a brother of Jesus Christ, once you got born again. Stating that your salvation elevated you to brother of Christ, son of God, adopted in God’s family, & joint heir (8:15-17)
 - 3) The _____ - God’s Purpose in the life of the believer - is simply to follow Christ. To follow Him in their life out of religion, out of sin, out of our own way, and to heaven, and to God. Every sinner is “called”, but every Christian becomes “the called” or the ones who responded! It is for “the called” that God has His wonderful purpose!
 - 4) The _____ - Justification is dependent upon our response to the call of God to turn to Christ. “Justified” means that God was able to completely “justify” your eternal life - there is no loose ends for you to fill!
 - 5) To be _____ - Glorification is HEAVEN! God has promised to get everyone who trusts in Christ Jesus to heaven (Ps 73:24,25). This is the goal of God’s plan!

- c. The _____ of God’s Plan (8:31-34)
 - 1) We are made the “untouchables” Once we got on God’s side (turned to Christ for forgiveness, and salvation), God from that moment became FOR us (whereas before He was AGAINST us - John 3:36)
 - 2) We have everything this world is dying to obtain! We are heirs of everything that God owns (8:16,17)
 - 3) We are debt-free for all eternity. No one can charge us with any sin, and condemn a true Christian (5:1; 8:1)
 - 4) All because of Jesus Christ!!! We had NOTHING to do with it except repentance, and simple confident trust!

Review-

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 - a. Once God extends His love to the sinner at the cross, He can never retract it (Heb 13:5)
 - b. Events in our life cannot dissolve it
 - 1) Tribulations - troubles
 - 2) Distress - worries
 - 3) Persecutions - attacks
 - 4) Famine - times of need
 - 5) Nakedness - no clothes
 - 6) Peril - on brink of death
 - 7) The sword - military combat - wars!
 - c. For all practice purposes, a Christian is like a sheep headed to the slaughterhouse - yet we really are the winners! We already won the war (Christ did for us)!
 - d. God gave us His word to encourage us, and persuade the christian to rest in Christ because we are SAFE - SAVED!
 - 1) **Death** - you can't lose it when you die
 - 2) **Life** - you can't lose it while alive
 - 3) **Angels** - they can't take it from you.
 - 4) **Principalities** - the govern-ment and rulers can't take it away from you.
 - 5) **Powers** - not any spiritual power including the devil can cause you to lose it.
 - 6) **Things present** - nothing happening right now can take it away.
 - 7) **Things to come** - nothing in the future can make you lose it.
 - 8) **Height** - nothing above you.
 - 9) **Depth** - nothing below you.
 - 10) **Nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
 - e. You cannot beat the security of salvation in Christ! If you are not saved, you have NO hope! If you have repented, and trust Christ alone, you are the recipient of God's unending love!

V. Conclusion to Chapter Eight

A. In this Section we have seen **The Beliver's Security in Christ**

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VI. Study Questions

A.

The Book of Romans

SECTION FIVE

Chapter's 9 Through 11

THE SPECIAL PLACE OF THE JEWS

In This Section of Romans, we will see the following Truths:

- 1. God is Not Through With the Jewish People - His Promises are True**
- 2. Israel Still Needs the Gospel Just as Gentiles Do**
- 3. Israel is the Key to all of God's Promises and Plans**

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III. Focus Verse: Romans 9:3

IV. Study Outline of Romans Chapter Nine - The _____ of the Jews

A. **The Special Place of the Jews in Paul's _____** (9:1-3)

1. Paul loved his own people - was nationalistic

2. Paul was burdened, worried, grieved for them - their destiny - lost

3. Paul was _____ - to take their punishment if it were possible, so that they would be spared (John 15:13)

a. He knew the joy, peace, richness of salvation and forgiveness

b. Paul wanted desperately for all Israel to know it as well

c. This is why he went from village to village preaching the Gospel, because it was so wonderful to him!

d. Paul was just experiencing what Christ felt for the lost when He gave His life so freely to become a curse for us!

B. **The Special Place of the Jews in God's _____** (9:4-18)

1. God's plan involves investment. God invested heavily in Israel (9:4,5) - they had special advantages:
 - a. They are _____ - of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel)
 - b. To them belongs the _____ - they were offered it first - to become adopted from out of the world, and into God's family
 - c. To them belongs the _____ - God's presence, and the glory of being God's special trophy of love and redemption
 - d. To them belongs the _____ - the majority of commitments that God made in the Bible, were made to the Jewish people: ie, the land of Palestine
 - e. To them was the _____ given - the Bible is a Jewish Book, received by the Jews, and preserved by the Jews
 - f. To them was given the _____ as priests. The only valid priests were Jewish priests
 - g. To them belongs the _____: ie, of a coming kingdom, with the Messiah reigning from Jerusalem!
 - h. They had "_____ " or the lineage of people who lived by faith as listed in Heb 11
 - i. To them _____ came! Not to the British, Americans, or Irish!

All of the above has also been invested into every believer's life!

2. God's plan works through faith, in spite of supposed failure (6-18)
 - a. The word and work of God always has an effect (Isa 55:10,11)
 - b. Just being physically born to Jacob (Israel) did not make a person the recipient of God's blessings. God's spiritual blessings are not inherited from parents (John 1:11-13; 8:33-44)
 - c. God used a "seed" line (9:7-10) that wended its way through generations completely on the basis of faith. This line is listed in Matthew 1 where a harlot is listed, a Gentile woman, etc:
 - 1) Abraham started the line, had two boys: Ishmael, _____
 - 2) _____ was the boy that God knew would respond - had two boys: Esau and _____
 - 3) _____ was a worthless sinner, until the night he wrestled with God and came away humbled, and completely dependent upon God - He had twelve sons
 - 4) _____ was the son that God used and brought Christ through
 - d. God's _____ is the key to His choice (9:7-13). Election is God making a choice of whom He is going to accept and bless. God's choice is based upon "*foreknowledge*" not pre-determined "fate." No such thing as "_____." You cannot get elected (chosen by God) until you have made your own choice (John 3:18; Eph 1:11-13)! God's foreknowledge is based upon knowing what we will choose. His election is determining what choice ought to be made.
 - 1) God makes a prediction in Gen 25:23 knowing how things will work out (9:11,12)
 - 2) God states His conclusion 1,300 years later in Mal 1:2,3 that He had been right all along!
 - 3) God did not "fix-it" so that Esau would not be able to get right - the fact is that God *knew* that Esau would not!
 - e. Why God cannot be blamed for Ishmael (Arabs), for Esau's rebellion (Edomites), or for Pharaoh's rejection etc (9:14-17):
 - 1) God extends His mercy to whom He wants (9:15) - it is not arbitrary. Based upon a person's response to God (Ps 18:26; Pr 1:24) God's terms. God reserves the right to withhold heaven from flesh, unless the person gets "born-again" (Mk 2:17).
 - 2) No one can just chose (will) to get saved on their own terms (9:16). You have to respond on God's terms (Rom 10:6-10) and THEN you are saved (10:13)!
 - 3) Pharaoh is an example of God raising up (Promoting) a king that God knew would not respond to His word (9:17; Ex 3:19). Proved that God was mightier than any human leader! Notice that God had to harden Pharaoh BECAUSE he had free-will, and that free will had already acted. God placed Pharaoh in power already knowing what Pharaoh would do!
 - 4) It also demonstrated that God hardens hearts that do not respond to His working in them (Ex 4:21; 8:15,32; 9:12). See also 2 Thes 2:10-12 for the future!
 - 5) The hardening of the heart is to force the person to reveal openly what already was in the heart (Jer 17:9)!

3. God's plan is " _____ " so that no one can "adjust it" (9:18-23)
 - a. If God hardens a heart, it is then because it has already decided its own fate (Rom 1:18-24)!
 - b. Resisting God's will (9:19) is when an unbeliever thinks that they can resist God's laws, and can come up with "another way" to heaven - they are resisting God's "will" - His plan. The problem is, if God gave man free-will, how come God finds fault with man deciding his own course? Simply, God is damning those who reject His Son! And He is right to do so!
 - c. God's plan (9:20,21) is compared to the Potter (God) and the clay (human character) - see also Jer 18. The clay does not represent our "will" but the " _____ " that God is wanting to develop inside the person - we are born with our image ruined by sin. God works to "conform our image" to that of His Son (Rom 8:28,29).
 - d. The unsaved cannot reply against God just because he or she is damned. They must receive the cure, instead of complain about the disease! If they don't get saved, they are "fitted" (prepared) for destruction (hell; John 3:36).
 - e. The Christian cannot reply against God because he or she is uncomfortable in how God is working in their lives - God's plan is the best - "prepared unto glory" (heaven) - it cannot be beaten - as is demonstrated countless times throughout Scripture (ex: Joseph, Noah, Abraham, Paul, etc).
 - f. God will use the wrath of man, and turn it around for His honour (as with Pharaoh). God will use the faith of man to bring Him glory (as with Moses; 9:23)

C. The Opportunity is Open to All People Everywhere (9:24-33)

1. The conclusion could be that the Jews don't seem to have any part in God's current work (9:24-29)
 - a. Going back through, it would seem that Israel is now "out" of God's plan - they rejected Christ, and God's word - and that we "Gentiles" are "in"
 - b. Yet we Christians are made up of both Jews and Gentiles
 - c. The number of believing Jews is small compared to the Gentiles - referred to as "the remnant"
 - d. People who had never heard of Christ and God Almighty get saved by the multitudes, while the Jews respond in the smallest of numbers (9:25-27). Refs to Hosea 2:23; 1:10
 - e. The short *work* here (9:28) is only **7,000** years long from start to finish! And throughout it God is going to show His: holiness, mercy, vengeance, wrath, love, anger, goodness, longsuffering, and His patience.
 - f. The only reason why any Jew is able to get saved in because the Lord goes out of His way to encourage them to turn back to Him (9:29) - God has done this for all people, throughout all time, but specially the Jews - He is completely set against people having to die like Sodom and Gomorra did (Jude 1:7).
 - g. The Lord of "Sabaoth" means the Lord of _____, and as Lord, He does everything possible to make sure He always is "represented" among all people - He makes sure that there are "ambassadors" in every country (2Cor 5:20; Rev 5:9)
2. So the plan was far bigger than just dealing with the Jews, and hardening their hearts, as God does other hearts that are hard already. The plan included us! The plan was open for **all** to enter in by **faith** (9:30-33)! *No predestination here!* The conclusion is:
 - a. The ungodly Gentiles have obtained righteousness - by FAITH
 - 1) Faith is not blind, but surrendered to God's way of doing things - to live by faith is to follow God's word - all of it!
 - 2) The Gentiles found salvation because they accepted God's way - the way of the Lamb for the lost!
 - b. The "godly" Jews missed righteousness - because they sought it by good works, and not by faith - they rejected God's way!
 - c. Salvation is in the _____ - Jesus Christ (Mt 16:18), not Peter!
 - 1) How you react to the **Stone** determines your _____ (John 1:12; 1 John 5:11,12;)
 - 2) Either Jesus is the **Rock** of your salvation (Ps 18:2; 62:2,6; 95:1) or the Stumblingstone of your damnation (9:32,33; 1Pet 2:6-8). That's why we preach Christ!

