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PREFACE

God the Holy Spirit gave us some very important New Testament doctrinal truths in the Book of Romans, as one of the early writings. It gave us important Christian truths based upon the grace of God. The apostle Paul was chosen by the Holy Spirit to impart these truths to us, being well indoctrinated in the laws and ordinances of the Old Testament. He was well taught to impart the Gospel of God to us in the most logical style. God the Holy Spirit used the Apostle Paul in a mighty way, being a man born free and indoctrinated into Judaism. Paul had a tremendous jealousy for his own people and loved them with a Divine love from the Holy Spirit. *"Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. Of the Jews 5 times received I forty stripes, save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."* (2 Corinthians 11: 22-27) If Paul wanted to glory in his suffering for the cause of Christ, he could have boasted, for he had gone through many trials for the cause of Christ. None of these things hindered him from proclaiming the grace of God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul could say, *"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For in it is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith."* (Romans 1: 16-17) As you study the Epistle of Romans you will discover this principle of faith. Therefore, let us lay aside our self righteousness and discover the righteousness of God that is available to "Whosoever will".

This Epistle of Romans declares us all under the penalty of sin, regardless of one's religious rights. Apart from God's provision in Christ, there are none justified before Him. This revelation by the Holy Spirit is the most essential studies for those desiring to understand the grace of God. Therefore, His means of justification, brings the results of His gift of glorification. It gives us a clear picture of the new life in Christ Jesus and the means of knowing the perfect will of God for our Christian walk. *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and perfect will of God."* (Romans 12: 1-2)

This study in the Book of Romans is brief and to the point for a quick study as to the necessity of the Gospel of God for all. Sin was imputed to the whole race of mankind and caused all to be totally depraved, and without excuse before God. We are reminded, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"* (Romans 3: 23) In this short study, we desire to emphasize that God's great plan of redemption is based upon the principles of God's mercy and peace by grace alone. God has dealt with sin in this present creation so that sin will never again be a barrier in the things to come. God did not by pass His eternal laws but fulfilled them by paying the price for those who would believe. *"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."* (Romans 3: 24-26) Although we are sinners by nature and have fallen short of the glory of God by choice, God in His marvelous love has given us the way of salvation and redemption, if we will place our faith in His Eternal Son, who paid the debt in full. This does not give us a license to sin but rather a life to be lived for Him! As you study the Book of Romans be aware of the marvelous grace of God upon all flesh. God is not a respecter of persons, but rather a respecter of His provisions. The righteousness of the Triune God is set forth in the Book of Romans for our admonition and acceptance.

Paul, being led by the Holy Spirit dealt with the individual churches as part and parcel of the body of Christ being an organism rather than an organization. The Old Testament laws of God were not ignored, but rather dealt with the purpose of the law for all ages. The building up of the church in the most holy faith was left as an after math for the disciples. It is of great interest to realize that Christ mentioned the future church upon two occasions only. (Matthew 16: 13-18); (Matthew 18: 15-17) The Holy Spirit did not emphasize the church until after the day of Pentecost. The out pouring of the Holy Spirit, forming the body of Christ began on the day of Pentecost, and the teaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom was postponed, as the Gospel of Christ was proclaimed.

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FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure and honor to introduce to you two precious saints of God whom I have known for more than 60 years. They have had a part in my mission life from the very beginning. I have asked them to give a joint foreword to this very important Biblical textbook. If anyone has followed this mission development, they have. I proudly present to you Raymen and Ruth Johnston of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

When we first knew Andrew J. Losier it was in the late 1930's. The great depression was easing, but hard times still lingered. Andy was a young fellow in his 20's, fresh out of college, and dirt poor! The "dirt" not only described his pocketbook, but showed on his hands. Tho' he'd been a city boy, he was now in a farming community, raising potatoes to sell as part of his effort in getting funds for his first trip to Africa as a missionary. Those were trying, desperately discouraging days; but the fire in Andy's soul not only kept him joyfully digging and marketing potatoes, but inspired others with a missionary spirit. He knew that the Lord had called him to go to Africa and he wasn't sitting back, wringing his hands, waiting for something to happen. With the Lord's help, he was making things happen!

Whether it was in Kenya, or South Africa or Georgia, USA, in the near - 60 years since that potato harvest Andy's fire has continued to burn brightly, fueled by the conviction that God's call to spread and distribute His Word is the most important task in the world.

We marvel at the stories of William Carey, of Adoniram Judson, of Hudson Taylor and other pioneer missionaries. Times change and methods change; but, as we near the end of the 20th century, there are still men of dedication and zeal. Thank God for one of these, Andy Losier, and for his continuing ministry.

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CHAPTER ONE



Romans

INTRODUCTION

THE EPISTLE OF ROMANS

**WRITTEN BY PAUL THE APOSTLE,
and
INSPIRED BY GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

At the time of the writing of the Book of Romans, that great empire of the Roman Government had swept across this world of ours and it was very fitting that God the Holy Spirit kept the Apostle Paul as the servant of the Most High, reaching out to "The Regions Beyond". Most of the world was barbaric, and the Roman and the Greek Empires were powerful. Paul was used by the Holy Spirit to declare the Gospel of the grace of God, to the whole known world. Paul was well equipped with the Old Testament theology, relating it to the mystery age of grace. The shadow of things to come from the Old Testament were brought to reality through the cross of Calvary. The Holy Spirit used Paul to show the futility of all religions, and their need for the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Regardless of religious background, all mankind is under the bondage of sin and without excuse.

There is a very personal touch that Paul expresses in this Epistle as he is led by the Holy Spirit. We must always remember not to put the emphasis upon the various writers of the Scripture for we read, "*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*" (2 Timothy 3: 16-17) In this study, we will consider the various aspects of the Gospel and the utmost importance of Christ as our High Priest who has accomplished all for those who believe.

The Book of Romans gives us the foundational truths of Christianity, and the universality in it's scope, with the Gospel of grace provided by God. The Holy Spirit has directed Paul in these writings to include the past, present and future provisions by God to claim His righteousness through Christ Jesus our Savior. It presents the means of faith, of attaining this righteousness of God, and escaping the wrath of God to all who believe. Regardless of one's moral standards, according to the law, or without the law, all fall short of God's requirements, and justification can only be attained by the grace of God, through faith in Christ who removed the barrier of sin at Calvary's cross.

As Paul begins these writings, led by God the Holy Spirit he makes a mandatory statement that he is both a servant of the Godhead and that he qualifies to be an Apostle. God the Father called him, filled by God the Holy Spirit, and he became a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul also indicated the purpose of the Book of Romans, namely to encourage those saints in Rome, who were qualified, to take the Gospel

throughout the whole world. He also declared, *"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."* (Romans 1: 16) Paul was God's vessel to clearly declare the Gospel through the Holy Spirit so that it could be spread from Rome to "The Regions Beyond".

God the Holy Spirit used Paul with all of his knowledge of the Old Testament to declare before all mankind that the Gospel is based upon sound doctrine. God did not by pass any of His eternal principles in making a way of escape from the penalty of sin. Those who are believers are responsible to share this good news with those who are afar off from the Gospel of God. We must constantly remind ourselves, *"But they have not all obeyed the Gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord who hath believed our report? so then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."* (Romans 10: 16-17) We as God's servants are to be faithful to the Lord under the command of that great commission, regardless of how it is received. *"For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ in them that are saved and in them that perish: To the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many, which corrupt the Word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ."* (2 Corinthians 2: 15-17)

As we study this very important revelation of the Holy Spirit, may we be mindful of God's clear declaration of so great salvation! This Epistle to the Romans was in safe keeping, to be presented to the whole world that Jesus saves, keeps and satisfies. Paul was a prepared vessel of God chosen to let the whole world know, *"That the Just shall live by faith!"* We must also remember that the early Christians did not have the complete revelation from the Holy Spirit, but they had sufficient for the salvation of their souls. Every soul that takes the name of Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, has been commissioned by Christ to *"Go Tell"*. It was the very Eternal Son of God as He uttered that marvelous prayer in (John 17) who said, *"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."* (John 17: 15-18) There is one factor above all that we must be ready to deal with and that is; All mankind apart from becoming new creatures in Christ, are Totally Depraved. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3: 23)

May we always remember as we study all Scripture that the author is God the Holy Spirit, dictating to the various writers. It is true that the various writers are identified in the writings. In God's omniscience, each writer is carefully selected for particular revelations from God. The eternal plan of God uses these earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us. *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."* (2 Corinthians 4: 7) *"Oh, the depth of the riches both of wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements, and His ways past finding out. For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counselor? Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto Him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen."* (Romans 11: 33-36) May we carefully and prayerfully study these lessons, from God's Holy Word. The Gospel is portrayed in a unique way in the Book of Romans.

1. The Gospel of God made possible by Christ the Redeemer.
2. The Gospel concludes all guilty and without an excuse.
3. The Gospel is available to all.
4. The Gospel of God removes the middle wall of partition.
5. The Gospel is made possible by Christ the High Priest.
6. The Gospel has been made available by the grace of God.
7. The Gospel of God makes available the righteousness of God.

8. The Gospel of God is the remedy of guilt.
9. The Gospel of God brings justification by faith.

As we begin our brief study of the Book of Romans may I remind you that this good news from God is based upon sound doctrine. This is declared at the very beginning of Romans. *"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God, which He had promised afore by His prophets in the Holy Scriptures."* (Romans 1: 1-2) Then may I add that this Gospel of God is on a personal bases, for accepting and declaring. As an recipient of the Gospel, also comes a responsibility to share it with others. We have a message to share with the nations, to be extended to every tribe and nation throughout the world. Christ has so clearly stated. *"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."* (Romans 17: 15-18) So it is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of God to every human being upon the face of this world. *"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* (Matthew 28: 18-20) God has given us the truth to share with all for the truth from God's Word will make them free from the law of sin and death. As you study the Book of Romans, be aware of your responsibility of sharing the good news with others.

Let no one deceive you in any way, that God has abandon Israel. Those who attempt to do this need to study the unconditional covenant that God made with both Abraham and with David. (Genesis 15: 1-18); (Hebrews 6: 16-7); (1 Chronicles 17: 11-13); (2 Samuel 7: 16,24); (1 Kings 8: 23); (1 Kings 9: 5.) Israel had a title deed to the promised land, and David was promised never to lack a son to sit upon his throne. This is of great important to us of the mystery age. The church did not start in the wilderness, but rather on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2) This throws an absolutely different light upon the Rapture of the true church and "Jacob's Trouble." (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18); (Jeremiah 30: 7) I have dealt with this issue in previous writings. In (Romans 9-11), the Apostle Paul, writes concerning Israel . We will deal with those chapters later in this study.

CHAPTER TWO



Romans

THE GOSPEL AND PAUL'S DESIRE TO PROCLAIM IT

(Romans 1: 1-17)

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I. CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO THE NEED OF THE GOSPEL. *(Romans 1:1-17)*

As you are a student of the Bible and become familiar with God's dealing with mankind there are a few principles that you discover. I wish to name the outstanding condition that the human race is entangled with as to God's grace in being necessary as well as important in God offering the gospel to this human race.

A. THE TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF NATURAL MAN.

Regardless of the religious background of total mankind, there is nothing or no one who is capable of removing the sin barrier from the human race. The Word reminds us, "*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*" (Romans 3: 23) The Word goes a step further and reminds us. "*There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*" (Romans 3: 10-11) This is certainly clear enough for us to understand that as the Word of God reminds us, "*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*" (Isaiah 64: 6) The best that we could do falls short of God's requirements, and that brings us to the conclusion that man is totally depraved apart from God.

B. THE NECESSITY OF THE GRACE OF GOD.

God's mercy and grace is necessary and only God Himself can make possible this grace manifested in our behalf. God in His perfect omniscience had provided so great salvation and redemption by a body like unto ours to be made for His Eternal Son before the foundation of the world. "*According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.*" (Ephesians 1: 4) We can also refer to (John 17: 24); and (1 Peter 1: 20.) Since we are totally depraved in our selves, we must accept the total righteousness alone as found in God himself.

C. THE NECESSITY OF JUSTIFICATION ONLY BY FAITH.

Justification before the Godhead can only be attained by simple faith in the complete and final provision by God, and we must accept this by faith. May we consider a few examples from the Old Testament.

1. *"Enoch walked with God and he was not; for God took him."*
(Genesis 5: 24)
2. *"Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."* (Genesis 6: 8)
3. Abraham. *"And he believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness."* (Genesis 15: 6)
4. Daniel's faith and deliverance from the lion's den. (Daniel 6: 10-24)
5. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego kept by faith even in the fiery furnace. (Daniel 3: 8-30)

D. ALL HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

We have dealt with this issue as to the reason why the grace of God was necessary to make possible the gospel to be presented. May I strongly advise you that salvation cannot be earned in any way, but it must be a gift from God, based upon the provisions by God. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God: Not of works, lest any may should boast."* (Ephesians 2: 8-9) May we always be reminded that religion tries to earn their way to God with their self effort and self righteousness. Our human effort will always fail! However, under the power of God the Holy Spirit, we can produced fruit of our labors, not toward salvation but rather in appreciation of God's finished work. It is our way of appreciation to God for what He has accomplished in our behalf.

E. THE JUST CHARACTER OF GOD DEMANDS PERFECTION.

God's characteristics are absolutely perfect and undefiled in any way. God cannot tolerate anything but the absolute. God's perfect righteousness is demanded on an equal with His righteousness, and the only one who could provide this, is the Almighty God. *"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."* (John 3: 17)

F. ONLY GOD HIMSELF CAN PROVIDE THE SOLUTION NECESSARY.

God's standards are absolute Divine and perfect and are required by the Triune God. Therefore God Himself had to remove the barrier of sin and provide the Divine righteousness within, whosoever believeth. *"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."* (Galatians 4: 4-5)

II. THE GOSPEL OR GOOD NEWS FROM GOD

A. THE GOOD NEWS FROM GOD IS BASED UPON SOUND DOCTRINE. (Romans 1: 1-8)

The gospel is good news and is not merely a hear say, but established by the Word of God. That is why it is necessary to be a student of the Bible, in order to understand

God's principles for a Christian life. This requires devotion to God through the study of God's Word. *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2: 15)*

B. SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH ALL, WITH DIVINE AUTHORITY

Since God is the author of all wisdom and knowledge, it is of the gravest importance that we practice sound doctrine according to God's Word. All of the writers of the Bible were chosen vessels and inspired by God the Holy Spirit. Paul did not write these Epistles, just for the sake of showing his wisdom and training, but rather to exalt Almighty God. I wish to emphasize the following statements for your admonition, to help establish you in the most holy faith through our Lord Jesus Christ. God never uses a novice nor one who is lazy, but always uses those who will fervently seek His perfect will. Paul is a spiritual example for us, if we are desiring to serve the Lord with all of our heart and soul.

1. Paul presented his credentials as an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Paul reminds us of the promise of God from the Old Testament Scriptures.
3. Paul declares The Lord Jesus Christ as the Eternal Son of God.
4. Paul recognizes the faith of the New Testament saints.
5. Paul willingly gave up his high position in Judaism for the preaching of the Gospel.

C. SHARING THE GOSPEL IS A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY (Romans 1: 9-17)

1. Paul declares this responsibility, as being a debtor to all mankind, so that they may have the privilege of receiving the gift of the righteousness of God.
2. Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it was given with Divine power.

III. PAUL'S RESPONSE TO THE CALLING OF THE GOSPEL

The Old Testament presents the absolute righteousness of God which is required by God for access into the presence of God. Paul was chosen by God to declare the Gospel of God which God promised through the prophets. *"Which He had promised before by His prophets in the Holy Scriptures." (Romans 1: 2)* God had promised that in the latter days there would be an out pouring of God the Holy Spirit upon all flesh. *"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." (Joel 2: 28)* This coupled with what the prophet Habakkuk prophesied, *"But the just shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2: 4b)* Then we have a mention of the seed through which the Messiah would come. *"Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh." (Romans 1: 3)* The importance of this provision has absolute assurance in the following statement. *"And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." (Romans 1: 4)* The grace of God was necessary to be applied to the believer, based upon the finished work of the Eternal Son of God. Paul was anxious to confirm this truth to those at Rome, which was the depot from which the Gospel would be spread throughout the whole world.

A. PAUL'S REASONS FOR WANTING TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL TO ROME.

There were many reasons why Paul wanted to go to Rome, for being called of God, and led by the Holy Spirit Paul's whole life style was changed to the glory of God. He was a man used by God to take the message of the cross to the Gentiles throughout the whole world. Note what he said about his past achievements. *"Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:"* (Philippians 3: 4-9) God had complete access in the life of Paul, who was dedicated to do the will of God, regardless of circumstances. Here are some of the reasons why Paul was led to go to Rome with the Gospel.

1. Led of the Spirit to go to Rome. (Acts 19: 21)
2. Anxious to fellowship with the saints in Rome. (Romans 1: 8-11)
3. To establish them in the most holy faith. (Romans 1: 11)
4. Christ appeared unto Paul to go to Rome as His witness. (Acts 23: 11)
5. Paul desired their fellowship and comfort. (Romans 1: 12)
6. God used Paul to carry the Gospel among the Gentiles. (Acts 16: 9-12)

There was a great need for the scattering of the apostles so that assemblies could be established throughout the world. Christ predicted that Jerusalem would be destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. (Matthew 24: 2) We may also add that as Christ bore His cross on the way to Golgotha, He paused a moment where the women were weeping for Him. *"But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children".* (Luke 23: 28) And during Christ's earthly ministry He cried out. *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."* (Matthew 23: 37-38) Therefore it was necessary for the Gospel to be established in "The Regions Beyond". God had to scatter the Disciples so that the Gospel would go forth to the whole world. The Holy Spirit used a brilliant man of God, Paul, to establish the New Testament doctrine. Peter was used to reach the dispersed Jewish Christians and John was used in a tremendous capacity to establish the things to come.

Now may we examine how Paul was led to reach the Gentiles, in spite of his great love for his own people. His call to the Gentiles was definite and complete, so that the message of the cross would reach into Europe and around the world.

B. PAUL'S CALL TO THE GENTILES.

Paul's first concern was to his own people and he even went so far as to proclaim, *"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen*

according to the flesh." (Romans 9: 3) This is quite a statement of love for his own kinsmen in the flesh. But the Holy Spirit was calling Paul to reach the Gentiles with the Gospel. *"I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise."* (Romans 1: 14) You also will recall how Paul was led of the Holy Spirit to reach out to those Barbarians in Europe. *"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and he prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them."* (Acts 16: 9-10) This was the turning point in Paul's ministry, with a great zeal for reaching the Gentiles. God had also prepared a certain woman by the name of Lydia who was prepared by God for the Gospel message. She was influential in her community, hearing the Gospel, she opened up her heart to the Lord. She was the first convert in Europe, bringing opposition from the devils crowd, BUT GOD brought glory to His name as the Word was published among many people. God's ways are past finding out, and that is why we must constantly depend upon God the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. Paul listened to the Macedonian cry, which was revealed unto him through God the Holy Spirit.

C. THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS

This is a brief introduction to the Book of Romans, giving us a glimpse into the mighty power of God, regardless of circumstances. The Lord revealed the wonder working power of the Gospel through Paul, who gave up all his priestly potentiality to humbly serve the Lord as a servant. The Lord was real to Paul, meeting him on the road to Damascus as the resurrected one. God commissioned Paul to a tremendous task of witnessing before the Sanhedrin. *"And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome."* (Acts 23: 11) Paul was used by the Holy Spirit to witness in Rome under difficult circumstances, but he was of great encouragement to these young believers. (Romans 1: 8-9) He anticipated being with them to share many of the deep things of God's word with them. Having met the Lord face to face on the way to Damascus, he recognized the power of the Gospel and the scope of the Gospel in such a meaningful way.

Perhaps one of the outstanding discoveries that was revealed to Paul was the righteousness of God that could be shared with us by grace, through the finished work of Christ on Calvary. He was well taught in Old Testament temple worship that the animal sacrifices merely covered their sins. Now he was aware of the supreme sacrifice of the very God himself, removing the sin barrier and providing His righteousness apart from works. This was the mystery of the age of grace manifested in and through the ultimate sacrifice of Christ upon the cross.

