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The Book of Romans

Lesson 2
God loves us

Chapter 1:5- 16

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The gospel is not a set of verses by which is used to get people saved it is not a formula. It is your Savior. He is the good news. The gospel is that **Christ** died for our sins according to scripture. **Christ** was buried. The third day **Christ** rose from the dead. It is Jesus Christ .

Verse 5. *By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:* let us break down the verse. *By whom...* who are we talking about? Verse 4. *...the Son of God.* Verse 3. *... Jesus Christ our Lord. By (Jesus Christ) we have received grace and apostleship, for...* (why did Jesus Christ give grace?) *for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:* (This is not limited to the Apostle Paul because it was written to the Romans. Not only did God save you by His marvelous grace – but He can, He has, He does, He will give you sufficient grace to be obedient to the faith everywhere you go in this world.

What is written in verse 5 is going to be expanded upon in three entire chapters in Romans 6, 7 and 8. Let me boil it down right here. One day you saw that you could not save yourself. You wanted to be saved. So you trusted Jesus Christ to save you and by His grace He saved you. The same principle applies. Let us say you have a sin in your life that so easily besets you, and you decide you want to stop, but you realize that you cannot stop on your own. So you trust Jesus Christ to give you grace to have victory over that sin, and He will give it to you. It is that simple! You do not need a 10 step program or an 82-week course in how to get victory over that sin. You need to want victory and trust Christ for it, just like you wanted salvation and trusted Christ for salvation.

Who is witnessing for the Lord? Do you know who they are? They are the people that allowed the grace of God to make that possible in their life. It is not personality types. *“Well, if I just had his/her personality...”* No, you have the grace of God. The day you want to obey the Lord and preach the gospel to the lost – and realize you cannot do it without His help, you will trust Him and God’s grace will deliver you from, your sin of silence and make you a witness. Hallelujah!”

At the end of verse 5, *for his name.* Not to build a church, it is so people can know about Jesus. It hurts His name when His people do not live in

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obedience to the faith. He has all the grace you need to live the way He wants you to live. You can live clean, holy, right, dedicated and bold. You can live the greatest Christian life anybody has ever lived. God has enough grace for you, if you just want it.

Verse 6. ***Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: 7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:*** It is an incredible thing that God loves us... it is amazing that the One who knows **everything** about me, still loves us. Here I am lost. Jesus dies to save me from my sin. He washes me in His own precious blood. That makes me a saint. The focus is Jesus, not us. Jesus did something special; if you make someone a saint because they did something special, reduces the focus of what Jesus did. Our sainthood is like our salvation. It just shows how much God adores His children.

Your child is special to you, he or she may be gifted, but I guarantee you there are a million kids smarter than your child. But who do you love the most? Your child! It has nothing to do with merit. It is your child! Are you a child of God? Do you know why He loves you? It is not because you are better than the other children; it is because you are His!

Verse 7. ***Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*** (If you want peace in your heart, it will have to come from God.)

Verse 8. ***First,*** (which is interesting because he is already written seven verses.) ***First I thank my God through Jesus Christ for... for you all.*** It is doubtful that every saved person in the church at Rome was sold out and living 100% for Jesus. Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit thanked God for every one of them. Jesus said, when the seed falls on good ground some bear a hundred-fold some sixty-fold, some thirty-fold. Matthew 13:8. There are some in that church that are only bearing thirty-fold. Paul said, I thank God for them. Can you see the character of God in that verse? We need to learn to love all our brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we fellowship in the gospel – not just the ones that share the same interests. If our interests were solely in Jesus Christ – we could all fellowship – there would not be any division among us. Paul said. I thank God for every one of you.

Turn to Romans 5:5. ***And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God*** (not love **for** God... the love **of** God. This is God's love.) ***is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*** The Holy Spirit is in there. He is God! He loves all of His children. Does He have control of your heart? Are you quenching... grieving Him because ***"I'll fellowship with that one because they are interested in what I am interested in, but I am not going to fellowship with that one because I really just do not like them..."*** That is flesh

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controlled. Spirit controlled – you thank God for all His children... have love for all His children.

Back to Romans 1:8. He says, ***First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*** I take that to mean what it says. I believe that gospel is traveling... spreading...going places Have you ever looked at a map and see what Paul covered? He was just one man and yet he covered a lot of territory.

In fact, look in First Thessalonians chapter 1:8. ***For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.*** I would rather be known in the far corners of this world for preaching and teaching Jesus Christ than for winning a car race, being a billionaire, or winning a gold medal – you understand what I am saying? What are you excited about? The focus of what makes you excited; depicts the condition of your heart.

Verse 9. ***For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;*** Paul had to have had a tremendous prayer life. He said, I have never stopped praying for the saints at Rome, thanking God for the work they are doing.

This helped me so much years ago, I used to pray fervently for God to fix this and fix that in somebody's life. I found out my prayer life was just making me critical of and frustrated with my brothers and sisters. Now I am going to ask God to bless you so much that you want more of Him tomorrow than you had today.

Verse 10. ***Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.*** He wanted to see them. Do you feel that way? Do you have to go to church or do you want to go be with the brethren? Would you rather be anywhere else?