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1. **The Special Place of the Jews in Paul's Heart** (9:1-3)

2. **The Special Place of the Jews in God's Plan** (9:4-18) We looked at Foreknowledge and election and predestination - it is not effective without a person CHOOSING by faith to believe God!

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IV. Study Outline of Romans Chapter Ten - The Need of the Jews

A. Christians Need to Get _____ About the Lost (10:1)

1. About the souls of people who do not know Christ (Mt 7:13,14).

a. If anyone should have been ok with God, it should have been the Jews - but they were not. Jesus came to save the lost (Mt 9:11-13), not to commend the Jews.

b. The need of this world is for Bible-believing Christians to CARE about those who live and die in darkness

c. The apostle Paul was giving his entire life since his salvation to the getting out the Good News that Jesus Saves! All because he was burdened about them

2. Burdened to have a "desire" not for possessions and pleasure, but for the salvation of sinners - before **they** burn in a devil's hell!

a. This thing called "soul-winning" is not a job or "duty" but a _____ like a "craving" in the heart of a surrendered Christian

- b. Satan burns-out a Christian's desires on lust and possessions so that there is none for God or the lost! God help us!
3. Burdened enough to faithfully pray and pray for God to use you to see people saved! This is where we must spend our energies at first - getting the boldness and courage to care for souls, like doctors do the body!

B. Christians Need to Become Aware that _____ Damns (10:2-3)

1. Israel had RELIGION, but was not saved (10:1)
 - a. Even though they had the Bible
 - b. Even though they had prophets come and preach the Bible
 - c. Even though they had the Temple
 - d. They ended up with only man's doctrines and tradition (Mk 7:6-9) because they had rejected God's plain words
 - e. FACT: All peoples have RELIGION - yet are not saved!
2. Israel had ____ (lots of energy), but not according to knowledge (ignorant of what to do with it; 10:2,3)
 - a. Ignorant of what God's righteousness was - the Lamb
 - b. Tried to establish their own righteousness - through good works of the law
 - 1) Look at the religions of the world and see the devotion, and the dedication to their efforts to "appease" their gods
 - 2) People all over the world fear failing - so they work hard
 - c. They have not submitted themselves to God's righteousness - **which is only by faith** (9:30)
 - d. Therefore, ignorance is no excuse - because Jesus came (John 15:22). They can't claim ignorance, since they crucified Jesus
 - e. And as we have seen in Rom 1, the non-Jew (Gentile) is also without excuse - no matter how much religion they may have - Satan has _____ them (made them ignorant; 2 Co 4:4)
3. The Bible-believing Christian works to get people's eyes off of what *they* "DO" and realize they can never DO enough, and therefore need a Saviour! Otherwise, they remain damned!

C. The World Needs to Get the ____ of God - the Truth (10:4-17)

1. The word of God was not only focused on the "Law" (10:4-7) - the doing of righteousness - but on the trusting in the Lamb.
 - a. The Jew thought the Law was the means to the end (heaven), but missed the point of the Law - *the need for the Lamb!*
 - b. The "Law" had three parts:
 - 1) _____ code (right and wrong) How to relate to each other
 - 2) The _____ code - how to make judgments and govern - how to rule people
 - 3) _____ code - how to approach, and relate to God
 - c. God's law is important. It showed us righteousness, and showed us our sinfulness. It prepares the heart for faith. Without the law, faith would be dead since it would have no basis for existence. But faith is made real by its need!
 - d. Christ is "the end of the Law" - He fulfilled _____ requirement of the Law for every person on this planet as far as ceremonial perfection was concerned! When Jesus died on the cross, the Law's *requirements* for perfection ALSO died! This ending of the law was promised throughout the O.T. The very existence of the law showed that it was only temporary.
 - 1) Before God recorded the 10 commandments, and the rest of the Pentateuch, God had already written the Moral code into every heart.
 - 2) The written law was a late-comer: 400 yrs after Abraham
 - 3) The law was to be done away with (Gal 3:23-25)
 - e. If a person wants to go by the Law, they have to do it _____ (not choose which one you want to obey; 10:5). Some religions pick the keeping of the Sabbath; the keeping of just the TEN com-

- mandments; the rituals of ceremonies and prayers, and offerings. But they never desire to do _____ . But God says if you *cannot* do everything, then you are doomed (Jam 2:10) - unless you get a Lamb! Amen!
- f. So, the Law was designed to show our inability to relate to God's perfection - and therefore, that we were doomed (10:5).
2. The good news of Christ is the "word of Faith" not the law (10:8):
- Christ was designed to literally save us from our destiny
 - You can't get up to heaven to get Christ (space programs)
 - You can't go to hell to obtain Him - no new deaths or resurrections (only one, once, for all time; Heb 10:11,12)
 - You only get Christ through the preaching of the truth (10:8)
 - Preaching, soul-winning puts truth at the hearer's level
 - Preaching humbles - makes a person sit and listen
 - Preaching forces a response - calls for an answer!
 - Preaching saves (1Cor 1:21)
3. The good news of Christ is simple (10:9):
- Openly confess the _____ of Jesus - that God had come in flesh to take your place in damnation (1 Tim 3:16). This is where repentance comes in - repent of your goodness and sin
 - Believe in your heart that the resurrection was all the victory you need to save you from your sins. If Jesus conquered sin, and death and the grave, what more could anyone add?
4. The good news is for all (10:9-13) who has a heart and a mouth!
- Because with the _____, we exercise faith, and *obtain* righteousness. The mind guides the heart, but the heart itself must make the final conclusion.
 - Because with the _____, we *show* our righteousness (John 12:42,43) - an open life lived clearly for Christ (10:11). The mouth, and hence, the life is affected by the heart's decision.
 - There is no national, or racial difference spiritually between people (10:12) - God is rich toward any and all sinners
 - The plea is for "*whosoever*" to call upon the name of Jesus!
5. This good news about Jesus must be " _____ " (10:14,15)
- People are born with the general law written in their hearts - not with a knowledge of the Lamb of God. ***They know they are empty - they just don't know the cure!***
 - How the Gospel works:
 - People must believe on Jesus Christ (Mk 16:15,16)
 - To believe on Him, they must _____ **all** about Him
 - To hear about Christ, they need a preacher, soul-winner - not a priest, salesman, doctor, politician, but a _____!
 - For a preacher/soul-winner to take the message, he must be sent. That is just what Jesus did before He ascended - He SENT Christianity into the world (Matt 28:19,20)
 - Sent out preachers to preach the Gospel to hearers who should believe on Christ, and then confess they are saved!
 - God says that the "FEET" of the preacher are beautiful in God's sight (10:15). Why? Because it is with FEET that the Gospel is moved from place to place. Personal contact is infinitely better than radio, TV, bulletin boards, etc.
 - Every Christian in Ireland needs to have the goal of getting the Gospel into all the world
 - By sending someone - maybe yourself
 - Or helping to send someone - regular financial support
 - So, what do we need to be doing right now?
 - Surrender to do what is necessary - get *filled* with Spirit
 - Carry the gospel with you - tracts and leaflets

- 3) Give the Gospel to everyone you can!
 - 4) Learn this Book so you can direct the seekers to Christ!
6. The Gospel is not popular (10:16-18)
- a. The Gospel is two-sided: it convinces people of their sin (negative), and it also offers forgiveness of sin (positive)
 - b. People don't normally want to hear bad news (see the pressure on politicians to always put out some sort of good news; 2 Tim 4:2-4)
 - c. Those who do get saved, will only get saved by FAITH in the Death, burial, and Resurrection of Jesus (1Cor 15:1-4)
 - d. Those who want to obtain faith must go to the word of God (10:17), and take heed to it (take it seriously)! ***The more you hear the word of God, the more open your ears are going to be. And the more your ears are open to preaching and teaching, the more faith you're going to get.*** The issue is that if people want more than what the Bible has to offer (the sure word of God), then they cannot be saved (Luke 16:27-31)
 - e. This is evident by how people reject the message of creation (10:18; Ps 19:1-6). Everybody has heard the creation say "God exists." But they are not interested - as the Jews are not! Did you notice that it said "belived" not get baptized!!!?

D. **The ___ Still Needs to Get the Word of God - the Lamb (10:19-21)**

1. We are back to the focus of chapter's 9-11: that the Jew is in desperate need of hearing about Christ - which is what Paul could never get away from! He always snuck in to synagogue meetings, and hung around with the Jews to witness to them (Act 9:20)!
2. The principle is that Jews reject God all the time, but that does not mean that they should be allowed to just go to hell without any love or warning. So, God calls Moses (10:19; Deut 32:21) and Isaiah (Isa 65:1,2), and YOU AND ME! Let people know that God right this minute is holding out His nail-scarred hands unto a rebellious and wicked people - waiting for them to repent!
3. Every Irish Christian needs to have the goal of getting the Gospel to the Jewish people. How?
 - a. By prayer (Ps 122:6) - surrender to doing what God wants, asking for the abilities to do what God wants!
 - b. By presenting Christ to the Jews we meet
 - c. By supporting someone who can reach them
 - d. By sending someone ourselves
4. Every Irish Christian need to have the goal of getting the Gospel to the whole world. How? Same way as with reaching the Jews!
 - a. By prayer - surrender
 - b. By presenting Christ to all people we meet
 - c. By supporting someone who can reach other countries
 - d. By sending families ourselves

V. **Study Questions**

The Book of Romans

Chapter Eleven - The Future of Israel

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Chapter 9. The Position of Israel - A special place of use

Chapter 10. The Need of Israel - to get the Gospel

Chapter 11. The Future of Israel - How they fit in God's plan for the future

III. Focus Verse: Romans 11:1

IV. Study Outline of Romans Chapter Eleven - The Future of Israel

A. God's Attitude Towards Israel (11:1-3)

1. Israel are _____ God's People - His elect (11:1) - His chosen ones
 - a. Israel is called "_____" (Ex 3:7)
 - b. Israel cannot be "discarded" (1 Sam 12:22; Rom 11:29)
 - c. God chose Israel on the basis of Abraham's faith (Dt 7:8,9). EX: of a man marrying a wife, and loving the family on the basis of thw 'wife' and not the family!
 - d. Israel never stops being "the elect" (Rom 11:28; 1Pet 1:1,2)
 - e. Election here means "_____". It does not mean *automatic salvation*. There is no "predestination" to heaven, or to hell - only destined to being used by God:
 - 1) Pharaoh was predestined to be used by God
 - 2) Moses was predestined
 - 3) Israel was predestined to be used
 - 4) Christian's are predestined to be used by God
 - 5) Saul of Tarsus was "elected" to be used (Acts 9:15)
 - f. So, Christians are also referred to as being "elected" (Eph 1:3-5, 11-13) but only because of responding to the Gospel, and because God choses to use us to reach the world!
2. The Jews can and do still get saved (11:1,2).
 - a. Paul is a perfect example of this (Acts 9:1-6)
 - b. As are the 3,000 on the day of Pentacost, and the 5,000 etc.