Perhaps we could say that the Book of Romans was very essential to reach believers of all ages as well as under all circumstances. Paul had opposition and often forsaken because of his stand on grace principles. Paul's arriving in Rome was as a prisoner of the Roman Emperor with freedom given him to reach the Roman believers, under a changing guard. This was God's way of spreading the Gospel from the man on the street to the royal palace. In concluding the reason for the writing of the Book of Romans may we list a few outstanding reasons.

1. That the Gospel spread throughout the whole world. (Romans 1: 8)
2. The authoritative position of Paul clarified and established. (Romans 1: 1)
3. To remind the believers in Rome that they too are to be the Lord's witnesses. (Romans 1: 6-7)
4. Christian fellowship and assembling together is very necessary in the Christian walk. (Romans 1: 10-13)

5. Inspired to be written by God the Holy Spirit. (*2 Timothy 3: 16*)
6. For Paul to share spiritual gifts with the church of all ages. (*Romans 1: 11*)
7. To declare the love of God toward those who believe as well as the wrath of God against those who do not accept what God has provided for the salvation of their souls. (*Romans 1: 18*)

D. THE RELEVANCE OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS TO OUR LIVES NOW.

As we begin the study of the Book of Romans, we are reminded that God is dealing, in these last days, with individuals rather than with nations. However we will be reminded as we study this marvelous Book on the central truths of Christianity, that Governments do play an important part in the plan of God. *"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God."* (*Romans 13: 1*) This does not mean that God condones all that these nations legislate, but rather that God is sovereign over all. God's witnesses have been found within many of these governments as well as separate from governmental power. We find ourselves as Christians under a variety of circumstances, but are always under the authority of sound doctrine as found in the Bible. Our beliefs should remain steadfast and consistent according to God's Word. God has revealed Himself to us through the Bible and His rules and regulations never change.

As Paul reminds us through God the Holy Spirit that we are servants of God, to do His perfect will in our lives. We have been called and commissioned to send forth the glorious Gospel message throughout the whole world. Christianity is not a religion as the world observes, but rather a relationship with the Triune God, made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ. When that new birth takes place in your life by the Holy Spirit, you become blood brothers with those of like faith. The Eternal Son of God shed His blood on Calvary's cross to make this possible. We have inward evidence of this new relationship with the Godhead, by the new birth and indwelling of God the Holy Spirit. This declaration has been written within our hearts, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We must have the mark of the Holy Spirit upon our lives, being made new creatures in Christ Jesus. God is not interested in hypocritical lip service but rather in our new life manifesting heart service. God's judgements are just and absolute. *"Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father, who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out demons? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye workers of iniquity. Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who buildeth his house upon a rock."* (*Matthew 7: 20-24*)

These truths come directly from the Eternal Son of God and recorded in the Holy Scriptures by the Holy Spirit. Then we must also reckon with God the Father who said, as the transfiguration took place, *"While he thus spoke, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them; and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, hear Him."* (*Luke 9: 34-35*) We all must realize that God knows every thought and intention that we have and judges according to what we are, rather than what we say. The Lord admonishes us to pray one for another. *"That we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, who hath made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light; Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the*

kingdom of His dear Son; In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins;" (Colossians 1: 10-14)

These outward signs such as circumcision were given in the flesh as an outward sign of an inward faith. There was not to be any boasting of ourselves, for whatever God does in and through our lives is by His grace alone. This grace can only be activated in one's life with the redemption through the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. We become fruitful to God as we abide in Christ Jesus. *"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing."* (John 15: 4-5) There are no exceptions to God's rules and regulations. All power and authority has been given to the Eternal Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ and we all must give an account to Him, either at the judgement seat of Christ to be awarded for our faithfulness; or at the Great White Throne, where all the ungodly will be judged and cast into the lake of fire. We who have put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ have been made free from the law of sin and of the eternal living death. *"Wherefore, God has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who worketh in you both to will and do of His good pleasure."* (Philippians 2: 9-12)

It has been my pleasure and privilege to have written the Gospel in some 15 languages, with just Scripture verses from translations of the Bible in various languages.

Here is an example of my method:

I used the caption :

"COME NOW. LET US REASON TOGETHER. SAITH THE LORD." (Isaiah 1: 18)

Verses about: "All have sinned":

"Thou your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; thou they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1: 18) "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom 3: 23) "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one:" (Rom 3: 10) "

Verses about: "The penalty for sin is Death":

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord." (Rom 6: 23)

Verses about: "The penalty has been paid":

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3: 17) "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3: 18) "

Verses about: "Belief in Jesus Christ is the only way":

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3: 36) "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4: 12) "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16) "Sirs, what

must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16: 30b-31) "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom 5: 1) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but is passed from death unto life." (John 5: 24) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14: 6)

Verses about: "The Just live by faith":

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For in it is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." (Rom 1: 16-18) "God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;" (Hebrews 1: 1-2)

Verses about: "There will be no escape for those who reject Jesus Christ":

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him, God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with diverse miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will." (Hebrews 2: 3-4)

This Gospel tract was printed in several languages and was a great starting point in producing sound doctrine in the form of Biblical textbooks. Every Christian needs to be built up in the most holy faith, and that is our purpose in writing and printing these Biblical study books. It is of great importance that we get out Gospel tracts in all the languages in order to reach the lost with the Word of God. It is God's Word which is alive and powerful! The Scripture reminds us. *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10: 17)* There is no substitute for the Word of God, for it is final and based upon the supreme character of God.

As we have studied the introduction to the Book of Romans, and the Holy Spirit's purpose in this Book, let us studied the whole Book of Romans and assimilate God's Word into our very life. The emphasis of Romans is the sounding forth of the "Gospel of God" to the whole world. You and I are God's instruments to spread the good news among our own people first, and then we are to extend our testimony around the world. Time is running out and it is imperative that we fulfill that great commission. May we declare as did Paul, *"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (Romans 1: 16-17)* May we always remember that our faith is not some blind faith, but is based upon substance and evidence in God's Word, from Genesis to Revelation. *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11: 1)* If you are blind to the teachings of the Bible, it is because of the influence of Satan on your mind and soul. With God's help, break loose from Satan's power and follow the leading of God the Holy Spirit who will guide you into the truths of the Bible. Begin by reading the Book of John, praying, as you read, that God will open your eyes and show you His truth.

There is no way that mankind can better themselves apart from the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit. This world of mankind is totally depraved apart from God and the Gospel of God is necessary to make the difference. *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us*

the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."
(2 Corinthians 5: 17-21) Nothing short of the righteousness of God is necessary for us to approach the presence of God. We must be completely clothed upon with Divine righteousness if we are to have fellowship with God. There is no way that we can merit such a covering, for it must be by the grace of God, based upon the removal of sin. This occurred on Calvary's cross, when the Eternal Son of God paid the debt of all our sins. I thank God for delivering us out from the slave market of sin. Let us constantly count our many blessings and see what God has done and keeps on doing for the saints of God.

QUESTIONS ON CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

1. What is the purpose that God the Holy Spirit had in giving us the Book of Romans. Scripture please.
2. Give several important truths contained in the Epistle to the Romans.
3. What is the clear theme of the Book of Romans?
4. Write an essay on *(Romans 1: 1-8)*.
5. How does God propagate His good news through His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ?
6. How does one obtain the righteousness of God?
7. Do you think that God is unfair in declaring all the people of every nation guilty? Even if they have never heard the Gospel? Please write briefly on this subject.
8. Why was Rome chosen as the base from where the Gospel would be extended to the whole world?
9. Give the differences between the writer of the Scripture and being inspired by the Holy Spirit.
10. How was Paul qualified to be called an Apostle?
11. Do you think that the Holy Spirit used chosen writers for particular revelations? Explain your answer.
12. Explain *(2 Corinthians 2: 15-17)*; in the light of the Epistle to the Romans.
13. Why are we left in this world as believers? *(John 17: 15-18)*
14. Name 4 ways that we are established in our faith as presented in the Epistle to the Romans.
15. Explain *(Romans 1: 9-17)*.
16. How does the Old Testament teachings establish us in the New Testament teachings?
17. Give the reasons why Paul wanted to go to Rome with the Gospel.
18. How does *(Romans 1: 12)* apply to us today?
19. Write an Essay on, "The Macedonia Call". *(Acts 16: 9-10)*
20. Name seven reasons why the Book of Romans is so important.
21. Write a Gospel tract with only Scripture verses in your own vernacular, or language.

CHAPTER THREE



Romans

ALL GUILTY BEFORE GOD REGARDLESS OF "STATUS QUO".

(Romans 1: 18 - Romans 3: 20)

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I. THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS. *(Romans 1: 18)*

God's wrath is revealed as a warning to all ungodliness, regardless of whether a person is religious or not. This warning is established in heaven as well as revealed in God's Word. God is long-suffering and patient with mankind because He does not wish that one should perish.

(2 Peter 3: 9) There have been ample provisions made for all, as Christ died for the sins of the whole world. *(John 1: 29); (John 3: 17)* When God's wrath is declared, it infers that sin is present, which amounts to ungodliness. One must study the characteristics of God to understand the ungodliness of the natural man. All ungodliness is sin and we read, *"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without the shedding of blood there is no remission."* *(Hebrews 9: 22)*

When Paul wrote about the wrath of God against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness, he did not have the complete New Testament, showing all the out pouring of the wrath of God. He fully understood the judgements recorded in the Old Testament. God gave much of this to John on the Isle of Patmos, as he was given the understanding and key to the Book of Daniel. Yes, there is an immediate wrath of God realized from time to time, but the final judgements against all ungodliness, whether by fallen angels or by depraved man, will have their final judgement in the lake of fire. This will be a living death in torment for eternity. That is why we as servants of the Lord are sent forth to proclaim the day of salvation, through the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As one reads about the apostasy in Paul's day, we are reminded of the natural man's behavior in the Old Testament times. Sodom and Gomorrah are examples of the depravity of man. Their sexual perversions were detested by God, and no doubt, they were saturated with diseases similar to "Aids", and perhaps that is why these cities had to be completely destroyed by fire. Down through the ages, regardless of the developments, man has been totally depraved apart from the Lord. We are facing generations of sodomites today and they are attempting to classify their sexual perversions as an acceptable way of life. They move constantly further from Gods ways to the point where "Everyone does what is right in his own eyes." This has been encouraged in our public schools, starting in the lower grades. We are now reaping the results of the sayings, "Do your own thing," and "If it feels good it must be right"!

What God the Holy Spirit revealed to Paul was that the ungodly mode of life will continue until the end of time as we know it, until God puts an end to it by casting it into the lake of fire. In God's wrath, they will be thoroughly dealt with in due time. The condemnation of God against all evil has already been established. *"He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."* (John 3: 18) *"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."* (John 3: 36) I need not go further afield to show the wrath of God than what will be poured out upon the ungodly during the great tribulation. God has and will continue to do all that is possible, not wishing that one soul should perish. God the Father has given His all, removing the barrier of sin. Since mankind has been given the freedom of choice, he also must suffer the consequence when making the wrong choice. *"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."* (Revelation 22: 11) There is no half way point or a neutral zone for anyone to take shelter. *"The just shall live by faith!"* All evil will experience the wrath of God, even death and hell. As far as God is concerned, the final judgement is as good as completed. *"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* (Revelation 20: 14-15) The Holy Spirit led Paul to warn against the wrath of God, for there will be no way of escape for the ungodly whether they be under the law or without the law. All have been condemned apart from the grace of God the Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ. We are reminded of that great statement from Joshua, *"choose you this day whom ye will serve.....but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* (Joshua 24: 15)

As we study this second great division of the Epistle to the Romans, all mankind is without excuse before God, regardless of where he was born in this world. As I spent some 43 years in Africa, teaching the Word of God, I have never found a heathen who did not believe in a Supreme God. I would ask them, "Then why don't you stop worshipping these idols and worship Him"? The answer was very simple, "Oh the Supreme God is too far away, and our immediate fear is with these lesser gods (demons) which trouble us very much". As I worked among the Masai in Kenya and the Warush of Tanzania, when there was much drought and very little milk from their cattle, the women, as they milked and did not have enough milk for their hungry children, would take their gourds of milk and as they would say "Swaki" (throw it up in the air as an offering to God) and say, "Ngai, Ngai, tapaloki ngok aye" (meaning - God, God, forgive me of my sins). This is certainly a pattern of their knowledge of God, but fear of the immediate demons and being cursed through their black magic and witch craft. That is why the Word of God declares that all mankind is without excuse.

II. ALL MANKIND IS WITHOUT EXCUSE BEFORE ALMIGHTY GOD. (Romans 1: 19-20)

God has clearly shown His mighty power and ownership of all through creation, whether in the visible or invisible realm. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork."* (Psalm 19: 1) Regardless of where you might go among the heathen, they are all aware of a supreme God somewhere. The reason that they worship idols is the fear of the ever present demons. You will never find atheists among the heathen, for they are not ignorant of a Creator behind their limited life. They are under Satan's control as they live a wicked life, which is their normal way of life. They even teach their children to steal without being caught. The stealing is not bad, but being caught stealing is very bad. Whatever the circumstances, they are all without excuse before Almighty God. The following statements apply in one way or another to all of mankind.

A. THEIR MODE OF LIFE IS "THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST".

Creation in itself is a witness against the heathen, who worship the creation rather than the Creator. The heathen are not merely those of the jungle, but may also be found

under civilized circumstances as well. Paul found this so among the Greeks in Athens. (*Acts 17: 22-23*) They were very superstitious and in constant fear, of not worship sufficient gods. They were so involved in customs under the blindness of Satan, that their superstition led to uncertainty. (*2 Corinthians 4: 3-4*) Their life was surrounded by mysticism and imagination, that causes the truth of God to be distorted. They were so involved with their immediate survival that a personal God is out of the question. They perhaps acknowledge that there is a Supreme God, but the world, the flesh and the devil became their immediate concern and fear. This is true of the heathen throughout the whole world. The Bible asks the question, "*Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing?*" (*Psalms 2: 1*)

B. HEATHEN ARE CONCERNED WITH SELF INTEREST.

Since the natural man is so involved with looking after himself, with human desires, they ignore the true and living God. They become so intent in self care that they have no time to thank God, or give Him a place in their lives. Their interest in the visible presence is so intense that they fail to see the eternal future. "*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.*" (*Romans 1: 21-23*)

C. CIVILIZED OR HEATHEN, MAN BECOMES SEPARATED FROM GOD.

These godless heathen become a tool under the power of Satan and desecrate their bodies, created by God. They misuse their bodies as a rejection of God, and being brain washed by Satan, their mentality becomes corrupt in every aspect. This corruption of both body and mind has continued through out the ages and we are directly faced with this same corruption in our present day. (*Romans 1: 24-32*) (*Leviticus 20: 13*) Capital punishment for such, is the punishment, under the law. Our youth of today are deprived of the rightful place of the Bible and prayer in their life and are being taught "To do their own thing". Yes, "*There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*" (*Proverbs 14:12*). Christ declared Himself, saying, "*I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me*". (*John 14: 6*) May we always remember that our God is not a God of confusion, but rather a God of the absolute. Our God is just and holy and is perfect in all of His ways. In fact He is the only true God, and all others are counterfeits.

III. WORLD APOSTASY

A. APOSTASY EXISTED THEN AND IT EXISTS NOW (*Romans 1: 21-23*)

"*Because when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four - footed beasts, and creeping things.*" (*Romans 1: 21-23*) This is a terrible indictment against totally depraved mankind. Man's imaginations, in Paul's day, brought darkness and unbelief in these ways, and it does the same in our day :

1. The natural man knows of God but does not glorify Him.
2. The natural man is self centered and not thankful to God.

3. The natural man is vain in his imagination.
4. The natural man lives in darkness, blinded by Satan.
(2 Corinthians 4: 4)
5. The natural man's knowledge becomes foolish.
6. The natural man does not accept the incorruptible God's glory.
7. The natural man worships corruptible images which he makes.

B . THE RESULTS OF WORLD APOSTASY (Romans 1: 24-32)

When the natural man refuses the help from His Creator, then God removes His protection from them and they naturally choose to do their own thing. I have listed some of the results that follow in the ungodly lives. But before we study the results of apostasy, may I remind those that think the world is getting better and that there is good in mankind apart from God, that they are absolutely misled. Evolution with it's various version is completely a perversion. If anything God's creation has been degraded far below the monkey stage. All we need is to go back to one of the early writers, of the seventh generation from Adam. Here is what he had to say about mankind. *"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, To execute judgement upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."* (Jude 14-15) Then we have the Holy Spirit enlarge on this through Jude. *"These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage."* (Jude 16)

As we read (Romans 1: 24-32); and (Leviticus 20: 13); we realize how mankind misuses their bodies in their own lusts. This is part of the results when human beings reject God and refuse to comply with His provisions. God had made man in His own likeness and breathed upon him making him a living soul. *"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."* (Genesis 1: 27) *"And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."* (Genesis 2: 7) There was no evolving in the upward direction but rather mankind went in the downward direction and became corrupt and lived like animals. Man having a sinful nature and of his own free will chose to be ungodly. This brought forth the wrath of God upon the ungodly. *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."* (Romans 1: 18) Now let us see in some ways that the wrath of God was revealed from heaven against all ungodliness: (ROMANS 1: 21-32)

1. God gives them over to uncleanness.
2. Their bodies are dishonored among themselves.
3. They reject the truth and believe a lie.
4. They worship the creature rather than the Creator.
5. Their lives become unnatural and corrupt.

Apart from God, mankind becomes controlled by the evil forces with the results of becoming a slave to sin, rather than a servant of God.

IV. THE WORLD IS WITHOUT EXCUSE. (Romans 1: 19-29)

When mankind desires to make a name for themselves as they tried at the Tower of Babel, confusion is bound to come. Their judgements of each other are determined by their own code of ethics, whether good or bad. Each esteems himself better than the one he judges. *"Therefore, thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgement of God is according to truth against them who commit such things."* (Romans 2: 1-2) It's that old saying, "Do as I say, not as I do"! The natural man can only think in terms as a natural man, until he is willing to accept the judgements of God, which are true. Here we have summarized some of these important facts as gleaned from the Word of God. Yes, the whole world is found guilty before God and are without excuse whatsoever! *"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. Because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things."* (Romans 1: 19-23)

V. MAN HAS NO EXCUSE WHATSOEVER BEFORE GOD. (ROMANS 2: 1-6)

God's wrath against the ungodly is absolutely justified for we are reminded from the Word of God. *"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him. God also bearing them witness both with signs and wonders, and with diverse miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?"* (Hebrews 2: 3-4) One may argue, Well, what about those people who lived before the Lord came into this world? May I refer you to what the Holy Spirit has revealed concerning the past ages. *"God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets."* (Hebrews 1: 1) From the very beginning of the creation of mankind, God has manifested His grace toward man, without very little results. There were those of Israel who boasted in the law of God but broke the law in the way that they lived. *"Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonorest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision."* (Romans 2: 23-25) May we just list some of the results of their hypocritical lives.

1. Their judgements of each other bring judgement upon themselves.
2. They refuse to repent before God.
3. Their hearts become hardened resulting in the wrath of God upon them. God's judgement against the ungodly is justified.
4. The Jews who know the law and unable to keep the law are also without excuse. Their self righteousness caused them to refuse God's provision for them and consequently must suffer under God's wrath.
5. The Jews with outward signs but breakers of the law inwardly are without excuse before God.

6. God's wrath will be poured out upon all the ungodly as they stand before the Great White Throne. (*Revelation 20: 11-15*)

VI. ALL HUMAN BEINGS CURSED UNDER SIN (*Romans 3: 1-20*)

The Jews have claimed superiority over other races of people because of the unconditional covenant that God made with Abraham and with King David. As we study the Epistle of Romans we will discover that God has another way of classifying the Jews. The Jews relied upon the physical circumcision, but God looked for the circumcision of the heart. Therefore not all Jews were under the unconditional covenants, but only those who practiced their faith as did Abraham. The Jews were entrusted with the law of God and all of the ordinances, which did give them an advantage, but also gave them a greater responsibility. Certainly the Gentiles were unprofitable to God, being separated from being under the laws of God. However as God's Word states it, "*For as many as have sinned without the law shall perish without law; and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law. (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.*" (*Romans 2:12-13*) God's Word clearly states that we have come short of the glory of God and although human beings may keep some of the law, that falls short of God's requirements. That is why the Lord Himself had to come as the Incarnate One to fulfill the law in behalf of those who would believe. Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. May we again list some of these outstanding facts from God's Word. May they help you to evaluate what God requires:

1. The Jews have an advantage of being entrusted with God's law, but are unable to keep the whole law are condemned.
2. The Jews unbelief could not change the necessity of the faith in God.
3. All mankind becomes unprofitable to God apart from Christ.
4. Man's religion is insufficient for justification before God. (*Romans 2: 17-29*)
5. The Jews who know the law are condemned by the law. Example of the evil priesthood. Levi's sons, (*1 Samuel 2: 12-17*)
6. The proud of heart become boastful and self righteous.
7. Outward religion leads to self interpretation of the law.