Verse 11. ***For I long to see you,*** (Think about the people you do not get to see very often.) It sure is a blessing when you get to see a missionary who has been on the field for years. ***For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;*** He was not interested in idle chit-chat. He wanted the conversation to be about spiritual things and he wanted the time spent to be beneficial to their spiritual lives. ***12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. ...the mutual faith both of you and me.*** This is the most unusual place in the world. A Bible Believing Church. Only in church are we one, mutual, because of our faith in Jesus Christ. It is a beautiful thing. You will not find it anywhere else.

Verse 13. ***Now I would not have you ignorant,*** many would say that they are glad that we are not part of some mystic operation where you are not allowed in until you reach some degree or level. There is nothing secret or

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hidden with God. God **wants** you to know, Luke 12:2. Those that are ignorant, are willingly ignorant, by their rejection of Jesus Christ.

I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) "Let" is a word that has had a reversal over time. Prevent is one of those words. Pre - before, vent – to come. To something that comes before. God has given us all those practical terms in the Bible. "Let" does not mean allow, it means to hinder. It is to prevent. Somehow that thing got flipped around over time. ***...that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles. 14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. 15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.***

Look over at Romans 13 and verse 8. ***Owe no man any thing, but to love one another:*** This is not a financial term. When he said, I am a debtor – he did not mean he owed them all money. He said, I have a responsibility to give the gospel to the Greeks, Romans and to every creature I owe them that. I do not know if you appreciate this or not. But, if you get saved reading this Bible lesson you have a debt you owe every member of your family, the gospel. You owe every-one of your neighbors, the gospel. You are in their debt. And just as surely as it would be wrong for you to owe every-one of your neighbors fifty dollars and not pay them back, it is wrong for us to owe our neighbors the gospel and not give them the gospel.

Verse 16, he says, ***For I am not ashamed...*** (I am a debtor and 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.*** Let us take it backward. There is not one gospel for the Jew and one for the Greek one for the Hebrew and one for the gentile. There is one Gospel for all men everywhere. The good news of Jesus Christ. ***Salvation to everyone that believeth...*** You cannot support from scripture of the notion that people were saved before they were born or people were saved before the foundation of the world. You must believe the gospel in order to be saved.

Everyone that believeth is given salvation. But no one is given salvation who does not believe. That is why the Bible says believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. It does not say, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and prove you were saved. You must believe first. then salvation follows.

It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. All you have to do is believe. God's power will wash your sins away. God's power will transform you. God's power will impart you everlasting life. God's power will take you out of the clutches of sin, of death and the devil and place you into the strong right hand of Almighty God – it is God's power! It is your belief and God's power!

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He says, I am not ashamed...He is not embarrassed. Not in the least.

You know I see what people put on their automobiles and I think if they are not ashamed to tell the world that is what they are interested in, how could I ever be ashamed to tell the world I am interested in Jesus? I see the filth people wear on their clothing and I say, if they are not ashamed to walk around declaring that, how could I ever be ashamed to walk around declaring Jesus Christ. I hear the things people say and things people talk about and the language they use – and I say, if they could talk like that and not be embarrassed, how could I talk about the lovely Lord Jesus and be embarrassed to mention His sweet wonderful name? Why are you concerned about what they say or think about you?

Verse 16. ***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.*** Wonderful truth.

Go back to verse 1 ***...called, ...separated.*** Verse 2. ***...promise.*** Verse 5. ***...received grace.*** Verse 7. ***...saints.*** Verse 8. ***...faith.*** Verse 9. ***...prayers.*** Verse 10. ***...prosperous.*** Verse 11. ***...gift.*** Verse 11. ***...established.*** Verse 12. ***...comforted.*** Verse 12. ***...mutual.*** Verse 13. ***...fruit.*** Verse 16. ***...power, ...salvation.*** Look at what God has done for us. Look at what He has given us. Look at the blessings He has bestowed upon us. God been so good to us! Let us tell somebody! Ashamed? not of a God like that!

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Name _____

1. If there is a sin that so easily besets you, how do you overcome that sin?
2. What is the character of God in verses 7 & 8?
3. If you had a million dollars and were in downtown Las Vegas, what would be the first thing you would want to do? (be honest)
4. If you answered anything other than doing something to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then there is sin in your life, and what must you do?
5. Compare 1 Corinthians 12:27 and Ephesians 4:12, and explain what is your part?
6. If we are all part of the body of Christ, then what should be are attitude about coming to Church?
7. Explain the true definition of the word "Let."
8. What are you a debtor too?
9. What are some ways you could witness your faith in Jesus Christ?
10. Define the following terms:

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- a. ashamed
 - b. fruit
 - c. ignorant
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11. In accordance to our lesson, what if the significance of Matthew 13:8?
 12. Explain why when there is sin in your life it hurts the name of Jesus Christ?
 13. When we go to church and only talk to the people we like, how does this hurt the body of Christ? How does it hurt our walk with God?
 - a.
 - b.
 14. Your answer to question 3, reflects the condition of your heart towards God, you might want to consider asking God to help you in that area the next time you talk to Him in prayer. (ok?)

True/false

- If I go to the lake fishing one Sunday out of the month, I can be just as close to God as if I am in the church building.
- God understands why you do not want to fellowship with certain people you do not like in Church.
- It is not the gentile responsible to tell the Jewish community about Jesus, there are plenty of Messianic Jews to do that?



Scripture memorization, write out these verses on the back on this page:
Romans1:14; Luke 12:2; Romans1:16