- c. Salvation is based upon OUR choice. Election is based upon how God chooses to use a person in His overall plan. In other words, no matter HOW a person responds to the Gospel, God will use that person to fulfill His own will (Rom 8:28).
3. God _____ Israel's "fall" before He chose them (11:2,3).
- a. This is critical because people think election means *perfection* or, that God fixes you without your choice
 - b. When God challenged Abraham to simply believe His promises, God already knew what would happen (Gen 15:13-16), and that Abraham's descendants would turn away from God over and over (Judges, and throughout their history), and that they would crucify His Son, etc.
 - c. God foreknew *your* failures when He offered you eternal life, even though you are not worthy! And He chose to use you knowing you are prone to fail! Thank God - What an honour!

B. God's Work on Israel (11:4-10)

1. Why God Worked in and on Israel - His Design (11:2-5).
- a. _____ (Lk 19:10) - referring to Israel, to get them not to **bow**! Notice that they were reserved since they did not bow
 - b. _____ - to provoke others to repentance. God "elects" people, and nations to provoke other nations to get right with God! God worked on Israel because He needed someone to show His grace and mercy through - that He stays with people who are rebellious and dis-interested!
 - c. _____. He loved Abraham (called His friend; Isa 41:8), and so wanted to bless all Ab's children because of Abraham!
2. How He accomplished His design (11:4,5).
- a. He always had a "remnant" who were an open testimony to the rest of the people (11:2-5)
 - b. He always showed great mercy and grace toward those not interested (11:2-4; Act 28:17-28)
 - c. He ultimately had to give people what they wanted (**Jam 1:13-16**). Principle: you get what you want!
 - d. Either you submit to God's righteousness (10:3) and get eternal life, or establish your own righteousness, and receive eternal death!
 - e. The **election of grace** (11:5) is God's commitment to Israel way-past the time that He should ever had had anything to do with them:
 - 1) They killed God's prophets - hated God's word
 - 2) Destroyed God's altars - despised God's lamb
 - 3) Crucified God's Son
 - 4) And yet they are still elect (11:28,29)
 - f. Grace is a **gift**, not a force (11:6). It is God's acceptance of a sinner on the basis of the WORK of Christ which is imputed to a sinner who clings only to Him, by faith (Eph 2:8,9; **Rom 4:1-8**)! People can frustrate God's grace (Gal 2:21)!
 So, the meaning of the phrase "**according to the election of grace**" is that God's choice is to have grace towards those who do not deserve it (Mt 9:13) - i.e., the choice of tolerance!
 - g. So, Israel as a whole has not obtained salvation, or the fulfil-ment of all God's promises (11:7; 9:31) but _____ has!
 - 1) The election process works! See it work with Abraham (saved by faith), Issac, David, O.T. believers, N.T. believers - all saved by faith, not by forced dictation.
 - a) The election process is God's chosen way of saving
 - b) God chose that if anyone simply takes God at His word (faith), and obeys it, then they get eternal life (Heb 11:8; Ro 6:16,17; 1Pet 4:17)
 - 2) The rest were blinded - given sleepy eyes - God responds to us based upon our response to His word and work in our lives (Pr 3:34; Rom 2:4,5)
 - 3) And they were rewarded with trouble (11:9; Ps 69:22,23)
 - 4) All because of their unbelief (Heb 3:15-19; Mt 13:13-15)!

C. **How Election Works!** (11:11-25)

1. The election process (whereby God extends salvation to an unworthy sinner, and allows that sinner to respond to it) works because it accounts for our _____ - _____ and _____ (11:11-12).
 - a. Israel fell - as did Adam and Eve - and yet God's plan was not defeated. Election meant that God "elected" to stay with Adam and Eve, and with Israel, and with ANY SINNER who trusts the Lamb! So Israel did not fall completely.
 - b. God knew that Israel would "fall" and has a way to restore them (11:12) - He is going to bring them back to Him!

2. The election process used the fall of Israel for the speeding up of the salvation of the rest of the world (11:13-14).
 - a. Notice that the authority for this is the *apostle to the Gentiles* - not Peter, but Paul (11:13). And Paul is proud of it!
 - 1) Jesus worked primarily with the Jews (Ro 15:8)
 - 2) Peter worked primarily with the Jews (Gal 2:8)
 - b. Paul went out of his way to make the Jews *mad* enough about the Gentiles getting saved so that they would really understand what is going on and get saved themselves (11:14)
 - 1) Good soul-winning _____, gets people to think things through instead of just ignoring the facts!
 - 2) But good soul-winning also sometimes *provokes* - gets them mad enough to consider what you are saying
 - 3) Don't be afraid to say and do some things that will offend people (Mt 15:8-14) in order to save them (Jude 22,23)!

3. The election process now uses the Gentiles to work on the Jews (Rom 11:15-25; Rom 10:19; Dt 32:21)
 - a. The Jews were used to bring Christ the Saviour to the world
 - 1) Remember, Israel gave us the Bible (not the church)
 - 2) Israel gave us His birth
 - 3) Then brought about His death, burial and resurrection
 - 4) And when they took responsibility for crucifying Jesus, "***His blood be upon us...***" God used the casting away of the Jews to enable the reconciliation of the world back to God - God is never "put off" by our stupidity!
 - 5) But be aware that the receiving back of the Jews in the near future will be miraculous - "life from the dead"
 - 6) If the casting away was something great, what do you think their reunion with their God be? What if 144,000 Jews got sold-out for Jesus Christ? They would do what Christianity has not done for 2,000 years! Win the world!
 - b. Now, the Gentiles are being used to bring Israel back to God (11:11) - very _____, but necessary!
 - c. Example of the _____ Tree (Rom 11:16-25) _____
 - 1) Remember, God is giving us an illustration about how He deals with the Jews as a NATION, and with the Gentiles as a WHOLE - not with individuals!
 - 2) The nation of Israel was a carefully planted and nurtured *good* olive tree. God was the Farmer, or "husbandman"
 - a) The *firstfruit* (11:16) is referring to Abraham - first fruits of God's dealings with Israel from the start
 - b) The *lump* is referring to everything that followed Abraham - the lump, the pile of harvested fruits
 - c) If the root be holy - the root is the most important part of any plant - most vital operation takes place in the roots. Without good roots, the tree is doomed. Here the root is *God's commitment to Abraham*

- d) The branches are referring to the Jewish offspring
 - e) Notice that only **some** of the branches were “broken off” (11:17) *because of unbelief* (Heb 3:19;4:1)
- 3) The Gentiles are called a “___ olive tree” (11:17) - it cannot produce any good fruit. Just “looks” pretty! Must be grafted into a good olive plant to produce any fruit. And the olive fruit is referred to as *righteousness*.
- a) The unsaved must come into the good olive tree
 - b) Supplied by the good olive tree: no self-righteousness
 - c) Have nothing to boast about - you are the wild branch - the Jews are the natural branch - they belong, you don’t
 - d) The root (Abraham, by faith) is the thing to honour, not the branches (your own endeavors, or religion)
 - e) The Gentile believer did not “replace” the Jew, but joined with them by faith (11:17)
 - f) The Gentiles get into the place of blessing because of the grace (tolerance) of God - GREAT grace!
- 4) Be careful of your attitude toward the Jews (11:18-24) - remember, you are a nobody (Eph 2:11-22)
- a) We might say that Israel was taken away so that we were not blocked from getting to Christ - True (11:19,20). The Jews had become a hindrance instead of a help to the world getting saved!
 - b) Just remember, we Gentiles are where we are by **faith** (11:20) - so fear! A great attitude (1Cor 10:12)
 - c) You see, the nation of Israel fell out due to unbelief - and so have been on the bottom of God’s task list, and you Gentiles have been “on top”, so to speak.
 - d) But, be careful, because when unbelief saturates Gentile Christianity, then God will drop the Gentiles, and place Israel back in the forefront of His attention (Rom 11:21)- He is working at that right now
- 5) A great contradiction of character exists in God (11:22)
- a) Both goodness and severity (harshness) co-exist
 - b) Both mercy, and judgment co-exist
 - c) Both love and hatred: love of the sinner hatred of sin
- 6) So the **fear** is that God’s timetable moves on (11:22)
- a) Moved from the Law to Grace at the cross
 - b) Will move from Grace to the Tribulation
 - c) Will then move from Tribulation to the Millennium
- 7) Every Jew that gets saved, gets grafted in. And the Jewish nation will be restored as the people of God - no longer just on paper, but in their own hearts (11:23,24)
- 8) The Jews have just been blinded by their own foolishness (11:25) in rejecting Christ (2Cor 3:14-16). Called a “mystery” because until more revelation, no one could understand why God’s people would act the way they do! If a man thinks God is all through with Israel, there are two things about him: a) he's ignorant, and b) he's wise in his own conceit (deluded - stupid)
- 9) The “fullness of the Gentiles” (11:25) refers to God’s patience toward a group of people being counted as “full up” (Gen 15:13-16)
- D. ___ **Israel Shall Be Saved!** (11:26-32; Ezek 37 & 38)
1. Dealing with two things: 1) the coming Tribulation, and 2) the Second Coming of Jesus Christ
 - a. Israel gets saved right in the middle of the Tribulation
 - b. The deliverer will arrive soon after
 - c. The “New Covenant” (which we hold to and believe) will be established with Israel (11:27; Jer 31:31-34) - all Israel alive at the time will be “saved” - God will “take away their sins”

2. Concerning the Gospel, Israel is an enemy of God because of us Gentiles getting saved. Right now, God has placed them on the bottom of the stack so to speak, and focused on us Gentiles.
 3. Concerning God's election (His plan), Israel remains beloved because of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob's sake! Why?
 - a. God's gifts are not retractable - salvation, mansions in heaven
 - b. God's calling (purpose) is unchanging
 - c. *Without repentance* means there is no changing God's mind
 4. God used the unbelief of the Jews (their failure) to reach you Irish (11:30)!
 5. God is interested in us Christian Gentiles having MERCY on the Jews and giving them the Gospel so that they may obtain GOD's mercy (11:31). Because they NEED it (11:32)
- E. **Oh How Great Are Our God's Ways** (11:33-36) God's plan is too fantastic to fully comprehend
1. God alone has been able to bring about His design in spite of:
 - a. Unbelief on all man's part (11:32)
 - b. Satan's attempts to wipe out God's people the Jews
 - c. Sin's dominion in the place of God and true righteousness - God had to work out His plan, all without forcing His way, and without us being able to help Him!
 2. All glory goes to God for His unsearchable wisdom and greatness!
 - a. He offers that wisdom to anyone who asks (Jam 1:5)
 - b. Basically, everything we are, and can be is because of God (11:36; Ps 100)
 - c. Let's make sure that we give Him all praise and honour and glory (Rev 4:11; 5:12)