God's judgements against all ungodliness is absolutely justified, for He has always offered an alternative deliverance, providing a justifiable salvation. However the self righteous do not feel it necessary to partake of God's provision and must suffer the consequences. Whether one is depending upon religion or self righteousness, they will all be judged at the Great White throne.

VII. MAN'S RELIGION IS INSUFFICIENT FOR JUSTIFICATION.

- A. The law has already condemned the religious Jews.
- B. Traditional religion is useless and becomes corrupt.
- C. The religious advantage of the Jew increased the responsibility to proclaim it to others. (*Romans 3: 1-8*)

This often led in the attempt to alter the law for self satisfaction which became fatal.

VIII. GOD'S FINAL VERDICT UPON ALL. **(ROMANS 3: 9-20)**

God's final verdict upon all whether religious, self righteous or ungodly, is the same. God proclaimed to all to be under the penalty of sin. Whether self righteous or unrighteous, they are condemned and have accomplished nothing but confusion. No human being was capable of God's required goodness. The laws of God condemned all to be under the bondage of sin, whether they had direct knowledge of the law or apart from the law. All have fallen short of the glory which God required. *"As it is written, There is none righteous, no not one; There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God."* (Romans 3: 10-11) God's absolute perfection is required for justification, and that can only be attained through God Himself. That is why we read, *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, But made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."* (Philippians 2: 5-8) The law of God which was established by God could not overlook sin and demanded the death penalty, God sent forth His Eternal Son to pay the price and providing so great salvation. *"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."* (Romans 8: 2-4)

We can only shout, "Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord"! This grace was greater than all of our sins, through the shed blood of Christ upon the cross. This has changed our condemnation into His glorification. We now stand before God the Father as fully justified, being clothed in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will continue to study this phase of our salvation in the preceding chapter. May each of us, lay aside any thoughts of self righteousness and humbly bow before the Lord Jesus Christ, with thankful hearts for so great a salvation. *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which He shed upon us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior."* (Titus 3: 5-6)

God is interested in sharing His eternal glory with His creation and will never be satisfied with imperfection. In God's omniscience, He was aware that there was a possibility of sin entering His creation, when he gave the freedom of choice. Having known that sin and ungodliness would express itself, provisions were made prior to His creation to offer a solution. That solution has been met in His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was willing to allow the sins of the whole world to be laid upon Him. All God's laws must be fulfilled, *"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood, and without the shedding of blood is no remission."* (Hebrews 9: 22) Therefore the Eternal Son of God paid the debt of sins for the whole world. *"Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world."* (John 1: 29b)

The Lord Jesus Christ, having paid the debt of sin, changed the whole situation to salvation. Now God is free to show His mercy by grace and welcome all who will believe, into the household of faith. It is no longer a "sin" question, but rather a "Son" acceptance. Yes, God has allowed sin to express itself through the freedom of choice, but since it did occur, God was able also to judge sin once and forever, at Calvary's cross. This has enabled God to separate the sum total of sin forever from His future new creation. Death and hell and the sum total of sin and the ungodly among men and angels will be cast into the Lake of Fire. *"And death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire."* (Revelation 20: 14-15) This will also include all of the fallen angels with the devil, and there will be no escape forever and ever. *"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."* (Revelation 20: 10)

The death of the Eternal Son of God and His resurrection had a far reaching effect as to the plan of God. A human body for the second Person of the Trinity was prepared before the foundation of the world for this very purpose of allowing sin to express itself, completely, and then to bring a final judgement against it. This was well planned by the Triune God long before their creation of heaven and earth. God has maintained a special interest in planet earth, for the very purpose of making it an altar upon which the sin question would be dealt with, once and forever. Lucifer, who became Satan, had his eye upon this earth for his domain, BUT GOD in His sovereignty will reclaim it. (*Revelation 10: 5-11*)

The Word of God certainly is very clear as to the worthlessness of mans attempt to work his way toward the righteousness of God. God has declared, "*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*" (*Isaiah 64: 6*)

That is why it was necessary for God to provide so great salvation, based entirely upon His provision. "Jesus paid it all and all to Him I owe, sin has left a crimson flow, but He washed it white as snow". What a joy and privilege we have, as we have placed our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Author and Finisher of our faith. Let us examine ourselves as to how we are living, whether we are well pleasing to the Lord or not. May God use these earthen vessels to glorify His name. May our lives be so dedicated to the Lord, as we live in the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, to do God's perfect will. We will one day as saints of God, stand before the Judgement seat of Christ and be judged according to our faithfulness to Him. Be faithful to the Lord, fellow Christian, and you will hear from the Lord himself, "*.....Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast bee faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*" (*Matthew 25: 21*)

QUESTIONS CHAPTER THREE

1. Does God consider individuals more important than nations? Give Scripture.
2. Write an essay on, "Servants of God or Slaves of Satan."
3. Write briefly on (*Matthew 7: 20-24*)
4. Explain God's wrath upon all ungodliness, in spite of being religious or ungodly.
5. Write an essay on, "World Apostasy"
6. Why are the heathen, who never heard the Gospel without excuse before God?
7. Why is it that the heathen believe that there is a supreme God, but worship idols?
8. Why is God just in declaring "All are under sin", regardless of circumstances?
9. How does man's imagination bring blindness and unbelief? (*Romans 1: 21-22*)
10. When the Bible is rejected by the leaders of the nations, what are the results?
11. Compare what is happening in the "World Today" with "The Tower of Babel".
12. Explain (*Hebrews 2: 3-4*); and (*Hebrews 1: 1*)
13. Explain briefly (*Romans 3: 1-20*)
14. Write an essay on the subject, "God's final Verdict upon all".
15. What is God's cure for the acceptance of all individuals under the curse of sin?
16. What is the important issue in the life of the Hebrew individual in his advantageous position?
17. What is the difference between outward religious signs and the inward attitude of worship?
18. Write an essay on, "The Omniscience of God".
19. According to God's Word, what does God look for in those that desire to worship Him?
20. What does Satan attempt according to (*2 Corinthians 4: 3-4*)?

CHAPTER FOUR



Romans

THE MEANS OF JUSTIFICATION, "BY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS"

(Romans 3: 21 - Romans 5: 21)

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Justification is never based upon our individual merit, but entirely upon God's redemption. This can only come through the Lord Jesus Christ who paid the price by giving His life. God never by passes His eternal laws and that is why Christ came to fulfill the law, rather than to destroy the law.

I. JUSTIFICATION CAN ONLY BE PROVIDED BY GOD. *(Romans 3: 21-30)*

Justification can only be attained by the grace of God, based upon God's provision, and by God Himself, fulfilling the law. All mankind is under the penalty of sin, both imputed from Adam, with a sin nature as well as the practice of sin. We have been separated from the glory of God through our sin nature and redemption and deliverance can only come by the Divine nature, through the Lord Jesus Christ. God the Father can only be satisfied by the removal of the sin barrier band that by the precious blood sacrifice of His own Eternal Son. The law of faith in Christ Jesus alone is capable of providing justification.

1. Justification can only be attained by the Grace of God and not by the law.
(Romans 3: 24,28)
2. All are under the curse of sin. *(Romans 3: 23)*
3. The ungodly are separated from the glory of God. *(John 3: 36)*
4. Deliverance and redemption can only be attained through the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Romans 3: 26)*
5. By faith we must accept the atonement through the shed blood of Christ in which God the Father is satisfied. *(Romans 3: 25)*
5. The law of faith in Christ's finished work brings justification before God the Father.
(Romans 3: 24)

II. JUSTIFICATION BY GOD'S WAY IS THE ONLY WAY AVAILABLE IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE. (*Romans 3: 29-30*)

Since the Triune God have always existed before anything existed, and all things were created by the Godhead, it stands to reason that justification can only come by God. God's laws are eternal and as the Scripture says, *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begot He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures."* (*James 1: 17-18*) God's way is the best way for He desires to share some of His eternal glory with us as His creatures. *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me."* (*John 14: 6*) The Lord Jesus Christ is through whom God the Father offers the forgiveness of sins, making new creatures through God the Holy Spirit. Those who believe become members of the Royal family of God the Father. Since mankind was unable to pay his way into heaven, God sent His Eternal Son in the likeness of man to pay the debt of sin for the whole world. By so doing, the barrier of sin has been removed and the way, the truth, and the life was made available through the Son of God.

III. THE LAW IS ESTABLISHED THROUGH FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. (*Romans 3: 31*)

The Lord Jesus Christ gave us the answer concerning the law which was established by the Triune God. *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."* (*Matthew 5: 17*) Since the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled the law for us, we by faith accept the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we establish the law through our faith in the one who has fulfilled the law for us. God according to His attributes does not change His immutable laws, this would be against His character. God knows the end from the beginning and never has to change His eternal plan. *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."* (*Revelation 22: 13*) How wonderful it is to know that we have been accepted in Almighty God who always existed in the past and always will exist throughout eternity.

IV. JUSTIFICATION MANIFESTED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. (*ROMANS 4: 1-8*)

Justification is not something new, discovered in the New Testament, but has always existed. God desires that whether Old Testament saints or New Testament saint, all must exercise their faith, not blindly but based upon Divine righteous facts. The Old Testament saint's sins were covered by their faith, through the animal sacrifices, waiting for the supreme sacrifice of the Eternal Son of God.

1. Abraham, who believed God and attained Divine righteousness and is considered as father of all, whether under the law and ordinances or without.
2. Faith in God's provision is separated from works.
3. Abraham accepted God's provision and was credited with God's perfection through Christ.

V. JUSTIFICATION MADE POSSIBLE FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE. (*ROMANS 4: 9-12*)

All mankind regardless of the circumstances or religious rights are condemned by God for they fail to meet God's required standards. The Holy Spirit used Paul to evaluate both those under the law, which he was very familiar with, and those without the law. Paul was God's prepared vessel through which the Holy Spirit could reveal God's requirements for justification. In order for God the Father to give all an equal chance by faith, He made all of us as free moral agents with absolutely the freedom of choice. This avoids a fatalistic result for all must make their own choice. May we always remember that pre-destination is not in the individual but rather it is in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will deal with that as we continue to study the Book of Romans.

Our Triune God has done everything possible for all mankind and as we are reminded, "*the Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*" (2 Peter 3: 9) According to God's Word we also read, "*Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*" (Matthew 25: 41b) Mankind was deceived, not having all of the evidence when the devil entered the garden of Eden. The fallen angels were aware of their rebellion against God, therefore there was no redemption possible for them. But God has made possible redemption to all human beings who will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ who took their place on Calvary's cross.

May we just consider all the circumstances involved, making it essential for the need of justification. I have listed some important aspects involved, in making it necessary for justification.

1. All are under the penalty of sin.
2. All are unable to be justified in themselves, coming short of God's requirements.
3. God the Father must have absolute perfection and is only satisfied and well pleased with His Eternal Son as a sin offering.
4. The terms for redemption are for all, who will put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. "*Whosoever Will May Come!*"
5. Redemption comes by faith without works.
6. The Eternal Son of God came to fulfil the law.

VI. JUSTIFICATION BY GOD IS ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM THE LAW. (Romans 4: 13-25)

1. The Law is absolute and demands the wrath of God.
2. The grace of God accepts our faith in God's provision for redemption.
3. God's promises are sufficient.

We must always remember that the law was given as a school master, so that we might understand the absolute perfection and holiness that God requires. Therefore the law cannot justify, though we strive earnestly to keep the law, for at our best we come far short of the requirements of God. "*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*" (Isaiah 64: 6) The Triune God, being absolute holy and just, cannot overlook sin and requires judgement upon all sin. Therefore in order for God to practice mercy and grace, sin had to be dealt with, prior to the manifestation of mercy and grace. The law revealed God's requirements, but could not remove God's punishment for sin. Therefore it was necessary for God Himself to pay the penalty of sin committed by mankind in order to practice mercy by the grace of God. It was the Eternal Son of God who came to fulfill the law and pay the debt of our sins by dying on Calvary's cross. "Oh the love that drew salvation's plan, Oh the grace that brought it down to man, Oh the mighty gulf that God did span, at Calvary." To God be the glory, great things He hath done, to remove the barrier of sin, making possible our justification by Him. May I remind you that God has justified us through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ by grace alone. However, our appreciation of this act of God should be with good works, well pleasing in His sight. Let us observe some of the results and fruit of this justification.

VII. JUSTIFICATION AND ITS FRUIT. (John 15: 8)

1. Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Joy because of the hope to behold the glory of God.
3. Sustaining power under tribulations and trials.
4. Patience becomes a virtue through tribulation.
5. God's love will be manifested in and through our lives.
6. Saved from the wrath to come, and given "Glorified Bodies".
7. Reconciled to God, and made "Joint Heirs".
8. The gift of righteousness is by Christ Jesus.
9. Rule and reign with Christ as a "Kingdom of Priests".

VIII. GOD'S FINAL VERDICT. (Romans 3: 9-20)

1. All are under sin.
2. All unprofitable in themselves.
3. None are capable of doing good in themselves.
4. The Law was given as a schoolmaster and gave knowledge of sin.

As we conclude this phase of justification, we need to realize that human merit is excluded and God Himself must take the entire responsibility to justify. We as sinners saved by grace must be fully covered by the righteousness of God apart from all human merit. *"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness, that He might be just, and the justifier of him who believeth in Jesus."* (Romans 3: 24-26) This justification is apart from the law and is all inclusive to all who will believe. This is absolutely 100% Divine justification apart from any merit that mankind may have. The sign of circumcision was placed upon those to whom God gave the responsibility of declaring the laws and ordinances of Almighty God. It was meant to keep them separated from all other nations. There is no merit in itself, but was merely as an identification of God's chosen generation through which the commandments were to be observed and the Messianic hope preserved.

The results of this justification by faith brought access into the very presence of God and established a peace that passes all understanding. *"Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."* (Romans 5: 1-2) We as believers not only have been justified by grace, through the Lord Jesus Christ, but have also escaped the wrath to come upon all ungodliness. Our justification has brought reconciliation into the very presence of God. God's eternal love was now made available to us. *"But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."* (Romans 5: 8-9)

This Divine justification has removed us from all condemnations, and set us free to worship God in spirit and in truth. We who were dead in trespasses and sins are now made alive through the finished work of Christ. *"For if by one man's offense death reigned by one, much more they who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."* (Romans 5: 17) The laws of God exposed the unrighteousness of all flesh, and revealed the holiness of God as a school master. The total depravity of man was brought to light, condemning all mankind, causing some to seek after the absolute righteousness of God. *"Moreover, the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ, our Lord."* (Romans 5: 20-21) We can rest assured that when God is satisfied, our condemnation is completely removed, based upon the acceptance by God the Father of the sacrificial death of His Eternal Son, upon the Cross. Our acceptance is not of our personal works but of Christ's finished work on Calvary.

The means of justification apart from any human goodness has been met. "By faith in Christ Jesus." We become guiltless before Almighty God forever and ever, because of the finished work on Calvary. This does not give us a license to sin, but rather great confidence within! *"So that ye come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."* (1 Corinthians 1: 8-9) *"And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it."* (1 Thessalonians 4: 23-14)

God has made every preparation for those who believe to be freed from the penalty of sin, from the power of sin and one day from the very presence of sin. Our works are excluded from adding to or taking away our justification before God. That in itself should inspire us to work out our salvation which has already been worked into our very life. Our good works are ways by which we can express our gratitude toward God for what He has completed in our behalf. God is waiting for you and me to be faithful in appreciation of all that He has done in our behalf. God desires to show His grace toward us in the ages to come. *"That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* (Ephesians 2: 7-10)

I admonish each of you as students of God's Word, to be faithful to the Lord in everything! God desires that you and I make sure proof of our justification, not for an occasion to be careless, but rather to be careful, for the glory and honor of our soon coming Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Count your many blessings and start naming them one by one. It is amazing what the Lord has done and what He keeps on doing, as we live a separated life unto the Lord.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." (Romans 12: 1-2) May this be our aim as we travel through this present life!

Apart from God's intervention, there would be no hope for mankind, whether religious or not. All other justifications would fail by reason of the total depravity of man with the sin nature. God has taken all of this into account, before the foundation of the world, and provided a way of escape through His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Until the Lord became the sacrifice for our sins, the animal sacrifices offered by faith covered the sins of the Old Testament saints. This again was another manifestation of God's Amazing Grace. Since no human being is capable of being justified before God with his own merits, God had to either condemn all to and eternal death, or provide salvation according to what His laws required. That is why God made provision for man's deliverance long before He created him. *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous..... That as sin hath reigned*

unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ, our Lord." (Romans 5: 19-21)

Praise God our sins have been removed as far as the east is from the west! (*Psalm 103: 12*) The Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God has taken away the sins of the whole world. (*John 1: 29*) "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (*John 1: 11-13*) God's ways are always past finding out, but are filled with love for His creatures. We were all under the curse of sin, through the imputed sins as well as the actual sins. Our act of faith changed the whole situation. We are now under the imputed righteousness, of the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom to reclaim our souls. Now we can sing with confidence.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL.

**WHEN, PEACE LIKE A RIVER, ATTENDETH MY WAY,
WHEN SORROWS LIKE SEA BILLOWS ROLL;
WHAT EVER MY LOT, THOU HAST TAUGHT ME TO SAY,
IT IS WELL, IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL.**

**THO' SATAN SHOULD BUFFET, THO' TRIALS SHOULD COME,
LET THIS BLESSED ASSURANCE CONTROL,
THAT CHRIST HAS REGARDED MY HELPLESS ESTATE,
AND HAS SHED HIS OWN BLOOD FOR MY SOUL.**

**MY SIN OH, THE BLISS OF THIS GLORIOUS THOUGHT,
MY SIN NOT IN PART, BUT THE WHOLE
IS NAILED TO THE CROSS AND I BEAR IT NO MORE,
PRAISE THE LORD, PRAISE THE LORD, O MY SOUL!**

QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER FOUR

1. Describe the means of obtaining salvation. Give Scripture.
2. How do we become justified before God? Give Scripture.
3. How does one obtain the benefits of the grace of God? Give Scripture.
4. How is God the Father satisfied in providing us with salvation?
5. Explain (*James 1: 17-18*)
6. How is the law of God fulfilled and established? Give Scripture.
7. How did God deal with sin in the Old Testament?
8. How did Abraham obtain sufficient righteousness before God?
9. Explain (*2 Peter 3: 9*)
10. Give circumstances essential toward being justified before God.
11. Can one be justified before God by keeping some of the law?
12. Explain (*Isaiah 64: 6*)
13. What part does human merit have toward our salvation? Give Scripture.
14. Explain (*Romans 3: 24-26*)
15. How does one obtain peace with God the Father? Give Scripture.
16. How are we saved from the wrath of God? Give Scripture.
17. Explain (*Romans 5: 17*)
18. Why did God give the law and the commandments to mankind?
19. Why is God interested in fruit bearing by His saints?
20. Write an Essay on " God's final verdict".

CHAPTER FIVE



Romans

SANCTIFICATION BY BELIEF IN CHRIST, THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD.

(Romans 6:1 - Romans 8:39)

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I. NEWNESS OF LIFE.