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SECTION SIX

Chapter's 12 Through 16

WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF OUR
CHRISTIAN SERVICE

In this final Section of Romans, we will see the following Truths:

Being a Christian Means Being a Servant
Servanthood is Not Easy
God Seeks to Mature the Christian; Not Just Bless Them
The Christian Life is Practical
Remember That You Are Not Alone

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F. SECTION SIX - **The Christians' Service** - Chapters 12-16

Chapter 12. God's Gifts of provision - how He enables us to serve

III. Focus Verses: Romans 12:,12

IV. Lesson Outline - The Christian's Spiritual Gifts (Rom 12:1-21)

A. **Begin With A Gift ___ God - of Ourselves** (12:1,2)

1. Because of God's gift of mercy - salvation (Eph 2:8,9)
2. Dealing with the gift of our lives back to God - specifically, our bodies (1Cor 6:19,20). Our physical lives are not worthless when they are yielded to God. They can be used of God for His purpose.
3. Called here a _____
 - a. Like an Old Testament Sacrifice
 - b. A sacrifice costs us - not easy or free - sometimes costs us everything - Jesus said "take up your cross and follow me..."
 - c. Must be holy - clean; without spot or blemish
 - d. Must be given God's way - not a DIY situation
 - e. Christ is God's Sacrifice for our sin - the Lamb of God
 - f. Our lives are our sacrifice for God's glory
4. This is our "_____" service - only reasonable - not too much. Pretty good exchange value don't you think? Seems that we come out with the better deal! Don't be too cocky and hold out on God!
5. Accomplished by _____ to God's transformation of you (Rom 6:13)- a metamorphosis. Salvation is instant. But Spiritual growth takes time, and requires a process to take place (2Cor 5:17).
 - a. All religious and philosophies make salvation *a process*, but the Bible simply says get INTO Christ and it is finished!

- b. To grow, you must first **resist** conforming to the pull of the world so that you can respond to the pull of the word!
- c. To be “conformed” to the world is to be shaped by its outside forces on you! Peer pressures; fads; cultural expectations.
- d. To grow, your _____ must be renewed - renewing your decisions and commitments, and choices for God on a daily basis - you cannot “coast!”
 - 1) The mind is the source of the will - what you WANT
 - 2) The mind must daily be restored to focus on the Lord and on things that are important (Isa 26:3; 2Co 10:5)
 - 3) Every Christian must make the effort to “put on” Christ first in your mind, and then throughout your life (Eph 4:22-24). It takes work, and effort - *is not hypnotic!*
- e. When our mind is renewed daily, God transforms our lives from the inside-out! You cannot be transformed from the outside-in (ie, baptism, laying on of hands, rituals). Only obedient surrender to God’s words, works.
- f. Begin to prove what is God’s perfect will for your life - trying it out and “proving it” like you would go and prove a car’s worth before buying (Ps 34:8).
 - 1) Most “Christian” have a “say-it” faith but don't live it!
 - 2) True faith is LIVED, and PROVED, and ENJOYED!
 - 3) The most important thing for a Christian to do is to find what God wants them to do, and then to DO IT!

B. A Christian’s Need for God’s Gifts - His Empowerment, Enablement to Serve (12:3-6) Remember - think seriously about the following:

1. Even though a person is saved, they still are a *nobody* without Christ (Ps 39:5)
2. Every gift that we have, was GIVEN to us (Cf Ps 100). Even our _____ came from God (Ro 12:3; John 1:9)
3. Watch your attitude about yourself, and your “abilities” - don’t think more highly about yourself than is really true!
4. Even as Christians, we are all different - not the same - we must not just “mimic” or imitate each other - we are to follow the Lord Jesus Christ as He directs our lives by His words!
5. We are supposed to operate like a human body does - each with a different, and yet necessary function, working together as a unit
6. God has given 24 GIFTS to enable the Christian to function - to not be a drain on the body, but a part of it, **and to serve in it!** The local visible body of Christ ought to be stronger because you have been placed in it, and equipped by special gifts to serve!
7. The Greek word for GIFT is *Charisma* - Charismatic - gifted people. Yet, according to the Bible (12:3), all Christians are GIFTED in at least one of the following areas!
8. There are false gifts (Pr 25:14). Be careful not to desire the wrong gifts. Most people do (1 Tim 6:10; Lk 12:15).
9. There are four kinds of gifts from God
 - a. _____ **Gifts** - Gifts that authenticate God’s word and work to the Jews (Mk 16:15-20; 1Cor 1:22; 14:22). These include miracles, healing, tongues, drinking deadly things, etc. They were temporary because they were intended to get Jews saved.
 - b. _____ **Gifts** - Gifts that enable a Christian to do something for God. This includes preaching, teaching, serving tables, giving, comforting, etc. These are permanent.
 - c. _____ – Gifts of people in a church that make up the leadership of that church: Apostles, prophets, Evangelists, pastors and teachers.
 - d. _____ **Gifts** - Gifts that transform people’s lives. Permanent
 - 1) Jesus (John 3:16)
 - 2) Eternal Life (Rom 6:23) Salvation
 - 3) Suffering (Philp 1:29; 2Cor 12)
10. This is like the three kinds of Laws in the Old Testament:

- a. **Ceremonial Laws** - very specific ceremonies explaining how a sinner could approach God by the sacrifice of a lamb. Done away with. It was only temporary (Gal 3:21)
 - b. **Civil Laws** - these are commandments that governments are supposed to abide by so that people are safe, and can trust the government - ie, laws against murder, homosexuality, theft, etc. These laws have not been done away with.
 - c. **Moral Laws** - absolute rules of right and wrong. Permanent.
- C. **The Gift List** (12:6-8) A Basic List (See also 1Cor 12 and Eph 4) dealing with Service Gifts - Gifts that help you SERVE GOD!
1. _____ - To declare God's words authoritatively (Mk 1:21,22).
 - a. Before the New Testament was completed, God used prophets to declare His words to people, and these prophets clearly foretold the future, and spoke God's word (Eph 4:11,12).
 - b. Since the completion of the New Testament, we simply declare God's word, with all its prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled. Modern prophets of God only declare prophecies contained in the Bible - they don't make up new ones (Rev 22:18,19): they simply preach "You are lost without Christ" "There is a heaven" "There is a hell" "Jesus is coming soon!"
 2. _____ - To minister, or serve. This is the work of the deacons of a church (deacon means *Servant*), who wash tables, and feed widows and orphans - they minister to physical and spiritual needs of the people in a church. They do it with joy!
 3. _____ - Instruct people in God's word so that they can grow, and become strong in their faith. Work along with the pastor
 4. _____ - These are spiritual coaches, who help people stay encouraged, and who live as examples to new Christians, and to discouraged Christians that God is still on His throne (Rom 8:28)!
 5. _____ - These people give over and above their tithe so that a church can reach out beyond just themselves, and take the Gospel to the farthest reaches of this planet!
 6. _____ - These people run the church. They govern it. They are the Evangelist (who starts the church), then the Pastor (who leads and directs the church), and Teachers (who help instruct the new Christians in the Bible). They make the leadership decisions
 7. _____ - These people comfort, and show mercy to Christians who are hurt, and confused, and need peace brought back into their broken life. They know all about how rotten someone is, but can overlook that and work with them to get them saved!
- D. Notice what is missing in the list:
1. _____ - the preaching of the Gospel in another language than what a person currently knows - *the gift of linguistics!* Mastering other known languages so you can preach the Gospel in them!
 - a. Given sometimes to allow the Gospel to be heard in another language (Acts 2)
 - b. Given to prove to unbelieving Jews that God was with the Apostles (Acts 2) just as He had been with the Old Testament Prophets - this gift was a fulfillment of prophecy (Joel 2).
 - c. Given to prove to Jewish Christians that Gentiles were being saved as well as them (Acts 10)!
 - d. Questions:
 - 1) If tongues is for today, why do Pentacostal missionaries learn a language when they go to another country?
 - 2) If tongues are for today, then prophecy is for today, and therefore the Bible is not completed! Is that possible?
 2. **Interpretation of Tongues** - God wanted the message being preached in the unknown tongue to be understood by everyone. The purpose of the speaking in tongues was to allow the Gospel to be preached to someone of another language. But the interpreter was able to translate the message supernaturally so all could hear!
 - a. If tongues are "heavenly languages" of angels, then there is NO verification process by which we may judge their reality!
 - b. This is a completely untrustworthy "gift" if it is only heavenly languages
 - c. If a speaker in tongues gives a prophetic revelation through and interpreter, then it is verifiable - but that is the only way it can be trusted!

3. **Healings** - the ability to miraculously heal and cure incurable diseases in every case (Mt 10:1). Every bible-believer believes in HEALING! We just waste no time on HEALERS!
 - a. Questions:
 - 1) If healers are for today, why don't people get cured of cancer and AIDS by the laying on of hands?
 - 2) Why do faith healers wear glasses?
 - 3) Why do they rely on the giving of people, and not on God for their needs (Mk 6:7,8)?
4. **Miracles** - any supernatural ability that God might need to show that God was behind New Testament Christianity before the Bible was completed.
5. Etc. Any other "showy" performance ability that promotes SELF and not God!
6. This is because those gifts were for the early Christians who were "CARNAL" (1Cor 3), and not mature! These are the LEAST of the gifts, and the Christian is to earnestly covet (desire) the BEST gifts, which definitely are NOT tongues (1Cor 12:31)!
7. And, this is because all the above are SIGN gifts that the Gentile Christians had for the reaching of the Jews!

E. **How to Use God's Gifts** (12:9-21; 1Pet 4:10) - _____

1. Some Preliminaries
 - a. Did you know there is more information given on HOW to use God's gifts, than about the gifts themselves!?
 - b. Did you know God is more interested in the Christian having the right attitude about God's gifts, instead of having the right gift!? God would rather people to be ignorant than selfish!
 - c. So, **Use** your service Gifts - don't hide them! Work them **out** of your beliefs, into your life itself (Phlp 2:12,13)!
 - d. Use God's gifts **for others** - none of the following items has any instruction on how to use any of God's gifts *on yourself!*
2. Some Practical Instructions on Gift Usage (12:9-21)
 - a. Use God's gifts **with true love** - show _____ (12:9)
 - 1) Why? For God, and for others, instead of just *for the gift*
 - 2) How? Without *dissimulation* - without partiality, bias. A servant serves - is not selective "whom" he or she serves.
 - b. Use God's Gifts **without any evil intention** (12:9, _____) - not for selfish gain - The Christian must "abhor" that which is evil about their use of God's gifts (Cf Jude 1:4 - **no shame!**)!
 - c. Use God's Gifts for **good** (12:9) - cleave to (cling) things that are good, and right for your life and others - focus on being a blessing (asset) instead of a curse or thorn in people's sides
 - d. Use God's gifts to **show affection** (12:10; Cf John 13:35)
 - 1) Encourage people - make people know they are loved, not only by God, but by Christians - by mature and real relationships - commitment, realness, and consistency
 - 2) Use *brotherly love* (not just tolerance) go out of your way
 - 3) Honour people - not yourself. Especially prefer Christians (family) above other people, especially of the world!
 - e. Use God's Gifts **fervently** (12:11) _____, excited, joy, energy
 - 1) God hates laziness - especially with those responsible for jobs that **He** has given us (2Cor 5:20)
 - 2) God is diligent, and expects us to be busy in HIS business
 - 3) Remember that we are serving the LORD!
 - f. Use God's Gifts **with the future in mind** (12:12) _____
 - 1) Look beyond struggles, tribulations - "*rejoice in hope*"
 - 2) Focus on the joy of Christ, and in serving (John 13:15-17)
 - 3) Be patient - quit giving-up so quickly
 - 4) Stay dependent upon God - continue instant in prayer

- g. Use God's Gifts to meet other people's needs (12:13) - _____
- 1) Meet other Christian's needs - spiritually (teachers, encouragers), financially, etc. - fill the gaps (instead of the government; Acts 2:44-46). To defeat *emptiness*!
 - 2) Have a desire to *give* instead of only *get* - be given (dedicated, addicted) to hospitality! To defeat *greediness* and *covetousness*!
- h. Use God's Gifts to Conquer Evil (12:14-21) - _____
- 1) Bless those that hurt and curse you (12:14) - use your gifts to overcome - to defeat - no matter the cost! To defeat *anger* and *bitterness*!
 - 2) Be a team - everyone is to be unified with having the mind of Christ (Philp 2:2,5), and the same heart, love (Heb 13:1-3). All of us should be doing these things! To defeat *division*!
 - 3) Forget worldly achievements and soliciting the attention of VIP's (12:16) - To defeat *the world*!
 - 4) Quit thinking of yourself as great (12:16) To defeat *pride*
 - 5) Forget paybacks - to defeat the vicious cycle
 - 6) Live openly - people will see the wrong - to defeat *gossip*
 - 7) Live peaceably with all men - to defeat *war*! Be Christian toward all - treat people right whether they treat you right or not (1 Thes 4:11)!
 - 8) Give place for God to act - don't shut Him out (12:19-21)
 - a) Yield to God's ways, and His timing. God's way is to save people's souls, not damn them (2Pet 3:9)
 - b) Trust that God will take better care of the situation than you ever could (2 Thes 1:6-f).
 - c) While waiting on God, take care of your enemy - treat him better than he deserves. Remember, that when you were the enemy of God (Rom 5:10), He took good care of you (Mt 5:45)!
 - d) Realise that by doing good, you are *really* hurting the other person (Pr 25:21,22)
 - (i) By heaping coals of fire on their heads - if they reject your kindness, then they are digging their own grave - hell!
 - (ii) By winning them from the devil to Christ - the greatest defeat of the sinner - into saint!
3. The Principle - _____ (12:21) instead of always being overcome by evil (by temptations, attitudes, history)!

A SUMMARY OF GOD’S GIFTS

There are four kinds of gifts from God:

1. **Sign Gifts** - Gifts that authenticate God’s word and work to the Jews (Mk 16:15-20; 1Cor 1:22; 14:22). They were temporary because they were intended to get Jews saved during the first Century. They will come back into use in the Tribulation when God’s attention gets focused back on the Jews.
2. **Service Gifts** - These are gifts that enable a Christian to do something for God. These are permanent, and need to be developed, and used by each and every Christian. There are rewards for the Christian that uses their gift for Christ unselfishly to win the lost, and serve the Lord!
3. **Servant Gifts** – These are gifts of leadership that enable qualified people to serve the body, and enable the whole body to work together to reach the world with the Gospel, and disciple them!
4. **Special Gifts** - These are gifts that transform people’s lives. They are permanent - when God gives these gifts, they do not come and go!

GOD’S GIFTS TO INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS

Category	Gift	Description	Examples
Supernatural abilities given to people to prove that God’s word was true, and that the person speaking God’s word, was trustworthy	Miracles	Supernatural ability to do anything that people normally cannot do	1Cor 12:10 Casting out devils; drinking deadly things.
	Healings	Ability to completely cure a person of ANY illness or disease; even the unhealable	Matt 10:1; 1Cor 12:9,28,30 Raising the dead (Mk 16:18)
	Prophecies	Foretelling future events, and declaring New testament Scripture before it was written down	2Pet 3:15,16 (Cf 1Cor 13:8)
	Word of Knowledge	The supernatural ability to know things about people, and the future	1Cor 12:8 (Cf 1Cor 13:8)
	Word of Wisdom	Supernatural ability to make decisions when there was no Scripture to tell you what to do.	1Cor 12:8 We now have all the Scripture we need to know what to do in all situations
	<i>Jesus had all of these except for tongues, and interpretation.</i>		
	Tongues	Preaching the gospel in another language than your own	Acts 2 1Cor 12:10
	Interpretation of Tongues	Supernatural ability to understand the language of a person speaking the gospel in tongues so that other people can understand.	1Cor 12:10
<i>All of the above gifts were used in the first Century to establish the New Testament Church when there was not yet a New Testament. All the above gifts are done away with since 95 AD, but will come back into force in the Tribulation (1Cor 13:8,9; Rev 11:1-13)</i>			

GOD'S GIFTS TO INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS - Cont'd

Category	Gift	Description	Examples
Special Gifts Gifts given by God to enable us to be forgiven, to help us to mature	Jesus	Jesus Christ Himself was a gift from God - He is the "unspeakable gift!"	John 3:16; 4:10 His life (John 13:15; 1Pet 2:21)
	Eternal Life	Forgiveness, and righteousness	Rom 6:23
	The Bible	A completed revelation	John 17:8; 1Cor 13:8-10
	Suffering	God gives <i>every</i> Christian this gift to different degrees to enable them to know His fellowship	Philp 1:29; 2 Tim 3:12 Philp 3:10
	Grace	The ability to put up with trials, and sufferings	Paul (2Cor 12:7-10)
	Peace	Supernatural ability to be at rest in the midst of great turmoil and persecution	John 14:27
	Fruits of our labours	God rewards us with the benefits of our efforts	Ecl 3:13 Psalm 100:3
	A Christian wife or husband	Just as God gave Eve to Adam, so does God give a person the right mate!	Prov 19:14
	Children	They are a gift from God - not little accidents!	Psalm 127:3
	The Holy Spirit	As a person dwelling in the life of the believer, the Holy Spirit is a great gift!	Acts 8:20

GOD’S GIFTS TO THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE - SERVANT GIFTS

Ephesians 4:7-12

Category	Gift	Description	Examples
<p>Rulers, and Governors of a Church</p> <p><i>These people run the church. They govern it.</i></p>	Apostles	Specially chosen representative of Jesus Christ, who would establish the foundation of the New Testament Church upon Jesus Christ.	The twelve (Mt 10:2)
	Prophets	Specially chosen people whom God would speak through until the completion of the New Testament.	Agabus (Acts 21:10); some of the Apostles had this gift (ie, Peter [Acts 2], Paul, James, etc).
	Evangelists	Church starters. People who went into an area and established local churches. These have the gift of prophecy (preaching)	Philip (Acts 21:8); Timothy (2 Tim 4:5); Paul was an evangelist - church starter
	Pastors	Local people whom God calls to shepherd (guide and help) the lives of Christians in a local area to serve God. They have the gift of prophecy (preaching), and teaching .	Rom 12:7,8 Eph 4:11
	Teachers	People who help the Pastor instruct Christians in the Bible - Sunday School teachers, Disciplers. These have the gift of teaching .	Rom 12:7 1Cor 12:28
<p>Helpers in a Church</p>	Ministers, Deacons	These people do the practical ministries of meeting the physical needs of people	Servants (Rom 12:7) Deacons (Acts 6:1-7)
	Soul-winners	All Christians are given to this world to warn of the wages of sin, and to tell about salvation in Christ!	Every Christian is to be a soul-winner, a witness of Christ’s grace (Acts 1:8)
	Givers	These people give over and above the normal tithe to enable the local church to minister supernatural!	Barnabas (Acts 4:33-37); the Christians in Macedonia (2Cor 8:1-4)
	Governing, Ruling (1 Tim 3:5; 5:17; Heb 13:7, 17)	The ability to operate, or help operate a local New Testament Church	Rom 12:8 1Cor 12:28 Enables the Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher, etc.
	Exhorting, Showing Mercy - Comforting	The ability to encourage and strengthen Christians through preaching, teaching, soul-winning, and praying. They use their God-given talents to help the local body of Christ grow in the good times, and in times of struggle and heartache. They have the gift of Mercy	People with musical talents; people dedicated to pray for the needs of people; people who show great love and compassion. Barnabas (Acts 4:36; 9:26,27) Rom 12:8 Paul (Acts 13:15) Acts 15:32; Heb 10:25 Gal 6:1,2
	Discernment	Supernatural ability to discern the spirit of a person	1Cor 12:10 1 John 4:1 Peter (Acts 5:3-11)
	Faith	The ability to believe God for wonderful steps of faith in serving Him - not to obtain things for self!	

The Book of Romans

Chapter Thirteen - Life Principles

I. Introduction - Greatest Book in the New Testament for the Christian!

This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of understanding sin, God's judgment, justification by faith, sanctification (clean living), victory over sin, eternal security, and serving Christ!

II. Book Review So Far - There are *Six Sections* (main subjects) in Romans

A. SECTION ONE - **Sin** - Chapters 1 & 2

Chapter 1. **The Righteousness and Wrath of God** - Describes the condition of the human heart in very vivid terms - as depraved (ruined utterly in character or quality)!

Chapter 2. **The Sin of Self-Righteousness** - There are so many people who look at the list and find some way of excusing THEMSELVES, and looking down at OTHERS - "civilised" vs "heathen" and the lower classes

B. SECTION TWO - **Our Great Salvation** - Chapters 3-5 (*Justification*)

Chapter 3. The fact of There Being No Difference - No Excuses

Chapter 4. How To Become Strong in Faith

Chapter 5. The Benefits of Salvation

C. SECTION THREE - **The Christians' Sanctification** - Chapters 6-7

D. SECTION FOUR - **The Believer's Security in Christ** - Chapter 8

E. SECTION FIVE of the Book of Romans - **The Special Place of Israel in God's overall plan**. This section explains a lot of the background to the history in the Middle East, and help us Gentiles understand the level of God's commitment to us! There are 3 chapters in this section (chapters 9, 10, 11).

Chapter 9. The Position of Israel - A special place of use

Chapter 10. The Need of Israel - to get the Gospel

Chapter 11. The Future of Israel - God's plan for them in the future

F. SECTION SIX - **The Christians' Service** - Chapters 12-16

Chapter 12. God's Gifts of Provision - how Christ enables us to serve

Chapter 13. Christian Life Principles

III. Focus Verse: Romans 13:14

IV. Lesson Outline - Christian Life Principles - Part 1 (Rom 13:1-21)

Chapters 12-16 are some of the hardest Scriptures for Christians because they quite clearly tell us HOW to live our lives. These are not suggestions, but commandments of God just as valid as *THOU SHALT NOT KILL*.