There is yet another phase of this justification, which not only removes the sin barrier in the lives of those who believe, but also sanctifies them. In Christ Jesus we are set apart for the glory of God. Since we are separate from the world, being made new creatures, by the Holy Spirit, we have become pilgrims in this world. Our thinking pattern has changed from merely a human viewpoint into the Divine viewpoint. We must constantly remind ourselves that we are of "The Royal Family of God". God has separated the saints of God from this world's system, and brought us into the heavenly realm. This is understood through the study of the Bible. We must keep on reckoning ourselves dead to a life of sin and alive unto God. *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer in it?" (Romans 6: 1-2)* We have been set aside by God the Holy Spirit, to His glory and are identified with Christ in His death as well as His resurrection. *"Know ye not that, as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore, we are buried by Him in baptism into death, that as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6: 3-4)*

II. THE BASIS OF THE GRACE PRINCIPLES. (Romans 6: 1-10)

This newness of life has been made possible when the sin barrier was removed by Christ through His death. Christ being the first fruits of the resurrection, has made possible a newness of life unto God the Father. Because Christ lives, we shall also live. Christ has conquered death through His resurrection. Let's renew the case of Lazarus dying, and Martha's understanding that her brother would rise in the resurrection of the last days. *"Jesus said unto her. I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11: 25-26)* The question remains then, "How are we identified with Christ?" Let us just list a few of these identifications.

1. We are identified with Christ through God the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12: 13)
2. Newness of life made possible. (2 Corinthians 5: 17)

3. Made alive in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 6: 8*)
4. A new birth is required, by the Holy Spirit. (*John 3: 3*)
5. We have all been baptized by the Holy Spirit. (*1 Corinthians 12: 13*)
6. we become members of the body of Christ. (*1 Corinthians 12: 27*)
7. We are the future bride of Christ. (*Revelation 19: 7-10*)

III. THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS. (*Romans 6: 11-13*)

We who have been born again should allow God the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. We are also reminded to hide God's Word in our hearts that we might not sin against God. (*Psalm 119: 11*) It is absolutely necessary to continue to feast upon God's Word for obtaining overcoming power in our lives. May we consider the following rules to maintain victory over the carnality.

1. The spiritual life must reign over the natural carnal life.
2. Being led by God the Holy Spirit in newness of life. (*Galatians 5: 18*)
3. Spend much time in the Word of God. (*2 Timothy 2: 15*)
4. Walk in the Holy Spirit. (*Galatians 5: 16*)

IV. THE DELIVERANCE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND OF DEATH. (*Romans 6: 14-23*)

Through Christ we become members of the royal family of God, and God the Holy Spirit who has given us a new birth becomes our spokesman through the Bible. "*For if we live after the flesh, ye shall die, but if ye, through the Spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*" (*Romans 8: 13-14*) Without that Divine spark and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within us, it would be impossible for us to live the Christian life. May we just enumerate some of the important factors in our newness of life.

1. Sin is overcome by the help of God the Holy Spirit. (*Galatians 3: 1-5*)
2. By the grace of God we yield to the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 8: 14*)
3. We are set free from the life of sin. (*Romans 6: 18*)
4. We have become servants of God and not servants to sin. (*Romans 6: 22*)
5. Our new life in Christ is to produce the fruit of holiness. (*John 15: 8*)

We do not operate according to what we deserve, but by the grace of God we are enabled to produce this fruit of holiness. Our source of power comes from above through the Holy Spirit. The outward fruit in our lives is the inward working of God. We produce this holy fruit, not to be saved, but rather as evidence of our salvation. We deserved the wages of our sins, but God by His grace gave us the gift of eternal life. "*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal*

life through Jesus Christ, our Lord." (Romans 6: 23) Now let us examine that unity that we have in and through the Lord Jesus Christ.

V. SANCTIFICATION OF THE BELIEVER IS A UNIFICATION IN CHRIST. (Romans 7: 1-6)

The unification in Christ is compared to the marriage of husband and wife. This is a sacred union as we live in this world. So with Christ, we become united to Him in sweet fellowship forever and ever!

We are told by the Scripture that we have become members of the body of Christ and when the Rapture takes place there will be a marriage in heaven to the Lamb of God. We are also told that a place is being prepared for each member of the body of Christ with a special place in the mansions of God the Father. Note what the Eternal Son of God has said in His prayer to the Father. *"That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."* (John 17: 21-24) These are outstanding and incredible statements from the Eternal Son of God. As we study this portion in the Book of Romans we glean from it the following.

1. We anticipate and wait for that glorified body like unto the Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 John 3: 1-3)
2. Apart from Christ the law has dominion over mankind.
3. The unity in marriage is the example given as we are destined to be the bride of Christ.
4. Christ died for us, setting us free from the penalty of the law, having fulfilled the requirements of the law for us.
5. We have been delivered from death by the law that we should serve God in newness of spirit, rather than condemned by the law.

VI. THE LAW CONDEMNS RATHER THAN PRODUCES HOLINESS. (Romans 7: 7-14)

The believer's holiness is by Grace and not by law. The laws of God are set forth to relate the absolute holiness that God requires and cannot tolerate imperfection. It demands holiness, but cannot produce holiness. It is God's standard and anything short of this perfect law is condemned. Let us examine some of these requirements.

1. The believers are not made holy by the law.
2. God's laws revealed sin, condemning to death.
3. The law reveals that the sinners were deceived.

The laws of God manifest the character of God and all creation is subject unto the laws of God. As I have already mentioned, the laws of God have been given to us as a school master, through which we may know the absolute holiness and righteousness of the Triune God. May I remind you that the believer's holiness is by grace and not by law. This grace has been made

possible by the works of the Lord Jesus Christ. We become clothed in the righteousness of Christ. (*Philippians 3: 6-9*); (*Romans 3: 21-22*); (*2 Corinthians 5: 21*)

VII. THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW NATURE. (*Romans 7: 15-25*)

We are in a spiritual battle. This is of great importance to every Christian, for we need to realize that as long as we are in these earthly bodies, there will be a continuous struggle. We have God's laws and as we attempt to abide by them under the grace principles, we realize and experience a conflict of two natures. Let us examine a few of these problems which we face as believers.

1. The conflict reveals the two natures in believers. (*Romans 7: 15*)
2. We delight in the laws of God after the inward man. (*Romans 7: 22*)
3. Sin brings one into captivity. (*Romans 7: 23*)
4. We are delivered from death through the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Romans 7: 24-25*)

As we study the Book of Romans, we will constantly be reminded of this conflict between the two natures. We are to reckon ourselves dead to trespasses and sins, as Christ has made us alive in a new life. "*And you hath He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins. In which in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience.*" (*Ephesians 2: 1-2*) May I also remind you of this constant struggle that it is not merely a flesh and blood battle, but it takes us into the spiritual realm. "*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*" (*Ephesians 6: 12*)

VIII. FAITH GIVES VICTORY OVER THE FLESH. (*Romans 8: 1-4*)

Greater is the Holy Spirit who dwells within every believer, than he who is in the world. No one likes to be condemned or brought to trial, which is a terrible indictment. We all like to avoid condemnation and that is exactly what God the Father has arranged for us through the Eternal Son of God. Whether the Christians realize it or not, we have been set free and have been pardoned in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us examine this portion of Scripture for evidence.

1. No condemnation to those in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 8: 1*)
2. We have been placed under the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, and been set free. (*Romans 8: 2*)
3. Our imputation of sin through Adam has been removed and we have been imputed with the righteousness of Christ, since the law through the flesh was weak. (*Romans 8: 3-4*)
4. The righteousness of the law was made complete in us by the power of God, through the Holy Spirit. (*Zechariah 4: 6*)

Faith becomes the victory in our lives as we walk the Christian life. Greater is the Holy Spirit, who dwells within every believer, than all the powers of the evil forces that we face in this life. (*1 John 4: 4*)

We need to remind ourselves of that precious hymn:

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord in the Light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove The delights of His love,
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet, We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

This faith and trust is not something mystical but practical. Faith is real and can be contained through the Word of God. God has given us evidence and witnesses to this faith and trust, which brought the victory to many in ages past. *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* (Hebrews 11: 1) What can we ask for that is more substantial than that? Our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is not a blind faith, but rather a tried faith, and based upon Biblical facts. As we love to have our children trust in what we have promised, so God the Father is pleased with our faith. *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."* (Hebrews 11: 6) May I also add a very important truth concerning faith. *"Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."* (Romans 14: 22-23)

IX. THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE HUMAN VIEWPOINT AND THE DIVINE VIEWPOINT. (Romans 8: 5-13); (Galatians 5: 16-18)

God's armor is necessary in our spiritual warfare. May I state very clearly that many Christians are carnal and conformed to the system of this world. May I warn such carnal Christians that they are on dangerous ground and can cause the sin unto death in this present life. God has provided ample armor to withstand the fiery darts of Satan. (Ephesians 6: 10-18) As believers we must be conformed unto the image of Christ.

1. Carnality brings physical death. (Romans 8: 5-6)
2. Spirituality brings life and peace. (Romans 8: 6)
3. Carnality brings enmity against God, and cannot please Him. (Romans 8: 7-8)

4. Spirituality brings sweet fellowship with God. (*Romans 8: 9*)
5. The Holy Spirit dwells within us, giving us life. (*Romans 8: 11*)

We as believers have the two natures and we must continually reckon the old nature as being dead. The ungodly only have the old nature which gives them no hope whatsoever. This portion of Scripture, in context, is not dealing with eternal life and death for the believer, but rather the believer's pattern of living. If one is out of fellowship with the Lord and grieving the Holy Spirit, and it continues without repentance, then the sin unto death takes over. (*Romans 6: 16*) God cannot deny Himself and when He gives us eternal life, it is eternal! However, remember, that some will be saved so as by fire, only producing "Wood, Hay, and Stubble", which will be burned. (*1 Corinthians 3: 12-16*)

X. THE BELIEVER IS A ROYAL MEMBER OF GOD'S FAMILY.
(*Romans 8: 14-17*); (*Galatians 4: 4-5*)

Christians are in the royal family of God. We are all aware of the fact that, "By their fruits, you shall know them". We need also to remember that we do not continue with a life of sin, having God the Holy Spirit living within us. Our bodies become the temple of God and we are warned not to defile this temple which has been bought with a price! Let us examine what the Word has in store for us as members of the Royal family of God.

1. Adopted into the family of God. (*Romans 8: 15*)
2. Verified by God the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 8: 14-15*)
3. Partakers with Christ as joint heirs. (*Romans 8: 17*)
4. Through Christ we have been adopted as sons and daughters into the family of God. (*Galatians 4: 4-5*)

As members of the Royal family of God we need to be students of the Word of God, rightly dividing the Word of truth. As adopted children of God our human viewpoint is to be removed and we are to adopt the Divine viewpoint in our daily living. You as a student of the Bible, must make that decision, for God has given you the freedom of choice. However, if you want to do your own thing, you also must suffer the consequences that follow. Remember, God's way is the best way!

XI. THE GLORIOUS FUTURE BRINGS DELIVERANCE.
(*Romans 8: 18-25*); (*Galatians 3: 18-19*)

Our hope is an eternal one, and the trial of our faith is very precious in the sight of God. (*1 Peter 1: 5-7*) The believer is partaker of the eternal glories of God. May we always remember that we are servants of the Lord Jesus Christ and not slaves. We have been called of God into a glorious relationship with the Triune God. We have been set free from the bondage of sin and brought into the glories of God. What has God granted to us? (*Romans 8: 18-25*)

1. The glories of God within us supersedes all the suffering of this present life. (*Romans 8: 18*)
2. The expectation of the new creation is being prepared for the revelation of the sons of God. (*Romans 8: 19-22*)

3. The Christians have been granted the first fruits of the Spirit after the similitude of Christ. We are waiting to receive that glorified body. (*Romans 8: 23*)
4. We await the glories of the future by faith. (*Romans 8: 24-25*); (*1 Corinthians 2: 9-10*)

As we are reminded from the Scriptures that our inheritance is not according to law, but rather according to the promises in Christ. Our deliverance from the judgement of the law, comes from the love of God toward us, through Christ our Great High Priest.

XII. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUES IN PRAYER FOR THE BELIEVERS. (*Romans 8: 26-27*); (*Hebrews 7: 25*)

The Holy Spirit intercedes in behalf of the Believer. God's provision and protection of the believers is sufficient against all enemies of our soul. Christ not only prays for us as found in (*John 17*), but He is also our Advocate and Mediator before God the Father. (*1 John 2: 1*); (*1 Timothy 2: 5*) This in itself would seem sufficient, but we have God the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, continually praying in our behalf. This is a marvelous provision that the Triune God has made for believers. We not only have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, but He is continually praying in our behalf. He knows what we need and how to protect us better than we do, and we can thank God for His ever present help.

1. Our weakness in the flesh is strengthened by the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 8: 26*)
2. Intercession of the Holy Spirit is according to the will of God. (*Romans 8: 27*)
3. Christ as our High Priest also makes intercession for us. (*Hebrews 7: 25*)

XIII. GOD'S GUARANTEE TO BELIEVERS. (*Romans 8: 28-34*)

God has left us with an assurance and He has placed that guarantee in writing. As we study God's Word, we establish confidence so that we can enter into our "Faith Rest". We then can live a life of service to the Lord with a firm zeal. When we are established in the Word of God we are confident through the promises of God. Since our life as believers is not our own, we are kept by the promises of God. Let us take inventory of our possessions as Christians.

1. All things in the Christian life work together for good as we manifest our love toward God. (*Romans 8: 28*)
2. Our predestination is in Christ, in whom we have believed. (*Romans 8: 29*)
3. Believers are conformed to the image of Christ. (*Romans 8: 29*)
4. We as believers have been called into God's justification resulting in glorification. (*Romans 8: 30*)
5. All who are in Christ, God the Father has accepted. (*Romans 8: 31*)
6. God the Father gives us all things in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 8: 32*)
7. All charges against the Believers are removed. (*Romans 8: 33-34*)

God has established so great salvation and nothing can destroy it. We are absolutely secure in Christ Jesus and no one can bring charges against us. The price of our sins, which separated us from God has been paid for and removed forever. This is a manifestation of God's love toward us.

XIV. THE BELIEVER IS ESTABLISHED IN GOD'S LOVE FOREVER.

(Romans 8: 35-39)

It is very important that we understand our eternal security in Christ Jesus. Eternal life is exactly what it says, otherwise it would not be for eternity. God has gone to great emphasis to show to us the security that He has established for us as believers. Apart from God, we are totally depraved and only God Himself can establish us in the eternity to come. There are many religions within the scope of Christianity that attempt to exercise our works as part and parcel of our salvation. They are the advocates of attempting to make this world a better place to live in by their personal efforts. In contrast, we believe that we are utterly dependant upon God for salvation plus nothing.

1. No physical distress or power can destroy or separate us from God's love through Christ Jesus. *(Romans 8: 35-37)*
2. Nothing in the spiritual realm, or even death or life can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. *(Romans 8: 38-39)*

These are tremendous statements directly from God's Word, giving us a peace within our hearts that supersedes everything. *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* *(Romans 8: 35-39)*

May we always remember that all that we have for time and eternity is based upon the finished work of Christ, upon the cross of Calvary. We have the protective shield of the Lord Jesus Christ, clothed upon in His righteousness. *"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast."* *(Ephesians 2: 8-9)* God has brought us into His royal family and has provided us with every defense against the wiles of the Devil. May we be mindful of who dwells within us! God the Holy Spirit is our ever present help both day and night and will dwell within us forever. There is no excuse whatsoever, that we should continue in sin, when the Holy Spirit dwells within! Claim the promises of God moment by moment. Start the day off in communication with Almighty God, and end the day by committing the night watch to Him. We have been separated from this world system, being sanctified in Christ Jesus. The Lord has done all for us, so let us show our appreciation by doing all for Him. *"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk in vanity of their mind. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through their ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind: And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.*" *(Ephesians 4: 17-25)*

The help of God the Holy Spirit is of the utmost importance in our Christian walk through this present life. May I just remind you of the following, as believers:

1. You have a new spiritual birth by the Holy Spirit. - (*John 3: 3*)
2. You are indwelt by the Holy Spirit forever. - (*John 14: 16-17*)
3. All believers have been baptized by the Holy Spirit. (*1 Cor 12: 13*)
4. The Holy Spirit is continually praying for you. (*Romans 8: 26*)
5. As the needs, you are given special gifts by the Holy Spirit. (*1 Cor 12-13*)
6. The Holy Spirit is our source of power. (*Zech 4: 6*)
7. The Holy Spirit is our teacher. (*John 16: 13*)
8. The Holy Spirit guides you into all truth. (*Rom 8: 14*)

QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER FIVE.

1. What is involved in sanctification? Scripture please.
2. How do we continually die to self, that old carnal nature? Scripture
3. How are we united in Christ, according to (*Romans 7: 1-25*)
4. Who empowers us to overcome the old nature? (*Romans 8: 1-27*)
5. Write an essay on (*Romans 8: 28*)
6. Explain "The Election Of God".
7. Why is "Predestination" not fatalistic?
8. How and in whom are we predestinated?
9. Can the laws of God produce holiness? Give your reasons.
10. Write an essay on, "The Divine Volume of Prayer in our Behalf". Use Scripture in your essay.
11. How does one become members of the Royal Family of God? Give Scriptures to verify your answers.
12. Write briefly on "The Battle Between the Old and New Nature:
13. How does the believer become a partaker of the glories of God?
14. Explain "The sin unto Death"
15. Explain (*Romans 8: 18-25*); (*Romans 8: 14-17*); (*Romans 8: 28-34*); (*Romans 8: 35-39*)
16. List the various ways that believers are being prayed for.
17. How do we know the perfect will of God?

CHAPTER SIX



Romans

ISRAEL'S CONSEQUENCE OF UNBELIEF.

(Romans 9:1 - Romans 11: 36)

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There are some Bible students who do not rightly divide the Word of truth and fail to see the various time periods in which God presents the inspired Word of God by the Holy Spirit. Some even try to eliminate Israel and start the church in the wilderness, instead of on the day of Pentecost. They get confused as to the difference between Israel and the church, the wife of God the Father and the Bride of Christ, His Son. Christ's earthly ministry was presenting Himself as the Messiah in preparations of establishing the kingdom on earth. However in God's omniscience, the Triune God knew that Israel would reject their Messiah and consequently, sent John the Baptist rather than Elijah as predicted. (*Malachi 3: 1*); (*Malachi 4: 5*) However, Elijah will come and herald the Kingdom at the right time. In fact Moses will join with Elijah to herald the Kingdom during the latter part of the great tribulation. (*Revelation 11: 3-14*) Here again some try to place Enoch in the place of Moses, because Moses went to be with the Lord, as Michael contended for Moses' body on top of the mountain. (*Jude 9*) They forget Moses and Elijah both appeared on the Mount of transfiguration. Also it was Moses who turned the waters into blood, and brought forth great plagues. Enoch didn't perform such miracles. Definitely God has not forsaken Israel for their deliverance will come, after they suffer, due to their rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Messiah. This is all part and parcel of Israel's unbelief. Let us consider various aspects of Israel in the light of God's plan.

I. PAUL'S GREAT LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL. (*Romans 9: 1-3*)

Paul the Apostle was brought up to be a strict follower of Judaism and was well taught in preparations of being a high priest. He was God's prepared man for God's command. When he would come into a village where there was a synagogue, Paul would go there and preach Christ and many would believe both of the Jews and Gentiles. (*Acts 14: 1*) Paul was made ready by the Lord to present the Gospel and the Epistles in no uncertain terms. Let us consider some important factors concerning Israel.

A. Paul was willing to be accursed if that would cause Israel to accept their Messiah.

It is absolutely amazing how anyone could make such a statement for his kinsfolk. However, Paul was under the control of God the Holy Spirit and has given us a record of that Divine love working in and through him. He was not seeking fame or was he boastful

of himself. *"That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."* (Romans 9: 2-3)

B. Paul returned love for their false accusations.

What we have in Paul's great love for his people, is a manifestation of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law."* (Galatians 5: 22-23) You cannot separate these various aspects of the fruit of the Holy Spirit, for they all are a single fruit of being filled by the Holy Spirit. If you, as a child of God desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit, then you must be willing to walk in the light of the Holy Spirit. Another good example of returning love for accusation is found in the stoning of Stephen. Note what he said, *"And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge, and when he had said this, he fell asleep."* (Acts 7: 59-60) This is part and parcel of the fruit of the Holy Spirit being manifested in the flesh.

**II. THE UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT FOR ISRAEL THROUGH ABRAHAM.
(ROMANS 9: 4-13)**

Israel's has had many blessings and many curses in it's history. We will consider this very important issue briefly since we continual refer to Israel and her rejection of the Messiah. As we know from the Scriptures that God had highly favored Israel as He had made an unconditional covenant with Abraham and with David. God was well aware of their weaknesses, but had warned them throughout the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. *"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* (2 Chronicles 7: 14) This is right to the point, but Israel did not turn to the Lord but completely rejected the Eternal Son of God. Because of this, we have some 2,000 years that Israel has been scattered and persecuted. On April 1948 God opened her land and re-instated her as a nation, but she still rejects the Messiah. In God's omniscience He knew that this rejection would continue and Israel having passed through 69 weeks or 483 years of her previous judgement, will now face the final stage of her seventy times seven with the Great Tribulation. We are coming very close to the fulfillment of the 70th. week of Daniel, better known as the Great Tribulation. This has been prophesied as *"Jacob's Trouble"*. (Jeremiah 30: 7)

When Christ was preparing to go to the cross, after announcing woes against the pharisees, looking over Jerusalem He proclaimed, *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."* (Matthew 23: 37-39)

The pharisees have turned the blessings of Israel into a scattering and curse for some 2,000 years. Israel's greatest persecution will be during the Tribulation. As Christ was carrying His cross to Calvary, a great number of people followed Him. *"And there followed Him a great company of people, and of women, who also bewailed and lamented Him. But Jesus, turning unto them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts which never nursed. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us."* (Luke 23: 27-30) As John was a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos, the Lord revealed what will happen during the great tribulation. Those who will reject the Lord will have to face Him as He sits upon the throne. But also note, *"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, And said to the*

mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of His wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6: 15-17) This is as it will be during the Great tribulation and when that Great White Throne judgement of the Lamb will take place.

A. The Messianic hope.

As we study this brief account concerning Israel's blessings in the past under these unconditional covenants, God had a purpose in it, as it led to the Messianic promise fulfilled in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. God revealed His laws and statutes to the world through Israel and although they are under punishment, they have not been cast away. For we must always remember, *"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son He receiveth."* (Hebrews 12: 6) God has chosen Israel through the Tribe of Judah as the rightful tribe for the Messianic hope. This has been fulfilled exactly as God predicted. *"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son: and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."* (Galatians 4: 4-7)

B. The Oracles of God.

Israel was adopted to bear the oracles of God and the laws of God to glorify His name. They are still a chosen race of people, even though they are being chastened by God. Christ came to earth through Israel to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the whole world. Israel had been privileged to handle God's Word to preserve it for the nations. Regardless of their attitude toward the Savior of the world, it was God's plan for His Son to remove the barrier of sin. Governments may change and adapt their own system of law according to the change of time, but God's laws and oracles are established forever. These laws and ordinances will be reinstated throughout the whole world when Christ sets up His World Government and Jerusalem will be the capital of the whole world. Christ will rule with a rod of iron in perfect righteousness. (Revelation 19: 11-16)

C. The Remnant of Israel

The Word of God remains firm and established in the heavens forever. The people of Israel cannot claim God's blessings just because they are of the seed of Abraham. *"Not as though the Word of God hath taken no effect, For they are not all Israel, who are of Israel. Neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children, but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called."* (Romans 9: 6-7) God has chosen only the children of promise not Ishmael or any other seed. Therefore the children of promise through the seed of Isaac are of the remnant of Israel. As Abraham believed the promises of God, this became his righteousness. It was Isaac who received the sum total of the inheritance from Abraham. (Genesis 25: 5);(Genesis 26: 24-25)

D. The curse upon those who rejected God's provision.

Esau is a good example of rejecting God's provision. His birthright meant nothing to him and in fact a bowl of porridge was accepted in place of his birthright. Though neither Jacob or Esau had done good or bad, God in His omniscience understood their every thought and intent. We have already studied concerning all of us being under the curse of sin and come short of the glory of God. You must always remember that as a man thinketh, so is he. As students of the Word of God, we constantly need to remind ourselves that nothing is hidden from God's sight.

Israel as a nation is being chastised because of her rejection of the Messiah, but God always has a remnant and witness among them. So we all as members of nations are being judged by God, but again there are many personal witnesses to the saving grace of our loving Lord. May I remind you that the Word says, "*Behold, the nations are like a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance; behold He taketh up the coasts as a very little thing.*" (Isaiah 40: 15) God is not interested in the multitudes, but rather in the individuals. This age of grace, God is calling out to "Whosoever Will", and the faith is on an individual basis. Since this is God's policy, that becomes an individual responsibility, resulting in individual punishment or blessing. "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but is past from death unto life.*" (John 5: 24) God has amply provided so great salvation, "*So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* (Romans 10: 17) If God's Word is ignored or rejected the letter of God's law will bring condemnation. God's grace through the Lord Jesus Christ has been offered, but if ignored, that one must suffer the consequences of an eternal living death, separated from God forever.

III. GOD'S GRACE, MERCY, AND SOVEREIGN WILL. (ROMANS 9: 1-3)

God's sovereignty will reveal His mercy. God's righteousness extends far beyond justice and it is by the grace of God that we are partakers of His mercy. It is God's choice as to whom He will pour out His love. There is nothing unjust with God, who knows every thought and intent of our hearts. Our responsibility is to live well pleasing to God. "*So, then, it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy.*" (Romans 9: 16)

A. The justice of our Sovereign God.

We must always remind ourselves that God is doing everything possible to avoid judging us in our sins. Note what the Word says, "*The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*" (2 Peter 3: 9) This statement by God the Holy Spirit through Peter is real, for all provision has been made for all. Christ died for the sins of the whole world, but only a small margin are accepting God's love through the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who reject, are basing all of their hope for eternity, upon their self righteousness.

B. Our sovereign God sharing His eternal glory with those who believe.

Since faith is the principle upon which our sovereign God shows forth His mercy, we need to by pass our human viewpoint and by the grace of God live according to the Divine viewpoint. This Divinity of God is found in the Word of God. God has one great desire, "*And that He might make known the riches of His glory on vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory, even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles.*" (Romans 9: 23-24)

IV. THE PROPHETS DECLARE ISRAEL'S BLINDNESS, AND GOD'S MERCY TO THE GENTILES. (Romans 9: 25-33)

The Prophets gave Israel many warnings. Israel was to share the oracles of God with the Gentiles but failed to consider them worth their while. During this age of grace which we know as the mystery age or the church age, God is calling both the Jews and the Gentiles to become the children of God. Hosea and Isaiah are quoted as to what God is doing in these last days. (Joel 2: 28) also mentions this fact that in these last days, God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh.

A. A remnant to Israel is maintained.

God in His mercy and according to His unconditional covenants with Abraham and King David, has always protected a remnant, for the Messianic hope. God cannot deny Himself, but remains true to His eternal character. We have a good example of this in the care that God gave to the tribe of Judah, and separated them from the ten tribes of Israel, sending them to Babylon, during His judgement upon Israel. It is an amazing fact that Israel continues to be blind to these truths, having the letter of righteousness, but denying the truth.

B. By faith the Gentiles accepted God's law of righteousness, which was rejected by Israel.

Israel stumbled and faltered concerning the corner stone, even the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gentiles, by faith accepted the Stone which the builders of Israel refused. The Gentiles were neglected by Israel and now God has commissioned the Apostle Paul to reach and teach them the oracles of God. Paul answered the call from Macedonia and immediately he went to them with the gospel.

V. ISRAEL'S ZEAL, NOT ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE. (*Romans 10: 1-13*)

Israel, during this dispensation of grace needs to return to the Messiah, by faith. They have the zeal and are very religious but without knowledge through God the Holy Spirit.

A. Israel needs to be saved in the same manner as the Gentiles.

God has declared that there is no difference between the Jew and the Gentile, as God the Father is calling members of the body of Christ. Actually, the Jew has a double portion of blessing, if he becomes a Christian, being a Jew as well as a New Testament saint.

B. Israel is depending upon her own righteousness and fails to accept God's righteousness.

Since it is Christ who has fulfilled the law for us, the focal point is now the Lord Jesus Christ. "*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.*" (*Romans 10:4*) God the Father had to send His Eternal Son to become the sacrifice for our sins. This made possible the giving of God's righteousness to all who will believe. No one could be found worthy to pay the debt of sin and live, except the Eternal Son of God. "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" (*Romans 10: 13*)

VI. THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD. (*Romans 10: 14-21*)

During this age, God is calling out those who believe from all over the world. There is no difference and the Gospel is free to all. God has opened the doors throughout the whole world. God is grafting the Gentiles into the blessings of the Olive Tree, making it possible for them to partake of the Divine Olive tree, which is an emblem of Israel. The Gentiles are considered as a wild olive tree, but are now able to be grafted into the Divine Olive tree, through which the Incarnate Messiah has brought eternal life to all who will believe. God has never been a respecter of persons, but Israel was chosen through whom God sent His Eternal Son for so great a salvation. As I have mentioned before, the laws, ordinances and statutes in the Bible were as our school master, revealing the perfect holiness of the Triune God.

A. The Gospel for the whole world.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was praying to the Father, He desired that His disciples would be protected as they went forth with the Gospel. He also reminded the Father that as He was sent forth with the Gospel, so He sent forth His witnesses into the whole world. *"So then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10: 17)* During these many years that Israel has rejected the Messiah, God has been calling many Gentiles to Himself. Christ reminded His disciples, *"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they were faint, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then said He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9: 36-38)*

B. Israel with her self righteousness became contrary to God.

As you read the Old Testament and Israel's waywardness, you can understand that they thought themselves superior to all through their self righteousness. God had brought them through many a difficult situation in spite of their contrary spirit. They actually established a cast system and looked down upon all other races, as "dogs". *"But Isaiah is very bold, and saith, I was found by them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that ask not after me. (Gentiles) But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and contrary people." (Romans 10: 20-21)* God could not deny Himself and the unconditional covenants that He made with Abraham and with king David, must stand. *(Genesis 15: 1-18); (2 Samuel 7: 16, 24)*

C. All holiness is from the Triune God.

There is no boasting of mankind, for we are all born under the curse of sin and are totally depraved. As the original branches or the grafted branches, we are all dependent upon the Olive tree for our life. If the branches are plucked off of the tree, it is because of unbelief, and attempting to establish one's own righteousness. *"For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches." (Romans 11: 16)* Take for instance the life of Abraham, through whom all the nations are blessed. *"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God". (Romans 4: 20)* Most of us have been under the discipline of our fathers within our earthly families and endured it for but a short time. This is a necessary procedure in our growing up, correcting us so that we walk circumspectly for the good of all. *"For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure, but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness." (Hebrews 12: 10)*

D. Beware of falling from grace. (Galatians 5: 4)

Believers are capable of falling from grace, and may come under the direct discipline of God. One can grieve the Holy Spirit, quench the power of the Spirit in one's life and be removed prematurely from this life, through the sin unto death. *"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord; Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and by it many be defiled." (Hebrews 12: 14-15)* The Lord wishes to present us to the Father holy and without blame. *(Colossians 1: 22)* Only the Divine holiness will continue throughout eternity. As the Gospel goes forth, there are many pitfalls to be guarded against. There is a possibility for a believer to fall from grace, which cause the believer to be out of fellowship with the Triune God. It also means grieving the Holy Spirit and if that continues, it could cause the judgement of "Sin unto Death". Which means, the removal of

the believer from this earth before a given time. This also may cause that one to be saved so as by fire with all their earthly works burned and receiving no reward. Beware of such a pattern of life, as a Christian.

VII. ISRAEL IS NEVER ABANDONED OR CAST AWAY BY GOD. (*Romans 11: 1-12*)

This has been debated by some theologians pro and con but the Word of God is clear as to Israel's status concerning this issue. *"I say, then, Hath God cast away His people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."* (*Romans 11: 1*) So, lets see what the Word has to say about this situation for this present age. This is an important issue for us, for if God would cast away Israel, then, we of this present age could expect the same thing for us.

A. Individual salvation available among all nations, including Israel.

The Gospel is for "Whosoever" and God has not excluded one person, as He has sent forth His Son to take away all the sins of the whole world. Israel as a nation has not returned to the Lord, but individuals from among the Jews are personally becoming Christians. Note what the Holy Spirit has had Paul write. *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."* (*Romans 1: 18*)

B. Israel's idolatry and religious pride caused her to be set aside.

Israel had a form of godliness but denied the power of the commandments of God. How often God had to call Israel, "Stiff Necked". Christ reminded the pharisees and the Sadducees of their affiliation with the devil, rather than of their father Abraham. *"Woe unto, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness."* (*Matthew 23: 27*) Paul reminds us also of the Jews, *"For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge."* (*Romans 10: 2*) Israel became proud in her position of having the commandments of God. One can obtain great knowledgeable facts about the Bible and have the letter of the law but lack the life in the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit converts knowledge of the Word into life and wisdom.

C. A remnant of Israel has always existed.

God has never forsaken Israel through whom the Messianic hope was established. They were and are being chastened because of their rejection of the Messiah, but not abandoned. Elijah complained against Israel and thought he was the only true believer, but God had to show him, *"But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal."* (*Romans 11: 4*) God applied His grace principles to Israel, as He does with you and me. God has an eternal plan to defeat every enemy of His, especially Satan. The Incarnate Messiah has accomplished His mission of removing the barrier of sin and eventually when the penalty of total sin is dealt with, eternal righteousness of God will be established forever.

Israel has been scattered and is now returning to her land, even though it is in unbelief. The Jews have suffered greatly down through the years because of her disobedience to God, and her suffering will climax, during the great tribulation. The remnant of Israel will then be ready to listen to the King of kings and Lord of lords, during the kingdom age. They will then hear first hand from the Old Testament saints as well as the Christians of this present day. The righteous principles of God never change for they are based upon His holy character. We in our day and generation need to take heed to

God's warnings. God never overlooks sin in any shape of form, for in His righteousness and holy character, God's law must be fulfilled at all times. Sin has been dealt with at the Cross, where ever provision had to be made, to remove the stain of sin. God warns the Gentiles not to misuse the grace of God, but allow God to have first place at all times, as "Whosoever" may come.

VIII. WARNINGS TO THE GENTILES DURING THIS AGE OF GRACE. (Romans 11: 13-25)

We are warned today that there is neither Jew nor Gentile in this present dispensation of the church. This occurs from Pentecost until the Rapture, as well as through the Great Tribulation. We must always remember that with God, "*with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*" (James 1: 17b) Israel now has the spirit of slumber, so that the Gentiles be included in the Abrahamic blessings. Note what the Word says. "*I say, then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid; but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy.*" (Romans 11: 11) As God has punished Israel for unbelief, so He will punish the Gentiles if they too practice unbelief. The Gentiles have become as the stars of the sky in blessings through Abraham. "*For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee. Behold, therefore, the goodness and severity of God: on them who fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.*" (Romans 11: 21-22) This is a fair warning to all, for God seeks those who will believe in Him and trust in His gracious provisions. Praise God for His grace!

A. The Gentiles were grafted in as a Wild Olive branch, and must take heed.

Israel has been temporarily removed from the prominent place in the economy of God so that the whole world might be reconciled to God (Romans 11: 15) God is the sustaining root of the Olive tree and therefore it is holy and the source of life is shared with the original branches as well as those grafted into God's holiness. "*For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches.*" (Romans 11: 16) It is because of unbelief that the original branches were removed, so God warns that this same process of removal can happen again, if there is unbelief. "*For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee.*" (Romans 11: 21) God's goodness is extended to all and God's judgement against unbelief is all inclusive.

B. Israel through belief can be grafted back into the Olive Tree.

If any of us are to be partakers of God's blessings and holiness, it is always essential that we believe what Almighty God has said. Although Israel has temporarily been set aside in national blessings, through her unbelief she may be reinstated or grafted back into the Olive tree, through her belief. "*And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more shall these, who are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?"* (Romans 11: 23-24) There will be a special day when Israel will have her eyes opened, and that day may not be far away. I am referring to the Rapture of the saints of God. This will alert the young people from among the Jews, and will immediately enter into belief. The Scripture tells us of the 144,000 of the tribes of Israel who become the missionaries during the tribulation. The Scripture names the number from 11 tribes and skips by Dan and names the two sons of Joseph. We have studied this in other textbooks which I have written. There will be a great revival during the great tribulation and many souls will accept Christ as their Savior. There will be so great a number that they will not be able to be counted. (Revelation 7: 9-14) This again shows the marvelous grace of our loving Lord, for He does not wish that one soul should perish. (2 Peter 3: 9)

IX. THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE MESSIAH. (Romans 11: 26-32)

As I have previously inferred, God is regathering Israel back in her own land, which was promised to Abraham as a permanent possession. Yes, God scattered Israel throughout the whole world because of her unbelief, now in our day the Jews are being gathered back in the Middle East. It is not a peaceful return, but rather a regathering under continual war. The satanic world is trying very hard to stop this BUT GOD is bringing it to pass. Israel was re-instated as a nation in April 1948, but the struggle for the possession of her land will continue. We know that when Christ returns to set up His kingdom of righteousness, Israel will possess all of her land.

A. Israel re-instated as a nation in 1948.

Israel was re-instated as a nation in April 1948 under very difficult circumstances. The Arabic and Moslem world has had control of the Middle East, and because of the findings of huge veins of oil, they have had great political power. A six day war gave Israel the victory, in spite of being surrounded by her enemies. This victory was but another indication of what the Scriptures has declared. *"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all peoples round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be cut to pieces, though all the nations of the earth be gathered together against it."* (Zechariah 12: 2-3) This first struggle which Israel is faced with from 1948 until now is mainly in favor of the enemies of Israel. However when this prophecy is fulfilled God will bring total victory to Israel. God will bring them back from far countries. (Zechariah 10: 9) *"I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, and place shall not be found for them."* (Zechariah 10: 10)

B. Israel reborn and re-claimed by God.

The preliminary procedure for Israel is developing today under the guiding hand of our Lord, and when the time comes for the Lord to rule in Jerusalem, it shall come to pass. However certain events must take place before Israel will be fully established in her land. Namely,

1. The Rapture, (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18)
2. The Great Tribulation, (Revelation 6-18)
3. The Battle of Armageddon, (Revelation 19:17-21)

Then the Millennial kingdom will be set up by Christ Himself. The prophecy of God's Word needs to be carefully studied, for the events enumerated are not always in sequence. Let us examine a very special case, concerning this truth. *"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man-child. Who hath heard such a thing? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."* (Isaiah 66: 7-8) Here we have the man-child brought forth in an unnatural way but according to the plan of God. Israel will travail during the Great Tribulation, is also known as *"Jacob's Trouble"* (Jeremiah 30: 7) Yet the Incarnate man-child entered this world more than two thousand years before the travail of the Great Tribulation. The conclusion of the two events, *"A nation will be born in a day"*. When Christ returns to set up His kingdom with Jerusalem the capital of the world. The nation will be genuinely born in a day! We conclude with, *"For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all."* (Romans 11: 32)

X. GOD'S WISDOM IS FATHOMLESS. (Romans 11: 33-36)

God's wisdom and ways are past our finding out, and it behooves us to accept "Thus saith The Lord". One needs but turn to the Book of Isaiah and glean from it some of the marvels of God. "Behold, the Lord God will come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold His reward is with Him, and His work before Him." (Isaiah 40: 10) May we also visualize the mighty power of our living God. "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding." Our God needs no rest but continues on as sovereign and nothing can be hidden from Him. "All nations before Him are as nothing; and they are counted to Him less than nothing, and vanity. To whom, then, will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto Him?" (Isaiah 40: 17-18) We need to accept without any doubt that we serve a living God who is from everlasting to everlasting! "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements, and His ways past our finding out." (Romans 11: 33)

There is nothing in the heavens above or of the earth beneath that can compare to our Mighty Triune God. And, as believers, nothing can separate us from His love for us. We have already been made members of the Royal family of God, blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, and established with everlasting life through His name. We have a glorious God to proclaim to the nations, for as God the Father has sent forth His Eternal Son, so God the son has sent us forth into all the world to proclaim His unsearchable riches. "For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counselor? Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto Him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11: 34-36) We are God's living testimony to the ungodly world. This world of sin rejects the light of the glorious Gospel, but there are some who desire better things for themselves and family. These are the "Other Sheep" which Christ spoke about. "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold: and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received from my Father." (John 10: 16-18) God has set us aside as "Sanctified Ones" through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is all in preparation for that great Rapture, when we shall be adorned in those robes of pure white linen for the marriage to the Lamb of God. From Pentecost until the Rapture, God the Father is calling out the bride for the Bridegroom. It will be a glorious day when this all takes place. As we prepare for that great "Air Lift" may we be mindful that our bodies, as believers have become the temples of God with God the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Corinthians 3: 16)

This chapter, not only had to do with Israel and her unbelief, but is also applicable to the whole wide world. God does not need to make any apology for what He has planned for all ages. He is the Master builder and in Him does all things consist. His eternal glory is being shared by grace with His creation and especially with the Holy angels and the saints of all ages. There is a day of eternal reckoning coming upon all the ungodly and that will include a great separation of good from all evil, forever and ever. The trials of this life are but of a split second in comparison to an eternal "Utopia" with our living God. God did not depend upon His creation to obtain redemption, but provided it all by himself. God alone is accomplishing His original plan, which was established before the foundation of the world. Accept this "Faith Rest" in the Lord, and fulfil His commission and command to go into all the world with the Gospel of good tidings. "To God be the glory, great things that He keeps on doing"!