A. **Be in Subjection** (13:1-7) - dealing with authority!

1. _____

There are four reasons to be submissive to the higher powers: Because God is in Control; Because otherwise you reap what you sow (Condemnation) for being in rebellion; Because you need to be Consistent in your Christian life, and Because of your Conscience

a. *Because, God is in _____* (Rom 13:1-2)

1) ___ power originates with God

2) Satan operates under God's authority, but over us (Lk 4:5,6)!

3) All power has been transferred to _____ (Mt 28:18)

4) The powers that be operate either under the rule of Law based upon the Bible, or under Satan – all **by our choice**

5) But through it all, God is still in final control!

6) Best example is in Job where Satan must get permission

7) Who are the higher powers? Most people only submit to their belly (Phlp 3:19)

- a) _____ - be obedient to His word, His ways, His will (Jam 4:7). He is the absolute authority over the universe (Ps 100).
- b) _____ - be subject unto Him in your life as well - subject unto Christ's life being lived through you (Gal 2:20). Jesus is not domineering, and so must be yielded to out of love (John 14:15). A person who says they are submitted to God (like a Muslim), but is not submitted to Christ, is a liar.
- c) _____ - Submit to him (not his will) by not fighting him directly when he attacks - go to the top (God, Jude 1:9) and get God's intervention and armour, and then you can wrestle him (Eph 4:12). It is the hand of the Lord working on you to mature and perfect you like it did Job.
- d) _____ - no matter how old you are, you *need* them (Pr 23:22; Eph 6:1-3; Col 3:20) - listen to them - let them have input in your life - earn their trust by trusting them! Submit as long as they do not go against clear Scripture.
- e) _____ (Rom 13:1-5; 1Pet 2:13-15). A Christian of all people must be a good example of a citizen, no matter what country or government you are in. But, how do you "submit" to tyrannical, or grossly corrupt government?
- (i) By going along with their commands - not murmuring
 - (ii) By only going until God's laws are crossed (Ex 1:7-17)
 - (iii) Maintain a meek, quiet, but resolved spirit - like Christ
- f) _____ (1Pet 5:5) - age means experience and wisdom. Let an "elder" have input into your life - don't be so independent that you only breed more rebelliousness! Younger women **MUST** listen to older women, and younger men **MUST** listen to older men (Titus 2). Again, this only goes until they tell you to do something unscriptural.
- g) _____ (Heb 13:17) - God placed him there to guide and protect you and your family - like a shepherd, so allow him to "lead" you, not just "confirm" your own ways! Thank God for a pastor that challenges you to do right!
- h) _____ (1Pet 2:18; Eph 6:5-7; Col 3:22-25; 1Ti 6:1-4; Tit 2:9-10) - God placed you under them also! They need to know that their best workers are Christian workers!
- i) _____ (Eph 5:21-24) - be in submission, not domination. Dwell under the same rules you make for your spouse. Allow your spouse to disagree, and discuss things so that just one person isn't always making all decisions.
- j) **Note: Your children are NOT in authority, and neither are your friends!**
- 8) How does God view rebellion? (1 Sam 15:23; 12:14,15). No Christian should ever take rebellion lightly - you could be going against God and His work against your nation (Rom 13), as was the case with all of Judah being taken captive by Babylon as a judgment (Jer 21:4,5 - occupational army, as was Rome in Jesus' day).
- 9) There does come a time when you must rebel - when lives, and your conscience are at stake (ie, protecting Jews during WW2, and Martin Luther standing against the Roman Catholic Church)
- 10) Notes on **the Separation of Church and State**. Romans 13 is why a Bible believer firmly believes in the SEPARATION of the Church (dominate religion) and the State (the Government):
- a) Which is most powerful - the "Church" or the Government?
 - (i) If the Church, you end up with _____
 - (ii) If the Government, you end up with _____
 - (iii) If the two are equal and subject to each other, then you have *safety* because of checks and balances!
 - b) If a church can gain control of the civil government, then they can force everybody to "believe" *their way* under the penalty of physical punishment - the breaking of civil laws!
 - c) This is not to say that a government is above God, or His Laws (they were written *for* governments), but that **NO** Church can dominate the government!
 - d) A Church-State exists so that one church can get everyone's money whether they want to give it or not - make it into a TAX - and make it illegal for anyone to withhold that tax

Places where there are State-Churches	Places where there is religious freedom
Constantine merged pagan government with Christianity back in 315AD - torture Saudi Arabia - Muslim - torture Iraq - Muslim - torture Spain - Roman Catholic - torture Italy - Roman Catholic - torture Germany - Lutheran - tortured dissenters	Ireland - has not always been this way - just recently begun separating the church's power from the Government United States - everyone came because of religious persecution here in Europe Canada - Same

- 11) Notice the Catholic Inquisition - The Catholic Church had the Civil government carry out all its tortures and killings against those who saw that either the government, or the dominate Religious institution was above the Bible.
- _____ (1369-1415) - Czechoslovakian (Bohemian) priest burned at the stake for reading and preaching the Bible everywhere, instead of only in cathedrals.
 - _____ (1452-1498) - Italian Catholic priest who believed all the sacraments, but just wanted to read and believe the Bible - tortured and then burned at the stake
 - _____ (1320-1384) - English Catholic priest who read the Bible and began to cry out against the corruption in the "church." He translated the entire Bible into early English. Set up a group of preachers who went all over England teaching the Bible in English. The Pope ordered his bones dug up and burned!
 - _____ (1490-1536) - English Catholic priest who took up John Wycliff's translation work, and finished just the New Testament. Burned at the stake!
 - Entire communities were wiped out (Huguenots, etc) not because they were evil, but because they would not cross the lines that Scripture had ordained.

We have looked at the first motivation for Submission - Because God is in control, and commands it. And we also saw the limits of that submission - that there comes a time to resist. There is also a second reason for submission to the higher powers:

- Because of* _____ (Rom 13:2-4) - you reap what you sow (Gal 6:7)
 - Resistance is the same as *rebellion* - a heart issue. Make sure resistance is well thought-out - not emotional!
 - Resistance is wrong unless what you are being asked to do is clearly against Scripture (Acts 4:17-20) - examples:
 - A doctor being told to perform abortions (Ex 20:13) - that doctor is guilty of murder, and condemned.
 - A Christian being asked to sell liquor (Hab 2:15). God will chastise a Christian for going against the Scripture that saved them!
 - A teacher being told to teach homosexuality to her class, or *heterosexuality* for that matter!
 - Most people love to rebel because it is in their nature - but that is why God gave parents the responsibility to *break* that rebellion, and get their children to conform to doing right (Prov 22:15) - or else they will only cause and reap ruin! That is why God created human government - to put limits on freedom, because human nature is flawed, and rebellious.
 - Rebellion only brings God's judgment against YOU instead of those that it belongs on (1Pet 5:5; Rom 12:19-21)!
 - The government is supposed to control the actions of people
 - If a government comes down hard on evil doers, then it is of God - if the government does not take care of evil doers, God holds the government responsible (Luke 12:48)!
- Because you need* _____ *as a Christian* (Rom 13:3,4)
 - To become a Christian, you must submit and surrender to Christ
 - To live the Christian life, you must remain submissive, NOT aggressive and domineering (1Pet 5:5)

- 3) You can't have it both ways - come to Christ humble, and then a life of pride and rebellion - you must stay consistent (Cf David in Psalm 51 finally getting back his broken and contrite heart).
 - 4) That includes submitting to Capital Punishment (Cf Acts 25:11)
 - a) God's way of handling deadly sins - causing death
 - b) God's ordained way of governments handling evil doers
 - c) A true deterrent - safeguards the value of life
 - d. *Because of your _____* (Rom 13:5) - Testimony to the World
 - 1) Submit because you have to live with yourself - that's why people drink, and turn their music up so loud - to drown out the guilt, shame, and remorse for past deeds and rebellion and hurts that THEY have inflicted, not just that have inflicted on them.
 - 2) Submit because you have to live with the Holy Spirit inside (Eph 4:30-32) - the Holy Spirit within the Christian will plague the disobedient Christian until they get right with God.
2. The _____ (Examples) of Submission
- a. Joseph in Egypt (Gen 39:4)
 - b. Daniel - carried away captive, but had a limit (Dan 1,3)
 - c. The Three Hebrew Children, came to the idol, but would not bow (Dan 4)
 - d. The Apostles, Peter (Acts 4), and Paul (Acts 21:17-26)
 - e. This is definitely NOT an easy thing because as Christians, we see injustices usually clearer than others, but injustices don't demand riots
 - f. Esther overturned oppression THROUGH submission!!!
3. The _____ of Submission (Rom 13:6-7)
- a. In Attitude – don't think that you can obey without a good attitude!
 - b. In Tribute (13:6; Luke 20:20-26) - financially
 - 1) As a citizen – pay your taxes
 - 2) As a church member – pay your tithe
 - 3) We do things because they are RIGHT not because they are popular or easy
 - c. In Honour (13:7) - Respect, preferring one another, especially, those in places of authority
- B. **Manage Your _____** (13:8-10) – another very important command
1. A Christian's _____ Debt - must be paid, yet can never be paid in full
 - a. To God
 - b. To other Christians
 - c. To the Lost – testifying of their need to repent
 2. A Christian's Monetary Debt - must be paid off ASAP!
 3. Prov 22:7
- C. **Wear Your _____** (13:11-14) - Christian Works, Efforts that fight against the powers of darkness
1. Put off the Works of Darkness – like you would bugs, or filth on you
 - a. Rioting – living “on the edge” so to speak, rock concerts, revelling
 - b. Drunkenness -
 - c. Chambering - “Lewd, immodest behavior.” (Webster.) The Greek word includes illicit indulgences of all kinds, adultery, etc.
 - d. Wantonness – out of control sexual behaviour
 - e. Strife – fighting, arguing, hating
 - f. Envy - covetousness
 2. Put on the “Armour of Light” – This is a Christian's _____
 - a. Be fully aware of the time that we are living in (13:11)

- b. Live an honest and open life - don't get into the habit of covering your sins, or your failures
- c. Live the Life of Christ - don't attempt to make your own name - it ends with your goal being pride, and that ends in destruction (Pr 16:18; 18:12)
- d. Make NO provision for your flesh, or for anyone else's! The flesh is your love for this world over and above Gpd (1 John 2:15-17)
 - 1) The flesh will only pull you down (Rom 8:12,13)
 - 2) The flesh and Spirit do not get along (Gal 5:17; 1Pet 2:11)
 - 3) The flesh must be put to death every day (Col 3:5-8)
 - 4) So, don't feed it - with wrong music, TV, books, etc! You will only be brought back under its domination, and destruction (Rom 6)
- e. Put on The Whole Armour of God (Eph 6:11-18) which is a shining armour against the powers of darkness!
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 - 2) The Breastplate of Righteousness
 - 3) The Boots of a Gospel Witness
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 - 5) The Helmet of Salvation
 - 6) The Bible - Sword of the Spirit
 - 7) The Bond of Prayer

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 - a. *Because, God is in Control*
 - b. *Because of Condemnation* - You will Reap what you Sow
 - c. *Because you need Consistency as a Christian*
 - d. *Because of your Conscience*
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 - a. Daniel (Dan)
 - b. The Three Hebrew Children
 - c. The Apostles, Peter (Acts 4), and Paul
3. The Methods of Submission
 - a. In Attitude
 - b. In Tribute (13:6; Luke 20:20-26)
 - c. In Honour (13:7)

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2. A Christian's Monetary Debt - must be paid off ASAP!

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IV. Lesson - Chapter 14 has to do with the _____ of Christians in dealing with each other.

We now turn to a whole chapter on handling differences in people's levels of Biblical maturity and all the various approaches to the Christian life. We are dealing with "weaker brethren" – people who have no "grace" or ability to put up with differences. These are immature believers than can be severely hurt by our confidences.

A. _____ **Christians are Welcome!** (Rom 14:1-9)

1. Remember we all started off weak, and immature as believers (Mt 18)

a. Pride damns everybody!

b. People who become born again have to start completely over, and are going to say stupid things and do stupid things – they are going to have to overcome ignorance and instability

c. New Christians will not all have the same beliefs

d. Listen to what God says is the right attitude when dealing with another brother who doesn't believe like you believe and doesn't think like you think - "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations."

1) Now, you'll find people weak in the faith. And the idea is, when you deal with them, don't get them into big arguments that can't be settled.

- 2) Deal with them doctrinally, but don't get into stuff that you can't prove.
 - 3) Take him into your church and have fellowship with him anyway.
2. But not to _____ arguments - "But not to doubtful disputations."
- a. Avoid Controversies that destroy people
 - 1) About judging foods – dietary laws
 - 2) About judging people and their personal convictions
 - 3) About social and religious holy days
 - b. The weakest people in the Born Again faith are _____. They're all babies.
 - 1) And they have to have signs, they have to have wonders, to believe anything. And they spend all their time talking about themselves. That's the characteristic of a baby.
 - 2) Now, you people who have children, don't you know how your kid acts? He says, "I'm hot." "I'm cold." "I'm thirsty." "I'm tired." "Open the window." "Shut the window." "Open the door." "I can't see." "I can't hear." "I'm tired." "When do we get up?" "When do we go to bed?" "It's cold." "It's too hot." "When we get out, do I have to take a—"
 - 3) See, it's just me, me, me—that's all that stuff is. And to charismatics, that's all it is. "I was there," and "I did this," and "I had this wonderful feeling," and "I believe that we let loose our faith, like the other day I did this," and "I felt this," and "I believe that you should have the anointing of the Holy Ghost, because I think that I feel that I have, and if I take my faith and turn it loose so I've released my faith, and I—"
 - 4) I, I, I, I, I!!!
 - 5) Now, what that is is a baby. That's a baby. And they're weak in the faith. You know why they talk so much about that faith? Because they don't have any! That's why.
 - c. When you get strong in the faith, and not weak in the faith, you don't have to spend all your time doing that just talking about how you feel and what your relationship is to the Lord, and the Lord's relationship with you. If you keep that stuff right, you don't have to be talking about it all the time!
 - d. There's nothing worse than somebody who just spends the whole time just talking about themselves. Some of this modern preaching is just 40 minutes of "what I did last Thursday in visitation." You know. "And if you're spiritual, you'll do it like I did it." That's a baby. That's a baby. There's more important things than that.
 - e. Little people talk about people. Bigger people talk about things. And the biggest people talk about God and what God has said. That's the difference.
3. Be Careful Judging _____
- a. "For one believeth that he may eat all things."
 - 1) It's a wonderful thing to be blessed with a good stomach, and with a hearty, unpicky appetite
 - 2) It is NOT wrong to be able to eat anything! 99% of this western world needs a good famine, or war to get them back to eating whatever is put in front of them!
 - 3) Poor diet is not poor spirituality
 - 4) It is a matter of faith to be able to eat things in front of you!
 - b. "Another, *who is weak*, eateth herbs."
 - 1) Here is the skinny vegetarian Christian who constantly worries about cancer, and headaches, etc
 - 2) Well, it's okay!
 - 3) But is that how you should be all your life? If it is, then that's fine with me!
4. Be Careful Judging _____
- a. This is a condemnation of our modern world – it, in all its liberal glory is the most judgmental, intolerant, bigoted, inflexible, narrow-minded way of thinking out there!

- b. Absolute damnation spews forth from every newspaper, and magazine, judging how people dress, where they live, what they do for a living, etc
- c. Comparing themselves among themselves
- d. Remember the Pharisee and the Publican in Luke 18:11?
- e. Remember the sinful woman who wiped Jesus' feet with her tears?
- f. People need to see others for what they do – as wrong, but do we see people for what they ARE?

5. Be Careful Judging _____

- a. Some Christians HAVE to have special days before they get excited about God
- b. That's babyish! But, that's how they may be right now
- c. I have to get along with them. I HAVE to!
- d. I have a tendency of making fun of superstitions, but I shouldn't, and I have to be careful – I could end up damning the conscience of someone! Seriously!

6. Principles

- a. Don't either of you (the stronger in faith, or the weaker in faith) despise either of yourselves!!!
- b. Don't _____ – Don't sit in judgment of people.
 - 1) It is a very easy habit to get into, setting yourself up higher than others.
 - 2) There is a time to judge people's actions as sinful, but differences have to be allowed for because of different levels of maturity
 - 3) Superstitions are wrong, but can be used to preach the Gospel as Paul did in Acts 16
 - 4) Other religions are wrong, and need to be pointed out, but you need to be careful to instruct (2Tim 2:24-26) instead of just condemn
- c. Be _____ – STUDY the thing out further – maybe you are wrong, and you will only become the better for it when you study it out from another perspective! Some people may be afraid to study it out in case they ARE wrong!
 - 1) Some think Saturday is still the day to worship
 - 2) Some think having a TV at all is wrong
- d. Do everything you do and don't do *for the Lord* – to please Him! Are you seeking to please God or puff yourself up? Does you “stand” make YOU feel better, or does it just bring glory to Christ?
- e. Give thanks – never gripe about anything! When you are complaining, you are judging God!
- f. “_____” to the Lord (14:8) – that's who matters most of all! Just spend your time getting closer and closer to Him in heart and actions!
- g. Jesus died for absolutely all kinds of sinners, who have all kinds of confusion, and are at all levels of spirituality, so have some grace with all of them!

B. **The _____ is what we have to worry about (14:10-12)**

- 1. All believers will stand before Jesus OUR Judge (Cf 14:4)
 - a. Only believers will be there
 - b. All believers since Calvary
- 2. All of us will have to answer to Jesus / God – note the deity issue settled forever!
- 3. Especially those who know better, and yet never cared about others and their perceptions and confusions
 - a. To answer to Him means that you will first have to explain your actions as a Christian
 - b. Then, you will have to lose or gain rewards based upon those actions
 - c. Most of us will lose rewards
 - d. Rewards include
 - 1) _____ – the highest rewards
 - 2) _____ of authority in the Millennium (Luke 19:17)
 - 3) _____ – high praise by the Lord Jesus Himself

4) _____ – things that will be special in heaven (Mt 6:20)

4. This will take place during the time of the Tribulation, and it will occur before the Marriage supper of the Lamb

C. Make _____ Among Yourselves (Rom 14:13-21)

1. Condemn the damning of others, not others themselves
 - a. Mature Christians know better about meats, and idols, etc
 - b. But we need to worry about grieving/upsetting weaker brethren
 - c. Your rightness can destroy – can be used by the devil to devour a believer
2. Allow weaker believers to serve with you (14:18). Leadership needs helpers, and imperfect people need to be able to grow under mature mentors (as _____ did under Barnabas)
3. Build up each other constantly
 - a. If you are Mature – teach them patiently (2Tim 2:24-26)
 - b. If you are weak, confused – allow yourself to be wrong, and grow
4. See the contrast... for stupid _____, do not destroy the eternal work of God in people's lives!
 - a. What you do, and what you don't do could really be evil to some people
 - b. Personal denial is the key – not personal rights
5. This has nothing to do with compromising clear Bible Doctrine – only with getting along, and respecting people, especially other believers, even when they are different!
 - a. God is not saying throw away doctrine
 - b. The BEST thing is for people to debate and refine doctrine, and prove truth
 - c. The issue is how far are you going to go with something so that it is just YOU and God who are right, and the rest of the world is wrong!!!
 - d. Almost all religious activities remove doctrine because it is “so divisive” – and IT IS!

D. Live by _____ instead of Condemnation (Rom 14:22,23)

1. Faith is _____
 - a. Some people THINK they see a certain truth in a Scripture, so they live that way
 - b. That's living by faith!
 - c. It doesn't mean you are always right, but that you are trying to live by faith!
 - d. You have to have your faith coming from what the Bible says to be the right kind of faith – all other faith is just blind guesses, in religious garb!
2. Allow some things:
 - a. Allow yourself to do things that are not forbidden in the Bible, even though you may have been brought up to think it was wrong
 - 1) Eating meat on Fridays, etc
 - 2) Submitting to your husband, and honouring him
 - 3) Listening to your wife, and admitting she is right, when she is
 - 4) Love people that hurt you, and bless them
 - b. Allow others to do things that you might not allow yourself to do
 - 1) Chalk it up to immaturity
 - 2) Take it as a chance to rethink your convictions
3. Get rid of _____ – that is the focus! Get busy studying out what you are confused about, or where you have doubts, and become fully persuaded about what is right and wrong
4. Just live in obedience to God – that is living by faith!

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IV. Lesson – Practical Christian Living

A. **The Duty of the Strong** (15:1-3)

1. Not survival of the Fittest
2. Carry the weak – cater to them (1Cor 12:22-26)
3. Live beyond selfish wants
4. Please others for their good – to help them mature
5. Key word is "edification" – building each other up!

B. **The Purpose of the Scriptures** (15:4)

1. For our learning, and for our admonition (1Cor 10:11)
 - a. The Old Testament was a written record of God's dealing with mankind – it was written for all people to learn from
 - 1) The Old testament was NOT all warfare and aggressive
 - 2) But very practical, and comforting. The Old Testament is written to comfort a Christian.
 - 3) Primarily "manly" in its emphasis – for MEN to learn from!
 - b. The New Testament was written about the Messiah, and how to follow Him
2. That we be like-minded! The whole Bible unifies us – it does NOT divide us! The only way it divides is if someone is unyielding!