As we conclude this study, may the sanctification through Christ be real to each of us, rather than just a study in Theology. God has wonderfully provided for us as we travel through this present life. This is all in preparation for the eternity to come, in which we have already become "New Creatures in Christ Jesus." Let the world know that we live and move and have our

being in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is Christ in you the hope of glory, as the Triune God has given us the guarantee through God the Holy Spirit that every promise that He has made will be fulfilled.

It is amazing how God has given us such freedom of choice after becoming a Christian. Yes, we have been delivered from sin, and it becomes our choice to follow God's Word in a life dedicated to Christ or to go our own way and suffer the consequences. *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."* (1 John 3: 2-3) This purification can only come from Almighty God as we walk in the light of His precious Word. This walk as Christian is not an easy walk, and we cannot do it in our own strength. It must be in the light of God's Word, by the power of God the Holy Spirit. May we study God's Word carefully and the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth. We as Believers have been saved from the wrath of God and may we count our many blessings. I have mentioned a few of these blessings from God.

1. Delivered from the penalty of sin.
2. Born into the Royal family of God.
3. Indwelt forever by God the Holy Spirit.
4. Made servants of God unto righteousness.
5. Supplied with the whole armor of God.
6. Mindful of the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit.
7. Joint heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. Blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.
9. As Christians we are the future bride of Christ.
10. We shall rule and reign with Christ as a kingdom of priests.
11. All things are working together for good as we love God.
12. Kept by the power of God.
13. Members of the body of Christ.
14. Ambassadors of Christ.
15. Baptized by the Holy Spirit.
16. Receivers of special gifts from the Holy Spirit.
17. All our needs are supplied.
18. Protected against all evil powers.
19. Guardian angels watch over us.
20. A new name given to us in heaven.
21. A place being prepared for us in the Father's mansions.

QUESTIONS CHAPTER SIX.

1. Write an essay on "When the Church Began".
2. What is the difference between Israel and the Church?
3. Why was John the Baptist sent to herald Christ instead of Elijah? (Malachi 4:5).
4. Write an essay on -"Paul's Great Love for His People, Israel".
5. What is your attitude, when falsely accused in the work of the Lord?
6. Explain the two unconditional covenants of Abraham.
7. Explain the unconditional covenant God made with David.
8. Explain (2 Chronicles 7: 14)
9. Explain (Matthew 23: 37-39)
10. Explain (Rev 6: 15-17)
11. What was the purpose of the Old Testament commandments?
12. What does God's Word mean by "The Remnant of Israel"?
13. Explain "The Sovereignty of God".
14. How did Israel's blindness lead to God's mercy toward the Gentiles?
15. Explain (Romans 10: 1-13)
16. What damage occurs with self righteousness?
17. Explain "Falling from Grace".
18. Why is God punishing Israel?
19. When is the final punishment of Israel?
20. Why did God temporarily set aside Israel?
21. Has God always maintained a remnant in Israel?
22. Explain grafting and God's warning to the Gentiles.
23. How will Israel as a nation be re-born in a day?
24. Write an essay on, "God's Fathomless Wisdom".
25. Name as many blessings from God, as possible, in your life since yo have become a Christian.

26. What have you personally gained through Christ dying upon the Cross?
27. How is "Grace", "Mercy", and "Peace" obtained?
28. What do you understand about "Faith Rest"? (Hebrews 4:1-8)
29. How do you keep an unbroken fellowship with God? Scripture please.
30. What do you personally understand from God's revelation of the New Heavens and the New Earth?

CHAPTER SEVEN



Romans

THE CHRISTIAN'S WAY OF LIFE WITH PRIVILEGES

(Romans 12: 1 - Romans 15:13)

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Christians should live for the Glory of God. Perhaps the greatest privilege that we will discuss is the "New Birth" given to us by God the Holy Spirit. This is something that the Old Testament saints never experienced but had been promised. However as we examine this special blessing, there comes with it special responsibilities. The Old Testament saints could point their fingers at us saying, "With all your added blessings and especially the Holy Spirit living within you, you should be ashamed of yourselves the way that you live". We are without excuse, having been given a new birth and the complete Word of God. More than that, we do not need to make animal sacrifices, for the Lamb of God Himself has been given as the supreme sacrifice for all sins, past, present and future. Let us examine the Christian's dedication and service that he should render for the Lord.

I. A DEDICATED CHRISTIAN'S LIFE BRINGS GLORY TO GOD. *(Romans 12: 1-8)*

The Christian's body should be a living sacrifice. It is only a believer who can actually dedicate the human body unto the Lord, and become a living sacrifice unto the Lord. We have been made alive only by the Lord Jesus Christ. "*And you hath He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.*" (*Ephesians 2: 1*) As far as God is concerned, you are dead until the Lord makes you alive. Until the Lord saves you are useless and dead. Therefore, when we are made alive in Christ Jesus, we belong to the Godhead. "*For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*" (*1 Corinthians 6: 20*) All your religious services, as an unbeliever regardless of what you sacrifice to worship, is all in vain. For as far as God is concerned you are dead and useless to Him, apart from His Son.

May we also understand from the Scriptures that, since you have been bought with a Divine price, you are now under the authority of God. "*Ye are bought with a price; be not ye servants of men. Brethren, let every man, in whatsoever state he is called, there abide with God.*" (*1 Corinthians 7: 23-24*) As believers we become pleasers of God above all mankind. "*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*" (*1 Corinthians 3: 16-17*) These are strong words from the Holy Spirit and it behooves us to walk according to our high calling in Christ Jesus. So let us consider several factors as believers, born again by God the Holy Spirit. May we also remember that this presentation to God is personal and final! It is to be all inclusive among all believers without any exceptions.

A. BELIEVERS ARE TO BE THE LIVING GOSPEL OF GOD.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12: 1) Just what is involved and what does God require with such a statement? It is your body that is involved, which must be taken over by the Holy Spirit which has made you a new creature in Christ Jesus. We must personally dedicate these bodies to the Lord, and be willing to do His will in our lives. You are capable of resisting this dedication and do your own thing, as *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 14: 12)* The Scripture tells us, that it is in Christ that we have our life and therefore it is imperative that we live our lives according to his will. *"For in Him we live, and move, and have our being;" (Acts 17: 28a)* We become servants of the Most High God and not slaves. We have been set free from the bondage of sin and purchased out from the slave market of sin. We are to reckon ourselves alive unto God with a continual witness and testimony to the saving grace of our loving Lord. All that we are and all that we have been entrusted with, should be wholly His and used to glorify His name. Our priorities as a living sacrifice to the Lord are to be according to His will. God gives us the freedom of choice in all things, but we must pay the price if we go our own way with a spiritual decay. May our daily life be one which is always well pleasing in God's sight. The believer that is completely dedicated to the Lord can depend upon God to keep a hedge about his life.

God expects us to make a personal commitment once and forever. We begin this dedication to our Lord in this life and it will extend on into eternity to come. God has given us the gift of eternal life in His presence, therefore we should be willing to give our lives a gift to God's service, fulfilling God's will in and through our lives.

B. THE BELIEVER IS NOT TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE WICKED WORLD

We read in this passage, *"And be not conformed to this world" (Romans 12: 2a)* This is of the greatest importance as we walk the Christian life. The world system is very wicked and totally depraved. In it is "The World, The Flesh, and The Devil", and the only way that you can combat these enemies of God is in and through God the Holy Spirit. Therefore we need to remind ourselves, *"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." (Galatians 5: 24-26)* It is also very important that as we face the trials as well as the temptations in this world that we continually use the armor of God. *(Ephesians 6: 11)* This is part and parcel of reckoning ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. The battle as well as the victory belongs to the Lord. You personally, apart from the Holy Spirit, cannot combat the evil forces. God has sent the Holy Spirit, not only to be our guide in the Scriptures, but also our guard against the wiles of the devil.

C. GOD WILL REVEAL HIS PERFECT WILL FOR YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE.

You may ask yourself, "How can I know the perfect will of God for my life"? The answer to this is plain and simple as set forth in the Word of God. *"And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." (Romans 12: 2)* Fellow saints of God, it could not be said any clearer than what the Holy Spirit has said through Paul. If you are conformed to this world system, then you will never know the perfect will for your life in the Christian walk. Furthermore if you want to mind the things of your own liking and ignore to do the mind of Christ, you will not know the perfect will of God. We as

believers need to keep in the sweet fellowship of Christ, *"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1: 6-9) When we apply such principles from the Bible, then we can expect to know the perfect will of God for our lives. Don't expect a voice from heaven to direct you in such a way, but God has given us the Bible so that we might search the Scriptures and let the Holy Spirit through the Word of God tell us, *"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it. when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."* (Isaiah 30: 21) This voice you shall hear through the Word of God, and when you do, you better throw away all of your idols regardless of what pleasure you have in them. (Isaiah 30: 22) *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* (Hebrews 12: 1-2) God never expects us to do something beyond what we are capable of doing, as we allow God the Holy Spirit to keep on filling our lives with Himself. God has not only supplied God the Holy Spirit, but also God the Eternal Son. *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with our feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* (Hebrews 4: 14-16) God the Father has provided us with everything necessary for the victory over the evil forces. God will show you His perfect will for your life, providing you desire to live according to the Word of God. It is God's purpose in your life to show you the perfect way of your life. God does not wish to drive or force you to this perfect way of life, but wishes you to choose to follow, being led by God the Holy Spirit. May I constantly remind you that God the Holy Spirit is available to us as saints of God to lead us into all truth. "For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me." (Psalm 31: 3) "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He Will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." (John 16: 13-15) God wants to guide and direct you, through God the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:14) It is marvelous how God has made every provision for us, in maintaining a constant fellowship with Him, and with each other. That fellowship can easily be broken through unconfessed sin. When the line of communication between us and God is broken, we become open prey to the world, the flesh and the devil. God has made every provision for us as believers to be in constant fellowship with Him. God the Holy Spirit desires to give us protection against the evil forces, as He guides us into all truth. God's Word is truth and He requires us to feast upon His Word, being led by God the Holy Spirit.

D. LIVING THE GOSPEL.

Since we have adopted the good news that God has made available to us by His grace, let us live according to the Gospel and let Jesus be seen in our lives. Here are a few ways that we can express the gospel in and through our Christian life.

1. PERSONAL COMMITMENT.

Since salvation is a personal issue demanding a personal decision, so it is necessary for us to be wholly committed unto the true and living God. As Paul reminded the Athenians, "*For in Him we live, and move, and have our being*". (Acts 17: 28a) Our whole life style should change, being conformed to the image of Christ.

2. WE PRESENT OUR LIVING SELF ONCE AND FOREVER TO THE LORD.

God's Word admonishes us to dedicate our complete life and possessions to Him for a very productive life, glorifying Christ in and through our lives. It is not sufficient that you merely give your tithes and offerings to the Lord and then use what remains as separate and for personal usage. "*Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*" (2 Corinthians 5: 17-19) When we become born again, we immediately become new creatures in Christ Jesus. Our whole life pattern changes as we are led by the Holy Spirit. We exchange the human viewpoint for the Divine viewpoint.

3. IT IS OUR WAY OF GIVING A GIFT OF OURSELVES TO GOD.

Since we cannot earn our salvation in any way, this is one way that we can be grateful to God, by giving ourselves as a gift in the service of God. Through creation, we belong to God and through dedication we glorify our Creator. It is our way of expressing to God our Creator our appreciation for restoring our souls, through His gift of the Lord Jesus Christ. "*For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, that is, the redemption of our body.*" (Romans 8: 22-23)

4. YOUR LIFE BECOMES A LIFE OF SERVICE TO GOD.

God's one desire for us as believers is to have a fruitful life. God is self sufficient and is in need of nothing. You cannot add to or take away from God's glory. God desires that we render service to Him of our own free will, rather than be forced labor. "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*" (1 Corinthians 15: 58)

5. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLS WITHIN YOU AND KEEPS YOU HOLY.

We are reminded from the Word of God, "*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.*" (1 John 4: 4) The Holy Spirit becomes our keeping power against all evil. This keeping power is revealed in and through the Word of God. The Holy Spirit who has given us a new birth also gives us new power. Praise God we do have this Divine spark dwelling within us for eternity. Christ had prayed directly to God the

Father that He would send God the Holy Spirit to us and within us forever! *"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."* (John 14: 16-17)

6. YOUR LIFE BECOMES WHOLLY GOD'S NOT JUST PART GOD'S.

Often times we sing those beautiful hymns without paying attention to the words. There is one hymn especially that comes to my mind as I am reminded of our need of complete devotion to God and that is the hymn "I Surrender All". Perhaps it would be good for us to review it.

I SURRENDER ALL.

ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER, ALL TO HIM I FREELY GIVE,
I WILL EVER LOVE AND TRUST HIM, IN HIS PRESENCE DAILY LIVE.

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ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER, HUMBLY AT HIS FEET I BOW,
WORLDLY PLEASURES ALL FORSAKEN, TAKE ME, JESUS, TAKE ME NOW.

.....
ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER, LORD, I GIVE MYSELF TO THEE;
FILL ME WITH THY LOVE AND POWER, LET THY BLESSING FALL ON ME.

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I SURRENDER ALL, I SURRENDER ALL.
ALL TO THEE, MY BLESSED SAVIOR, I SURRENDER ALL.

This is certainly a hymn of commitment, but there are so few believers who are living with such high aspirations. May the Lord through God the Holy Spirit show each of us the importance of such a devotion to our Lord. God wants us to be willing to trust in Him completely. May our trust be wholly in the Lord our God who loves us. *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."* (Proverbs 3: 5-6) As we surrender all to Almighty God, we have a new set of priorities in our life. Our paths are now directed by God the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us forever. Our conformity is not according to this life style, but rather to seeking to know God's will for our lives, being transformed by the renewing of our mental thought, based upon the teachings of the Word of God.

7. GIVE YOUR LIVING BODY TO GOD IN EXCHANGE FOR AN ETERNAL BODY.

You can never give too much of yourself or of your possessions to God. He always is ready to multiply to you in eternal blessings, and to supply your temporal needs, in exchange for your faithfulness to Him. *"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."* (2 Corinthians 5: 1) These temporary bodies need to be wholly given over to the Lord, for we should be mindful that God has already prepared for us a glorified body in the heavenlies. These will be received when the Rapture takes place. (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18)

E. RESULTS OF A SEPARATED LIFE UNTO GOD.

WE GLORIFY GOD AS NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST.

1. God gives of His goodness in exchange.
2. God accepts your presentation and is satisfied.
3. Our life style is based upon God's perfection.
4. God's perfect will becomes the results in our lives.
5. God the Holy Spirit presents us with special gifts.
6. We experience the unity in Christ and with our fellow believers.
7. We learn to understand the Grace principles of God.
8. Christian fellowship becomes an encouraging factor in our life.
9. Conformity to Christ results in an attitude of prayer for each other.
10. Realizing that we are not our own but have been bought with a great price we become cheerful givers to the work of the Lord.
11. Since we are sent as ambassadors of Christ, we become hospitable to others of like faith as well as to all.
12. Being members of the body of Christ we are able to sympathize with others with the greatest of humility.

F. GIFTS FROM GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE AVAILABLE AS HE WILLS. (1 Corinthians 12-14)

We as Christians have natural gifts, differing from each other. God is aware of these natural gifts which each of us have and will assign us according to our capability. However, if the Lord has assigned you to something beyond your natural talents, rest assured that He will provide. As we review these three chapters in 1 Corinthians there are the following truths for us to learn.

1. Added spiritual gifts are available as the Holy Spirit wills.
2. There are many different gifts available from the Holy Spirit.
3. As Christians we have all be baptized by the same Holy Spirit.
4. As Christians we are all fitted together forming one body.
5. The fruit of the Holy Spirit should be manifested in each of us.
6. Our gifts are to edify the saints and glorify God.
7. One day we shall know as we are known.

8. Speaking in another language should have 2 or 3 interpreters.
9. Assemble together to edify one another.
10. The study of God's Word edifies more than 10,000 words in an unknown tongue.

II. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD. (ROMANS 13)

A. GOD INSTITUTED GOVERNMENTS.

As we study the role that human governments have in our Christian walk through this world, may we be mindful of the fact that God is sovereign over all. We must also realize that governments are placed on probation before God. They have a freedom of choice and can disobey God's ordinances but will have to suffer the consequences. *"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." (Romans 13: 1)* This is a very strong statement, and we must add, "under the sovereignty of God". As one goes back into the history of nations, we are aware of the wickedness of many rulers, and we wonder why they were not removed immediately. No, they were not removed immediately, but eventually God did remove them. We have many cases within the Bible as certain rulers did righteously before God and ruled many years. Others did wrongly and were removed.

1. DANIEL

The Holy Spirit revealed some excellent truths to Daniel, and he even was told of three empires beyond Babylon that would exist. When the image of Nebuchadnezzar was revealed to Daniel, here is what we have recorded by the Holy Spirit. *"Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: And He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him." (Daniel 2: 19-22)* Our God Almighty who is from everlasting to everlasting, knows the end from the beginning and can predict down to the minutest detail what is going to happen. The four great empires of the world were proclaimed by God to Daniel. Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. The revival of the Roman Empire is one of the final great empires which will soon come to pass, as the end time empire under the control of Satan. This is fully discussed in my short study of the Book of Daniel. One of the visions which God gave to Daniel was the coming of the Son of man with great glory, to destroy this last great empire at the Battle of Armageddon. *"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire." (Daniel 7: 9)* Christ shall ride into power, seated upon the white horse of victory as we have foretold in the Book of Revelation. *"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war." (Revelation 19: 11)* Then as we turn again to Daniel we read, *"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it break in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the Great God*

hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof is sure.” (Daniel 2: 44-45) Understanding God's Word gives us understanding of the powers that be today, and they shall all fade away! God will have the final victory throughout eternity. “I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7: 13-14) This everlasting kingdom, we as the saints of God shall rule and reign with the Lord forever. (Daniel 7: 27) The Millennial kingdom which is predicted shall be a reign for a thousand years, and there will then be the final judgements under God, with the continual reign of Christ throughout eternity.

2. NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

God had revealed to king Nebuchadnezzar His greatness through Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego as they were cast into the fiery furnace. It caused him to make a decree as to the true and living God. This was sent throughout his whole domain. (Daniel 3: 29 - Daniel 4: 4) This was but another time that God gave to the peoples of the earth an opportunity of turning to Him. However it didn't seem to have much of an impact upon the nations of the world. We may also discover that even king Nebuchadnezzar, soon forgot, by declaring himself so great in establishing his kingdom.

God had to humiliate the king by driving him from among men and caused him to eat grass as oxen. (Daniel 4: 28-33) For seven seasons this occurred to the king. *“And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I praised and honoured Him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest thou?.....Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of Heaven, all whose works are truth, and His ways judgement: and those that walk in pride He is able to abase.” (Daniel 4: 34-37) This message went throughout the king's vast domain.*

3. LET EVERY SOUL BE SUBJECT UNTO THE HIGHER POWER.

God in His eternal sovereignty requires all to be subject unto Him, including the governments and law makers. The majority of nations have disregarded the God of Heaven and will suffer at the hand of God for their disobedience. This applies to each of us as individuals as well. We have an excellent example of this in the New Testament, during the ministry of Christ. The Pharisees counseled together, trying to either accuse Christ before the Roman government or before Judaism. *“Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto Him a penny. And He said unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto Him, Caesar's. Then sayeth He unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.” (Matthew 22: 17-21) As we read in the New Testament, we realize the sovereignty of God in all affairs. Christ Himself also proclaimed, *“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.” (Matthew 5: 17) Our Lord Jesus Christ, as the Creator and king should be exempt from paying taxes, the Lord was so careful not to have even the appearance of evil. “And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes. And when**

he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou Simon? Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto Him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee." (Matthew 17: 24-27)

This is certainly a lesson for us to learn, as to the nation to which we belong. God has established governments to keep law and order and to deal with crime and bring justice to all. There are many who miss-use this political power, and they will have to answer before God. But we as Christians need to observe the laws of our land.

B. GOD ESTABLISHED LAW.

God has established His laws throughout the whole universe. This is especially seen in creation. The stars of the heaven move through space according to time. The creatures of this earth have their habitat, and the flowers and grain of the fields have their seasons. God reminds us from His Word, "Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; Custom to whom custom. fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." (Romans 13: 5-8)

THE LAW OF LOVE.

We are admonished by the Word of God to walk honestly among all men and especially among those of the household of faith. This is a different love which we are to manifest before fellow believers and others. It is only obtained by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. "But if ye be led of the Spirit ye are not under the law." (Galatians 5: 18) As we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us through the Holy Scriptures we actually fulfil the Law by a manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Galatians 5: 22-23) Time is running out and may we be busy in the fields which are white unto harvest. The coming of the Lord for that great "Air Lift" is drawing near. May that Divine love which sent Christ to Calvary's Cross flow in and through us to needy souls. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." (Romans 13: 10-12) This Divine love that has been given to us is to be shared with others as a free gift and it should be generously imparted to others. That good news was given to us and we need to proclaim it to "The Regions Beyond". The signs of the time indicate that the Lord will soon be returning to receive us up into our heavenly home, escaping from the wrath to come. (John 14: 1-6); 1 Thessalonians 1: 10) May the Lord Jesus Christ be seen in us. "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." (Romans 13: 14)

C. GOD'S PRINCIPLES DECLARED IN THE BIBLE. (Romans 14: 1 - Romans 15: 13)

1. FAITH PRINCIPLES

As Christians we have been freed from the bondage of the law, and we now exercise love principles by the grace of God. There are always three classes of believers as

recognized in the Bible. 1. The strong in faith. 2. The weak in faith. and 3. The carnal believer. The strong in faith should be our leaders in the Christian walk, apt to teach others. There will always be those who are weak in faith, with some who want to question everything. Those, of such attitude, we need to avoid, for they desire to place all their reasoning on a human viewpoint, rather from the Divine viewpoint. *"Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations." (Romans 14: 1)* We as believers practice the faith principles, establishing young Christians in the faith. There will always be those of little faith and others of great faith. I am sad to say that many believers get entangled with the cares of this life and the lust of the flesh. They never grow or mature in the faith and live a defeated life. They are classified as those who are merely saved and all their works are burned, as wood, hay and stubble. There is no excuse for such a life, and may each of you as students of the Bible be able to say, *"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him. (1 Corinthians 8: 6)* It is so-easy for one to set his own principles and way of life, and think that all should follow his way of a Christian life. May we be careful not to be a judge in the simple ways of life. *"Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him." (Romans 14: 3)* May we remember God's principles. *"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14: 7-8)*

2. THE BELIEVER'S JUDGEMENT PRINCIPLES.

It is of the utmost importance that we as believers prepare for standing before the judgement seat of Christ. *(2 Corinthians 5: 10)* This is not for salvation but rather for rewards, according to what we do in our life as Christians. All our works will be purified or destroyed according to our motive. For faithfulness unto the Lord, our works will be as gold, silver and precious stones. For self glory our works will be as wood, hay and stubble. *(1 Corinthians 3: 11-16)* We are also reminded in our studies of the Book of Romans of these same truths. *"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ." (Romans 14: 10)* Our business in this world is to preach the Word, evangelize, and establish the saints in the most holy faith, as ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE.

Our judgement as believers will take place after the Rapture, when we receive our glorified bodies. All the ungodly and wicked will remain in Sheol until after the Millennium, which will be the second resurrection. The ungodly of all generations shall arise and stand before the great white throne for their final judgement before they are cast into the lake of fire. *(Revelation 20: 11-15)* As believers we will take part in the first resurrection. *"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." (Revelation 20: 6)* Now, let us go back to our studies in Romans. *"For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." (Romans 14: 11)* This is also recorded for our admonition and understanding in the Book of Philippians. *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2: 9-11)* The Lord Jesus Christ whom they rejected will be seated upon the great white throne and all of those before Him will fall down before Him and confess that He is the King of kings and Lord of lords, the eternal Son of God. Their good works will

fall short of the glory of God and all will be cast into the lake of fire forever and ever in an eternal living death. That is why the Holy Spirit reminds us to leave all judgements in the hand of God. *"So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."* (Romans 14: 12-13)

4. THE LAW OF LOVE

As believers we must be careful of individual judgements, especially with those things that are doubtful. We who are mature in the faith need to help those who are young in the faith. Our teaching should always be based upon the written Word of God. We all need to remind ourselves that we are no longer our own, but were bought with a price, even the Lord Jesus Christ. Note (Romans 15: 3) - *"For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me."* It was Christ who suffered for us that we might be freed from the penalty of sin. *"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not; but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously: Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."* (1 Peter 2: 21-24)

It was hard for the Jewish Christians to maintain their circumcision, which was a sign to the Jews and accept the Gentiles which were not given that same sign. We may add that we who come from different cultural backgrounds may have different backgrounds, but now we are brought together as one in Christ. *"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus. That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God."* (Romans 15: 5-6)

As we close this chapter, may we bear in mind that the life that we live as Christians should be patterned after the life of Christ and kept by the power of the Holy Spirit. We must continue in the fellowship with those of like faith. Spend time alone with God and study God's Word so that we are well pleasing in the sight of God. May Christ be exalted in our life as a testimony to the world to the saving grace of our loving Lord.

God has redeemed us out from the power of sin as well as set us free from the penalty of sin. Someday we shall be made free from the presence of sin forever and ever. Do not get entangled in disputing over unimportant issues, but rather spend time with the outstanding truths in God's Word. Paul had no trouble eating the best grades of meat, usually found in these false temples. He knew that they were dumb idols of no life, but if someone would be offended by it, Paul would refrain from eating it, if an issue would be made of it. *"But take heed lest by any means this liberty of your's become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; and through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."* (1 Corinthians 8: 9-13)

In our Christian life and walk, we must be careful not to offend our weaker brother and as the Scriptures remind us, *"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."* (Romans 12: 10) This is not an easy attainment, but God the Holy Spirit is willing to help you, if you will let Him guide you, teach you, and strengthen you. *"Let not then your good be evil spoken of:"* (Romans 12: 16) Let your Christian love, overflow to the glory and praise of our loving Lord. This can only be

accomplished as one yields to the Holy Spirit, being led by Him and walking in the light of God's Word. *"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."* (1 John 1: 5-7)

QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER SEVEN

1. How can one live the Gospel? Give Scripture.
2. Why was the new birth necessary to those who believed? Scripture.
3. How does our body become a living sacrifice, after we believe?
4. What is the purpose of (1 John 4: 4); in not being conformed to this world system?
5. What is the purpose of giving God our whole life?
6. Can we know God's perfect will for our lives? Scripture please.
7. What do you understand about personal commitment to God?
8. How often do we present our lives as a living sacrifice to God?
9. How can we give gifts to God?
10. Name some gifts that God gives to us when we become Christians.
11. What are some results when we live a separated life to God?
12. Can we demand certain gifts from God the Holy Spirit?
13. Write an essay on "Being filled by God the Holy Spirit".
14. Write an essay on, "Living for Christ and His Glory".
15. Write an essay on, "Defeating the World, the Flesh and the Devil".
16. Write an essay on (1 Corinthians 12-14)
17. How does one live the Gospel?
18. Write an essay on, "The Glory Of God in Our Lives".
19. How does a Christian overcome the World, The Flesh, and The Devil?
20. In working for God what is God most interested in through our good works?
21. What does it mean to surrender all unto the Lord?
22. How are some of the ways in which we obey the rules of our Government?

23. Write an essay on "The Law of Love".
24. Explain (Daniel 2: 19-22)
25. Who are the people who shall stand and be judged before "The Great White Throne"?
26. What is the unpardonable sin?
27. Explain (1 Corinthians 3: 9-17); and (2 Corinthians 5: 10)
28. How important is the sovereignty of God in the light of our being subject to our national government?
29. Write an essay on, "The Living Gospel in our Christian life".
30. Explain (Isaiah 40: 10)

CHAPTER EIGHT



Romans

THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SERVICE.

(Romans 15:14 - Romans 16: 27)

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I. THE DIVINE LOVE OVERFLOWING IN THE BELIEVERS. (ROMANS 15: 14-33)

A. THE OUTPOURING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

As we bring to a conclusion this marvelous Book on the "Gospel of God", it gives us but a glimpse of God's great love toward us. Paul was given tremendous grace by the Holy Spirit who revealed these truths to him. It is true that Paul was God's prepared man for this revelation, as God prepares each of us for our type of witnessing for Him.

B. THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

Paul's missionary journeys were used by God to establish churches throughout Asia Minor, and on into Macedonia. Paul so taught that there would be those leaders in each church to carry on with the teaching ministry. Note what Paul said, "*And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*" (Romans 15: 14) This should show us in our teaching of the Word to establish leaders among all that we teach to share the good news with others. It also is of great importance that we prepare written lessons, so that there is no question as to what we are teaching. "*Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God.*" (Romans 15: 15) God the Holy Spirit set Paul to this ministry of the Gospel of God. "*That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the Gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*" (Romans 15: 16) The Holy Spirit directed Paul in such a way that there would be no greater burden upon the Gentiles as they accepted the Gospel of God. If the Gentiles would have had Old Testament laws added to their sanctification by the Holy Spirit, then there would have been the question of mixing law and grace. The Holy Spirit, led Paul in regard to this situation.

C. THE GLORIFICATION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

As God's servants in teaching the Word, we glory in the Lord Jesus Christ as witnesses to the saving grace of our loving Lord. God always uses His Word to glorify our Redeemer. The Gospel of Christ was preached from Jerusalem and throughout Asia Minor, with mighty signs and wonders. *"I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things that pertain to God. For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not wrought in me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God."*

(Romans 15: 17-19a) One of those mighty works which God the Holy Spirit did through Paul was the writing of the Epistles. The Lord Jesus Christ chose Paul, who was God's prepared vessel. The Lord spoke directly to Ananias concerning Paul. *"And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered the Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit."* *(Acts 9: 11-17)* When Paul received his sight and was baptized by the Holy Spirit, he obeyed the command to be baptized with water as an outward testimony of the inward mighty working power of God.

Did you note, that Paul was to suffer for the Lord in many ways. Paul was that chosen vessel to suffer as he proclaimed the Gospel of God. Note Paul's prayer as writing to the Philippian church. *"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death:"*

(Philippians 3: 10) Let us just see some of this suffering which Paul endured for the Lord. *"I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little. That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labour more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren: In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory in the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not." (2 Corinthians 11: 16-31)* What can one say as to comparing our little sufferings to that which Paul had suffered for the cause of the Cross? Paul continually glorified the Lord regardless of his circumstances. That is why the Lord could entrust him with the writing of the Epistles to the churches.

It was the Lord who said, *"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."* *(Matthew 10: 22)* This has nothing to do as

to salvation of the soul, as Christ was speaking to those of His flock. The hatred of this world will continue while we are in it, but one day we shall be saved out from it, after enduring their hatred for a season. Since we are children of light, we are not compatible with the children of darkness. As children of light, we expose the evil deeds of the ungodly who are children of darkness.

D. THE REGIONS BEYOND.

As I surrendered my life to the Lord to go to Africa as a missionary, I had ask the Lord to send me where the people had never heard the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. That He granted me when I had the privilege of giving the Gospel to many that had never heard about Jesus. *"Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation". (Romans 15: 20)* It is like in building, it is far better to build a new building than to repair an old one. *"To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line made ready to our hand. But He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth," (2 Corinthians 10: 16-18)* There is much work to be done in this world for the fields are white unto harvest. May our every effort be made to glorify our soon coming Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Our desire should always be to be in the center of the will of God. This would be impossible if we as Christians live according to the conformity of the world system. Much of our cultural background has kept us away from the Divine viewpoint, and that is why the Holy Spirit had to give a new birth, making us new creatures in Christ Jesus.

E. MEETING THE MATERIAL NEEDS IN THE GOSPEL

Since we have this spiritual treasure in earthen vessels, there is also a constant need to supply material needs, both for the furthering of the gospel as well as for the local physical needs. The Gentiles were the benefactors of the spiritual gifts coming from Jerusalem, and in their appreciation, they sent contributions to help the poor of Jerusalem. *(Romans 15: 25-27)* Spreading the Gospel to the ends of the world is a joint commission for those who stay behind to send forth those who are called to go before, as a joint effort for the Lord. *"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7)* May I remind you that when you give as God has prospered you, rest assured that you will also be mindful to pray for one another. In giving offerings and gifts toward evangelizing around the world, it is only the beginning of our responsibility. Paul realized that he was in need of the saint's prayers at all times. *"Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me," (Romans 15: 30)* Give where you are led to give, rather than any outside pressure. God's great faith work has always led in great evangelistic outreaches. Be specific and designate your giving, when there is a special burden, or leading in which the Holy Spirit has prompted you to give.

F. THE FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST JESUS.

Saints that work together in the work of the Lord are always refreshed and gather together with great joy. No work of the Lord can be fruitful unless we are united together with the same purpose. *"That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen." (Romans 15: 32-33)* May we always remember that there is unity in the Lord, which rises above denominations as well as nations. *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond or free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3: 28)*

May we also remember that Christ is the head of the church, which is one body. *"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."* (Ephesians 4: 4-6) The Christian fellowship is meant to unite us together in the work of the Lord. We all have different gifts according to the high calling of God. Being new creatures in Christ Jesus, our mode of life should be different, living in the light of God's Word. When we receive those glorified bodies, we will be completely changed and in the Likeness of our precious Lord. *"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin."* (1 John 1: 6-7)

II. **THE OUTFLOW OF CHRISTIAN LOVE BY THE GRACE OF GOD. (ROMANS 16: 1-21)**

A. **PHEBE**

It is always a gracious act to recognize the talents and activity of our fellow believers. We are reminded by the word, *"I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. (Romans 16: 1-2)* This is certainly a commendation from Paul, who is mindful of the help from each brother and sister in the Lord. Our fellowship with fellow believers during our earthly walk is but a foretaste of the heavenly life with the saints of all ages.

B. **PRICILLA AND AQUILA**

These were Paul's great helpers in the time of need. They were ready to help all the churches among the Gentiles, being Jews from Italy. Their trade was tentmakers. *"After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Pricilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers."* (Acts 18: 1-3) This was an outstanding couple, having become believers, they opened their home for fellow believers to assemble together. (1 Corinthians 16: 19-20); (2 Timothy 4: 19) This was so essential with the early church, where the emphasis was placed upon the Word and worship, rather than upon comforts of a building. Aquila and Pricilla were Paul's helpers in Christ Jesus. *"Greet Pricilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles."* (Romans 16: 3-4)

C. **PAUL'S SALUTATION TO OTHERS. (ROMANS 16: 5-16)**

The Apostle Paul was always mindful of those who were helpful in his ministry, as he went about establishing assemblies, in the most holy faith. There were those who avoided him because he was under continual persecution from the Sanhedrin. They were not pleased with his defense of the Lord as the expected Messiah. Paul by the grace of God was always specific and personal with his greetings. It was his way of expressing the Divine love manifested in his life through God the Holy Spirit. Paul was Christ's chosen vessel for the establishing of the doctrinal bases for the body of Christ. He never shirk from God's work, but was always ready, in season and out of season to witness to the saving grace of our loving Lord. Paul considered the churches of Christ as members of the

body of Christ. The Christian fellowship should always be as one body rather than many denominations. Paul did not generalize as he remembered individual believers who glorified the Lord through their ministries. Paul was aware of those who gave in their abundance of their time and effort in establishing assemblies for the teaching of the Bible. Always remember, "You can get most anything accomplished, if you do not mind who gets the credit."

D. PAUL'S WARNINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(Romans 16: 17-19)

Where ever the Gospel is preached, you can rest assured that Satan has his henchmen causing divisions. "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." (Romans 16: 17-18) Paul came right to the point, being led by the Holy Spirit, and classified the trouble makers within the body of Christ, who always creep in with their fine speech and good words. Beware of such who cause division within the church body. We know that there is no perfect church assembly any where to be found and the Holy Spirit used Paul to warn all of us. You will always find those carnal Christians which attempt to cover over their lack of spiritual understanding, causing divisions and discord among the brethren. The Lord hates such carnality. (Proverbs 6: 16-19)

E. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GOD OF PEACE.
(Romans 16: 21)

Paul was aware that we as believers must depend upon the spiritual power working in and through us. We in ourselves cannot defeat Satan but it must be God himself that will bruise Satan under our feet. May I again remind you, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." (1 John 4: 4-6) As we meet together and have fellowship with one another as saints of God, we will be able to detect those that speak in the spirit of error. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4: 1) Since we have the Holy Spirit living within us, we should be able to detect spirits of error. To be aware of the guidance of the Holy Spirit, there must be a leading of the Holy Spirit within you. If you are not alert to His guidance, then sin must be reigning in your life and you are grieving the Holy Spirit. "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit. that we are the children of God:" (Romans 8: 16)

It is possible for Christians to quench the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. "Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5: 19) So beware of misusing the grace of God and get back into the right fellowship with God! Continually use (1 John 1: 9), not merely with lip service, but from the heart. May you as a believer beware of being carnally minded, for this grieves the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4: 30); which can not only quench His power in your life, but can cause "Sin unto Death." (Romans 6: 16) There is nothing hidden from God who is sovereign over all. Another important factor in the Christian life, is that our bodies have been declared as the temple of God. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise." (1 Corinthians 3: 16-18) Be sure that your sins shall

find you out, if you as a Christian, think that you are deceiving the Lord! *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. (Romans 16: 20b)*

III. THE BENEDICTION. (ROMANS 16: 22-27)

Paul had dictated this Epistle to Tertius, who also had his closing remarks. If you read these closing remarks carefully, you will see a continuation of Paul's style of writing. *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of the faith: To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen."* (Romans 16: 24-27) This is how Paul would end his writings, and we can rest assured that if Tertius did receive the dictations that it all was according to the dictates of God the Holy Spirit. *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."* (2 Timothy 3: 16-17) So as I close the teaching of the Book of Romans, I pray that you might have been stirred up by the Holy Spirit, to be zealous for the Lord, with thanksgiving. *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."* (2 Tim 2: 15)

QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER EIGHT.

1. What is the secret of the outpouring of Christian love?
2. Where is the source of this special Christian love?
3. How far should Christian love go?
4. Explain (Romans 15: 14-16)
5. How should we glorify God in our Christian life?
6. Why do Christians suffer in doing the work of the Lord?
7. Explain (Romans 15: 20)
8. Write an essay on "Giving unto the Lord" (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7)
9. Name some of the hindrances in keeping good fellowship with other Christians.
10. How is it possible for Christians to have an overflow of love?
11. As ministers of God, why is it a good policy to share honor with those helping hands in your ministry?
12. Write a brief essay on, "Pricilla and Aquila".
13. How does Paul show unity in the churches of Christ? (Romans 16: 5-16)
14. How do we as church leaders prevent divisions among our church members?
15. How do we detect false doctrine in the midst of our brethren in Christ?

16. Explain (*Romans 8: 16*)
17. How is Satan defeated in our Christian life?
18. Explain (*Romans 16: 17-18*)
19. Who was Tertius?
20. Why is it necessary to study God's Word?
21. Explain "The Gospel of God" according to the Book of Romans.
22. What has been the most important study that you have found in the Book of Romans?
23. What do you understand about "Grieving the Holy Spirit" in the Christian life?
24. What do you understand by the term "Falling From Grace"?
25. What do you understand about "Quenching the Holy Spirit"?
26. What do you understand about "Saved so as by Fire"?
27. What do you understand about "The Sin unto Death"?
28. Why are all mankind without excuse, including the heathen?
29. Explain (*Romans 13: 1-7*)
30. Explain (*Romans 14: 1-8*)

SYNOPSIS.