C. **The Desire of Our Master** – that we would loved each other (15:5-12)

1. Jewish believers easily accepted other Jews getting saved
2. Jewish believers found it hard to accept Gentiles into their churches
3. All of this was prophesied
4. Notice the way translation principles work with the way that the Apostle Paul translated each Hebrew Scripture into Greek, and then how it is translated for us into English...

 - a. Psa 18:49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.
 - b. Rom 15:9 For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

 - c. Deu 32:43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people:
 - d. Rom 15:10 Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

 - e. Psa 117:1 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
 - f. Rom 15:11 Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

 - g. Isa 11:10 ...there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek
 - h. Rom 15:12 There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

5. Some General Principles the Lord teaches about translation...
 - a. Word for word exact translation is not to be as stringent as we think – there are those that only want mechanical translations
 - b. Names, places, numbers are exact, but sometimes, there are “variations” on the meaning of a word that allows the reader to see more depth to what is being said than just bare-bones dictionary meaning – we call it, using synonyms to help expand the meaning.
 - c. Look at how “seek” means “trust”, and “laud” means “praise” etc.

D. **The Example of Paul** (15:13-32)... Towards the Roman Christians

1. He Prays for them
2. He Praises them
3. He Preaches to them (15:15) – that what Romans has been – a very long message!
4. He exalts them - The Gentiles getting saved are a great gift to God (15:16-18)
 - a. They are the Prodigal Son of Luke 15, coming home
 - b. The lost coin and the lost sheep that has been searched for
 - c. They are an awesome reason to be excited about serving the Lord!
 - d. It was not an accident that they were now born again!
 - e. Paul did not boast in anything that was by his own efforts
5. He included them - Paul witnessed to absolutely everyone, from Jerusalem and to the uttermost parts (15:19)
 - a. Preached the Gospel
 - b. Paul just strove to fulfil the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19,20
 - c. Once the Gospel was accepted, he then taught through the whole counsel o God
6. He loved them - Paul LOVED the Roman Christians (15:22-32)
 - a. He was demonically hindered from coming to Rome – lots of things hinder us... so what?
 - b. Paul was planning on first travelling through Spain after he first visited Jerusalem one more time (to try and turn them to God once again)
 - c. Paul had gifts for the saints in Jerusalem – because of the persecution going on there
7. Paul asks for prayer for himself (15:30-32)

E. **The First Attempt at Closing** (15:33). Paul makes several attempts at closing this epistle, but keeps thinking of more things to say

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IV. Lesson

A. **Christian Commendation** (16:1,2)

1. I commend unto you Phebe - a recommendation

a. Our sister

b. A servant of the church which is at Cenchrea

1) The new bibles have "deaconess," because the word here is diakanon. But the word here diakanon is a neuter word; it's not feminine. Therefore, you can't translate it "deaconess." It has to be "servant." So the King James has it translated right, and the rest of them have it translated wrong.

2) The Roman Catholic bibles have her as a feminine deacon. And, of course, they do that because they have nuns. They've always believed in ordaining women for church service. And so they like the reading "deaconess." And the Amplified has "deaconess."

3) And this gets women in as ordained ministers in the church. Now, the requirement for deacons is found in 1 Timothy chapter 3. And there's no requirement given for a deaconess. So if a woman is a deaconess, the first requirement is that she be "the husband of one wife"!

4) A deacon is an ordained office. Every ordained office in the New Testament church is for a male. The elders are male. The apostles are male. The deacons are male. And the bishops are

male. And those are the only four ordained officers in the local church. Those things are elders, of whom the ordained presiding elder is called a bishop; and the deacons are ordained; and, of course, the apostles themselves are called out by Christ. But they're all male. Christ doesn't call out any female apostles. There are no female bishops. There are no female elders. Therefore, why should there be any female deacons? The answer is, there isn't!

- c. Receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints
 - d. Assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you
 - e. For she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also
2. Phebe was delivering this letter to the Christians around Rome, and needed to be accepted as sent from Paul
 3. Paul opted to use unusual people in his ministry, like Phebe here

B. **Christians Salutations** (16:3-16)

1. Greet Priscilla and Aquilla
 - a. Paul's faithful helpers in Christ Jesus
 - b. They risked their own lives for Paul
 - c. And risked their lives for the cause of the growth of Gentile churches
2. Likewise greet the church that is in their house
 - a. Now, that should fix that definition of a church once and for all. "Greet the church that is in their house." The church is a bunch of people; and that bunch there is meeting in a house. And that can either be their household--the saved people in their house--but more likely an assembly that meets there.
 - b. When you first start out in the ministry, you'll probably have to start holding your meetings in houses.
3. Salute well-beloved Epaenetus - the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.
4. Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.
 - a. There's Mary Magdalene; there's Mary of Cleopas; there's Mary the mother of Jesus
 - b. Here's another one. It was a common name.
5. Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.
6. Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.
7. Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ
8. Stachys my beloved.
9. Salute Apelles approved in Christ.
10. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household.
11. Salute Herodion my kinsman.
12. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.
13. Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord.
14. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.
15. Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord,
16. Salute Rufus' mother and mine.
17. Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them.
18. Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.

C. **How to send Paul's love...** Salute one another with an holy kiss.

D. **The churches of Christ salute you.**

1. There is a denomination called "the Church of Christ" – cult of baptizing for salvation nuts
2. Churches, plural – all churches are plural! Not one denomination, just one Saviour!
3. Yet all cults try and just have ONE church
 - a. The Roman Catholic Church
 - b. The Presbyterian Church

- c. The Church of England
 - d. The Church of Ireland
4. Now, there are some fairly good groups out there
- a. Baptist Churches
 - b. Assemblies of God – Pentecostal
 - c. The Brethren
5. Black churches are great for names
- a. "The One True Church of the Holy Apostolic Wildfire Pentecostal Apostolic Baptist Faith in Oneness."
 - b. "The Blood of Jesus Baptist Church"

E. Final Warnings (16:17-19)

1. Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.
- a. They serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly (Eccl 6:7) – includes income!
 - b. By good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.
 - 1) Good words; not slang. Not bad words. Good words. "And fair speeches." Not hard speeches. "Fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."
 - 2) Now, I know the Bible tells us to use "sound speech which cannot be condemned," but many of the brethren these days think "sound speech which cannot be condemned" means "good words and fair speeches," and that "sound speech which cannot be condemned" never attacks, never criticizes, and never judges.
 - 3) WRONG (2Cor 11:5)
 - 4) The devil is subtle. And when he beguiles people and seduces people, it's never with anything bad! You don't have to worry about "rabble-rousing" kind of stuff; it's the smooth, slick stuff. When Judas betrayed Jesus Christ, did he do it with a slap in the face? Of course not. He did it with a kiss. When the devil came to Eve, the first word he said was, "Yes." "Yea."
 - c. This includes saved AND unsaved false teachers!
 - d. The doctrine which they have learned is Romans. Romans 1-15. That's the doctrine they've learned. Now mark anybody who is causing division and offences contrary to the doctrine.
2. Be wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

F. A Promise - the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

1. Then the devil hadn't been bruised yet.
2. Now that bruise is Genesis 3:15. And the first time that thing shows up is Genesis 3:15: "It shall bruise thy head; and thou shalt bruise his heel". And the common teaching in all the commentaries is, that when Christ died on the cross, that He bruised the serpent's head. And how they can say that in view of Romans 16:20 is just past finding out. Because in Romans 16:20, when Paul wrote that, the thing was yet future, and he wrote that thing at the end of the Book of Acts! So when Christ died on the cross, He did not bruise the serpent's head; didn't bruise his head at all. And that's a pure case of making something figurative.
3. Now that isn't all. When he says, "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly," that implies your foot's down, and although your foot may not step on the devil's head, when the Lord steps on the devil's head, it'll be under your feet. That is, you'll be over the top of him.
4. All right, now let's see how much light the Bible throws on the commentaries.
 - a. Psalm 68; this is the doctrine of the bruised head, found only in the original King James English. If you have the original manuscripts, you can't find it. Psalm 68, verse 18; now notice there's no doubt about the context. Psalm 68:18; who's that a reference to? See 68:18? That's right out of Ephesians 4; it's a reference to Christ. All right, verse 20 on the Second Advent; Psalm 68:20: "He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death. But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses." Talking about wounding the head and the scalp. Now, from time immemorial, that thing

- has been "headhunters," or "shrunken heads," or "scalping the enemy when you get him." All that stuff is King James 1611.
- b. Psalm 68, verse 23: "That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies." All right, then, when you come back, that's his Second Advent there, your foot goes through somebody's blood--so they're obviously crushed under your feet.
 - c. Psalm 110, verse 5; notice again in the context every time it's the Second Advent. Psalm 110, verse 5; the context every time is the Second Advent. Psalm 110, verse 5: "The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings..." ten of them "...in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries."
 - d. Habakkuk chapter 3. Habakkuk chapter 3. Heads--plural--the devil has seven of them. Habakkuk chapter 3; notice every time the context is the Second Advent; the context is never the crucifixion--not one time. Habakkuk 3, verse 3, Second Advent; Habakkuk 3, verses 4 and 4, Second Advent; Habakkuk 3:8, Second Advent; Habakkuk 3:11, Second Advent; Habakkuk 3:13: "Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed." That's Meshiah--that's Messiah. "Thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah."
5. All right, when the Lord comes back, He lands on the Antichrist. When He lands on the Antichrist, He lands on the top of his head and mashes it--physically. And the types of that in the Bible are Abimelech; and Abimelech has a millstone slung off the top of a tower and hits him in the head. A type of that in the Bible is Sisera; and Sisera goes in a woman's tent, and the woman takes a tent peg and slams it through his head. And Goliath in the Bible is a type of that; and Goliath gets a rock in the head. And all those things, where that enemy of God dies by a head wound, is a picture of the death of the Antichrist.
 6. All right, back to Romans chapter 16. That's future; it hasn't happened yet. Now you might say that the devil made a wound in Christ's head at Calvary; you might say that. But you can't say the Lord wounded his head, because when He comes back He lands on his head.

G. **Another attempt at closing**... "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." (16:20)

H. **Praise for his fellow-workmen** (16:21-23)

1. Timothy, Luke, Jason, Sosipater
2. The secretary identifies himself (16:22) "I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord."
3. The host of Paul sends greeting to the whole body of believers in Rome – Gaius
4. Erastus the chamberlain of the city
5. Quartus

I. **Another attempt at closing** (16:24)

J. **Final Closing** (16:25-27)

1. All glory to "HIM" – shouldn't we live for THAT!?
2. We are stabilised by two things
 - a. Paul's gospel, not Rome's gospel, or Peter's gospel, etc. Note the phrase "my gospel" (Rom 2:16; 2Tim 2:8)
 - b. The preaching of Jesus Christ, and about Jesus Christ
 - 1) Hidden in the past
 - 2) Now made abundantly clear by the scriptures
 - 3) Made known to all nations to get them to obey by faith
3. To the only wise God that there is, let glory be given... ONLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
 - a. Out go all other religions... PERIOD!
 - b. God will be glorified for all eternity through Jesus

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