As we close this short study of the Book of Romans, I hope it has been a means of launching each of us as believers into the Christian life by living the Gospel. God the Holy Spirit used the Apostle Paul in a marvelous way, as he presented the Gospel to "Whosoever Will". Mankind apart from the power of God is totally depraved, regardless of his way of life. The Holy Spirit has presented the redemptive power of God in a spectacular way. God is not a respecter of person, and has dealt to all, the Gospel of Grace, through the Lord Jesus Christ. Although God is dealing very harshly with Israel because of her rejection of the Messiah, yet He is mindful of her and has not cast her away. There have always been and always will be a remnant of believers among the Jews. Yes, their greatest punishment will be coming during the Great Tribulation, but there will be a tremendous revival during that time with countless souls becoming saints. (*Revelation 7: 9-14*) May we classify the contents of the Book of Romans.

1. Affirmation that Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God with power and glory revealed through the resurrection.
2. Paul was a chosen vessel of God for the purpose of establishing a clear teaching on justification by faith.
3. The whole world is found guilty before God without excuse. (*Romans 1: 18 - Romans 3: 20*)
4. By faith in the finish work of Christ, individuals can be justified through the righteousness of God provided through the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Romans 3: 20 - Romans 5: 11*)
5. The necessity of the crucifixion of the Son of God, removing the barrier of sin, having victory over death by His resurrection. The new birth by God the Holy Spirit, giving new life by faith. (*Romans 5: 12 - Romans 8: 13*)
6. The blessings of God upon all who would believe the powerful Gospel message, with eternal security by God. (*Romans 8: 14-39*)7. God's unconditional promises to Israel remain secure by the grace of God. (*Romans 9: 1 - Romans 11: 36*)
8. The Christian's life's commitments and service to our soon coming Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (*Romans 12: 1 - Romans 15: 33*)
9. The Christian love manifested through the fruit of God the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 16: 1-27*)

THE GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD.

The Gospel of God is clearly set forth for our admonition. God the Holy Spirit used Paul to portray the Epistles for the age of Grace, revealing all that was involved for our saving grace. The redemptive truth has been set forth in the Book of Romans, declaring our justification and sanctification could only come through the shed blood of the Lamb of God on the Cross of Calvary. God had to provide all the necessary requirements or no one could be justified in His presence. God has offered this so great salvation to all, strictly on a faith basis and without human works. All mankind is admonished to be reconciled to God by accepting the righteousness of the Son of God. The Gospel message has been fully completed at the Cross, culminating with the resurrection of the Christ of the Cross. Because He lives, we shall live also. That finished work upon the Cross has paid in full the penalty of sin, bringing salvation to all who put their trust in Him. The Holy Spirit had breathed upon these Word of the Epistle of Romans, bringing hope to all through the glorious Gospel message. "*Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with*

power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for His name: Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:" (Romans 1: 3-6)

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In the beginning

Was the Word, and the Word was with GOD
and the Word was GOD

JOHN 1:1

Eternity Past

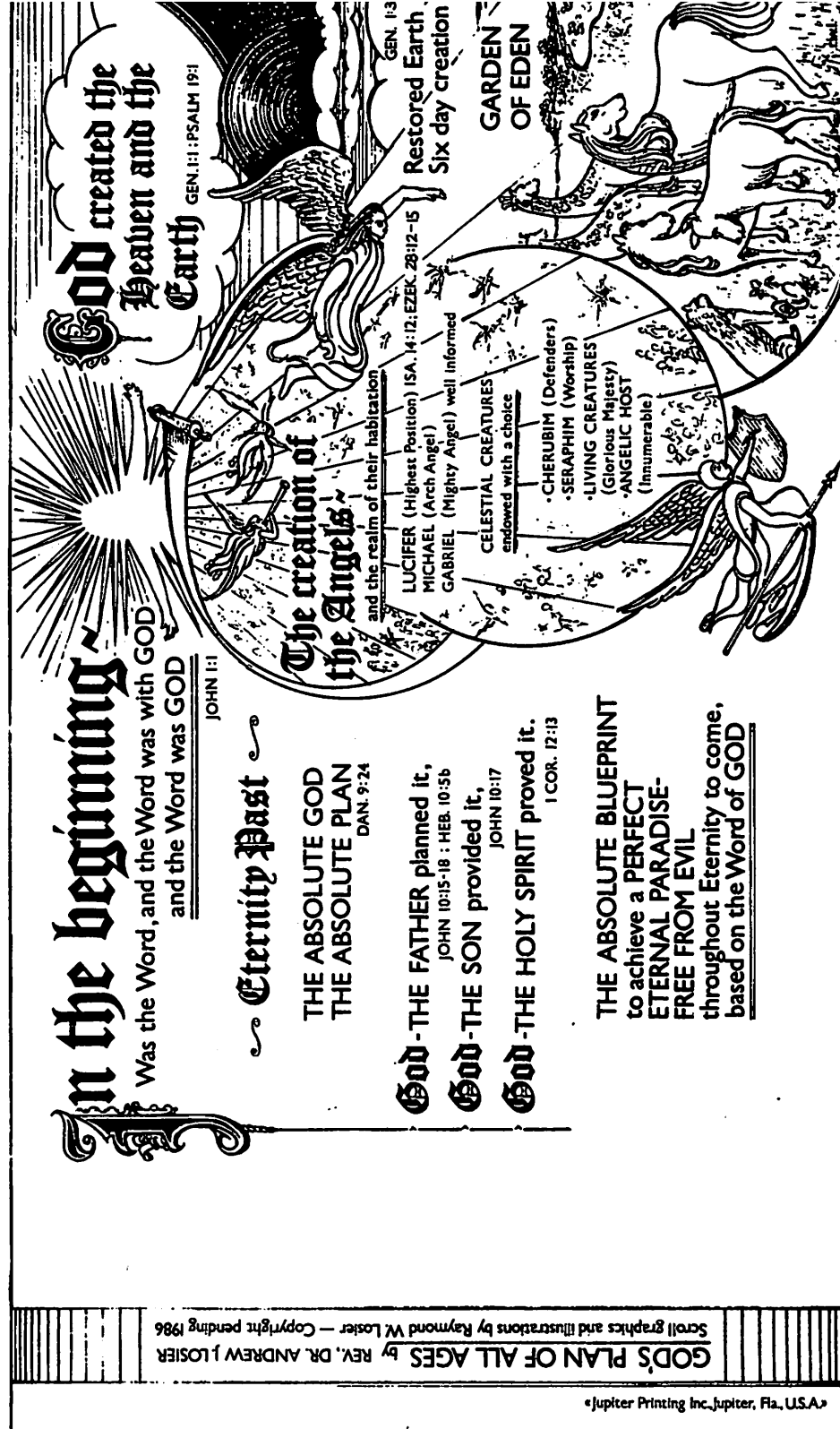
THE ABSOLUTE GOD
THE ABSOLUTE PLAN
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GOD - THE SON provided it,
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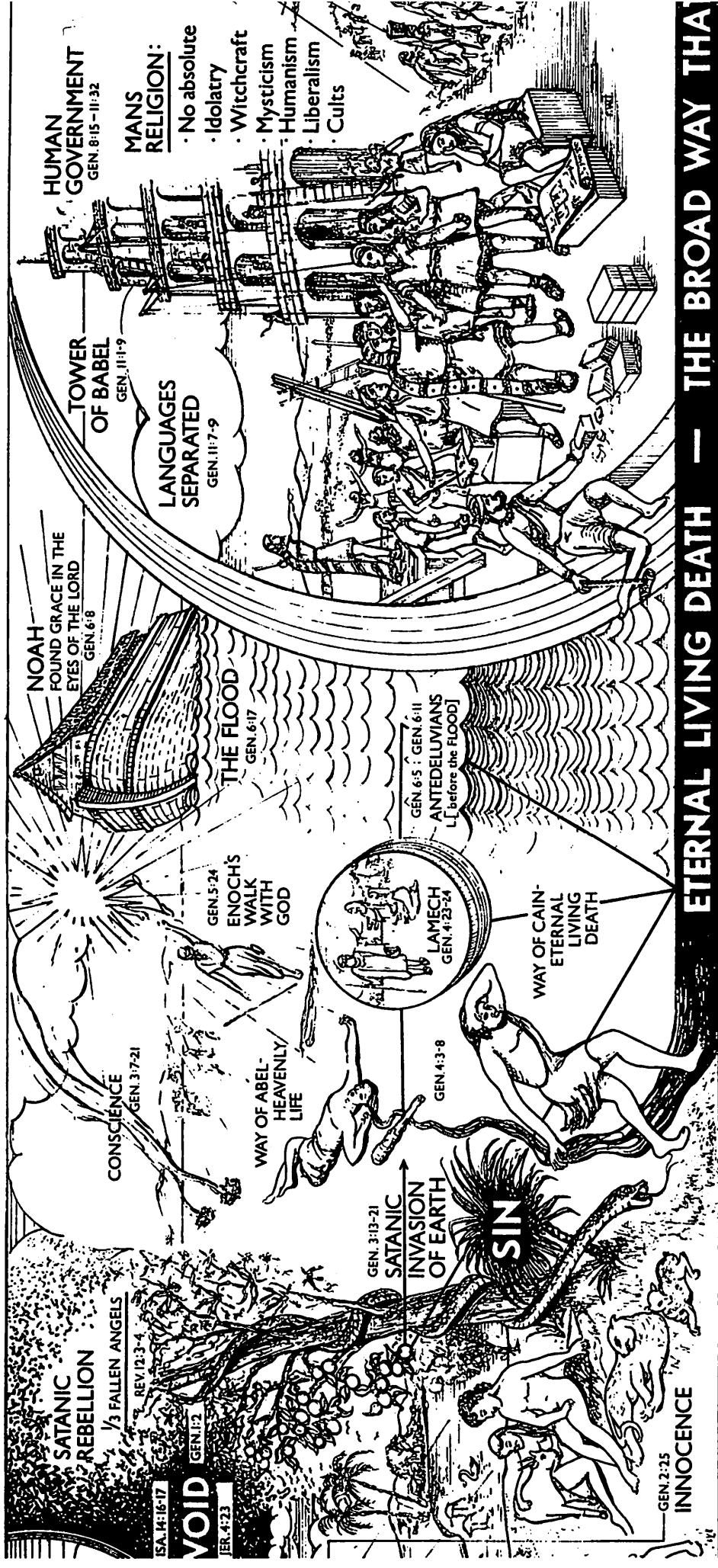
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to achieve a PERFECT
ETERNAL PARADISE-
FREE FROM EVIL
throughout Eternity to come,
based on the Word of GOD



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- GAD
- ASHER
- NAPHTALI
- JOSEPH
- BENJAMIN

(The twelve tribes of ISRAEL)

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(Abram)
ABRAHAM

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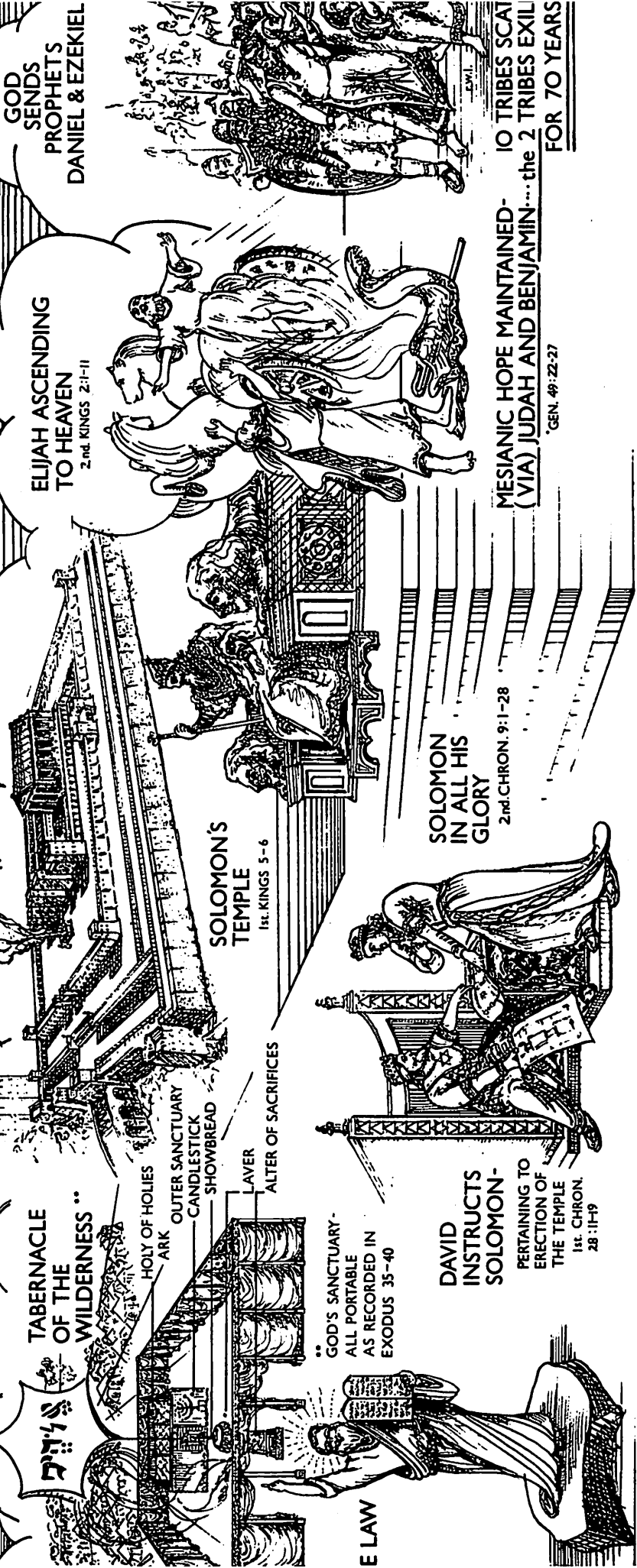
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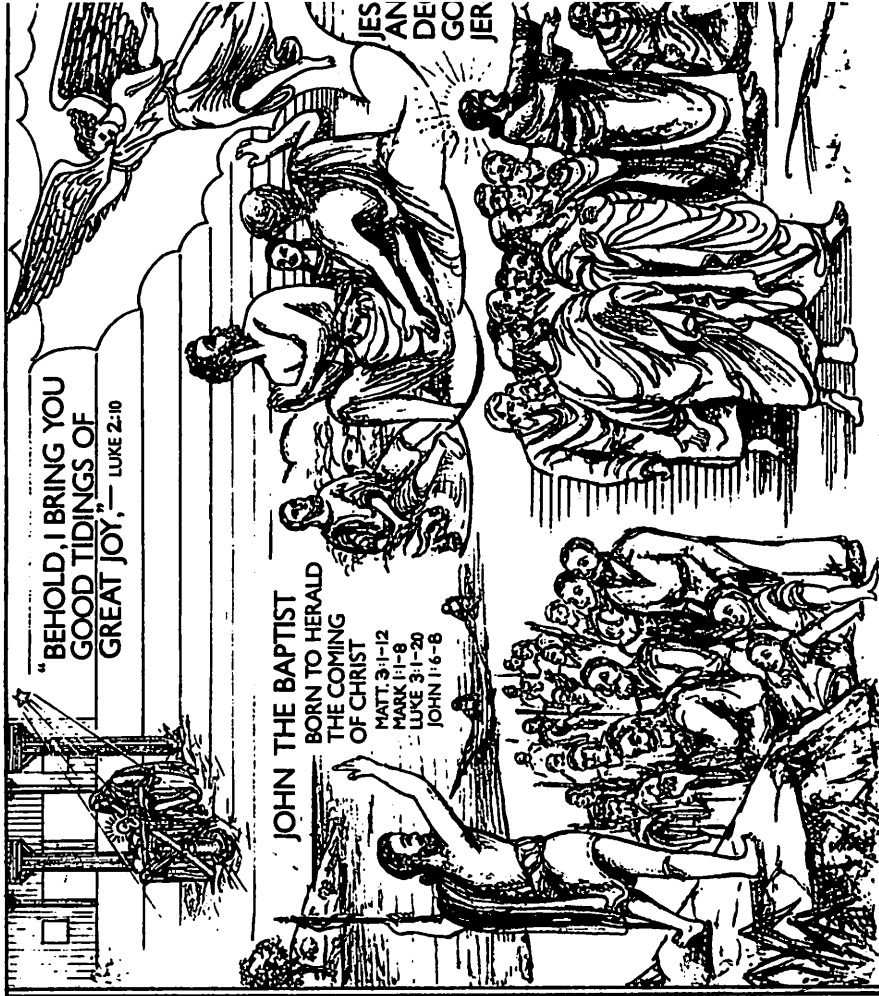
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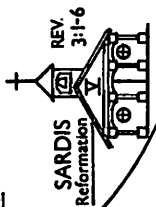
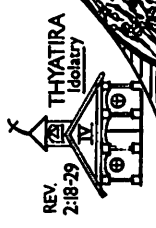
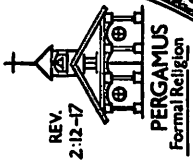
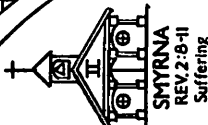
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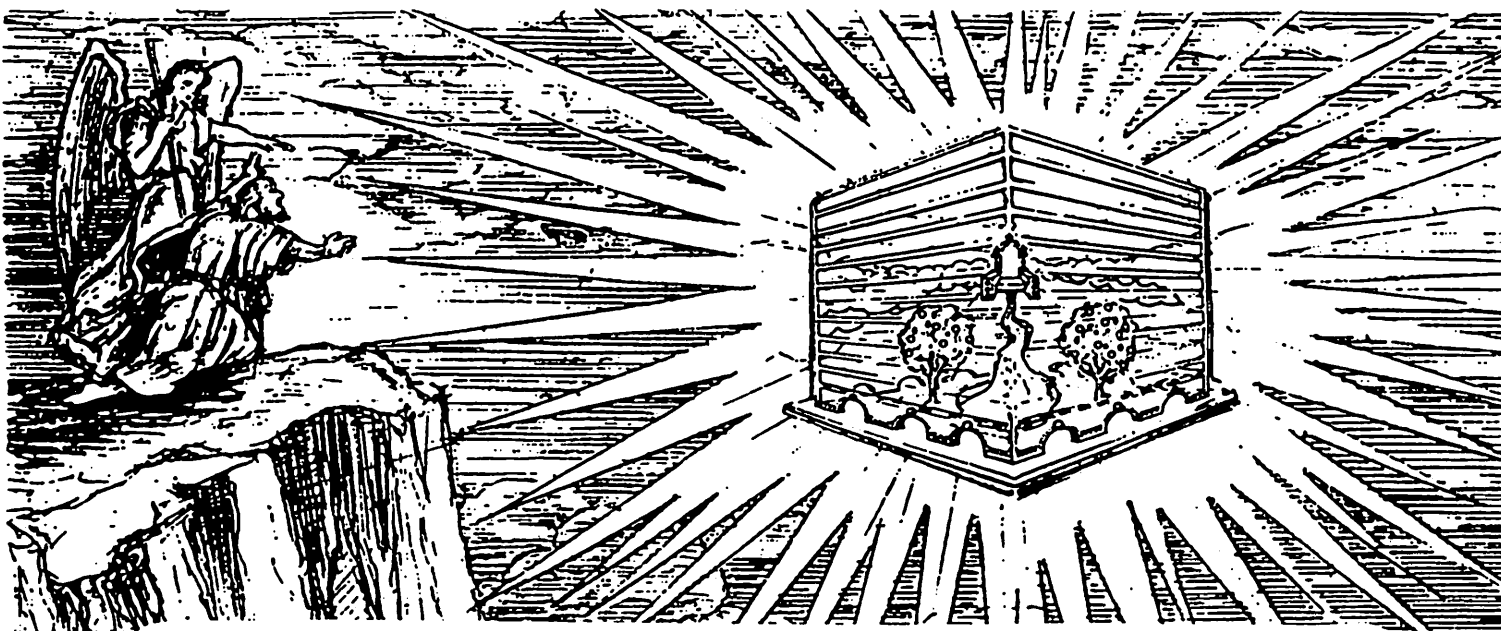
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"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from GOD" – Revelation 21 : 10

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JESUS said "I am ALPHA and OMEGA"

Revelation 1:8

