

THE BOOK OF ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE. THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH
- THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 2:1-11

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Who Do You Think You Are? – Part 5

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According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul.

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Romans 2:1-11

1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. 3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God. 6 Who *“will render to each one according to his deeds”*: 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness - - indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God.

Who Do You Think You Are?

1.) In The Light of the Righteousness of God

vs. 1-3

2.) In The Light of the Goodness of God

vs. 4-5

3.) In The Light of the Justice of God

vs. 5-11

Because the God of the Bible is Holy, Loving and Gracious;
He must also be equally God - in His Righteousness, Goodness and Justice.

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "For the just shall live by faith."

Just a Quick Reminder of The Apostle Paul's Great Commissioning:
It was Personal / It was Powerful / It was Prophetic

Romans 1:18-19

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

3.) In The Light of the Justice of God

vs. 5-11

In The Light of the Justice of God
Who Do You Think You Are?

3a.) We've been given a new heart

vs. 5

Verse 5a

But in accordance with
your hardness and your impenitent heart

Accordance grk: kata

the "because of", the condition of the diagnosis, the situation of one's heart.

Hardness grk: sklerotes;

Systematic, as time passes day by day, so layer by layer the heart of man or woman is hardening of the heart (the core being of a man, thoughts, attitude, emotions = stubbornness. (HARDENING) which is contempt.

Impenitent grk: ametanoetos;

a self-determined, self-excusing, self-governing heart, an unrepentant soul, a consciences incapable of changing due to the fact of its callousness.

The Opposite of Your Conversion Experience Has Been Experienced

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Having Absolute Confidence That What He Has Started Will Be Finished

Philippians 1:6

Be (being) confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Your Upcoming Retirement / Promotion

Colossians 3:1-4

(FACT) If then you were raised with Christ, (ACTION) seek those things which are above, where Christ is - sitting at the right hand of God. 2 (ACTION) Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, (FACT) and your life is hidden with Christ in God (PRESENTLY, ETERNALLY) 4 (FACT) When Christ who is our life appears, (HOPE) then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Verse 5b

you are treasuring up for yourself wrath
in the day of wrath

treasuring up grk: thesauros;

to stock pile; storing up. It implies earnings, gains, deposits, things that were important to you enough to treasure up (1) time for, (2) money spent, (3) energy put, the making your life (4) ethos - a lifestyle.

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is why you and I need to understand that...

{ ministry opportunities that we bring to your attention, invite you to check out, or ask you will pray about getting involved - - these can and will get done with or without you. But it is the “spiritual business” of a local church }

Example – soon I’m going to be asking you who know Japanese as your first language and English as your second language - - to help us reach those in Japan.

Example – soon I’m going to be asking you who know French as your first language and English as your second language - - to help us reach those in France.

Example – soon I’m going to be asking you who know any other foreign language as your first language and English is your second language - - to help us reach that people group!

By Serving - you’re treasuring up!
By Caring for each other you’re treasuring up!
By Helping out - you’re treasuring up!
By Loving - you’re treasuring up!

In The Light of the Justice of God
Who Do You Think You Are?

3b.) We’ve been promised eternal crown(s)

vs. 6-9

Verse 6-7

....6 Who “will render to each one according to his deeds” : 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

render

grk: apodidomi

to return to or give back to, to award, pay back what was paid for, recompense, in relation to agriculture – the yield or yielding of a crop, harvesting a crop (receiving) what was sown as a seed.

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Presented Here In The Positive

who by patient continuance in doing good

In a world gone bad - doing good can become very discouraging
if you lose sight of the goal.
But when good is being done in this bad world,
it can be very encouraging.

continuance

grk: hupomone

is the remaining behind another or being in-line behind another, to be to following another who is either following another or is the leader. (Christ)

When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, it was then He told
His disciples that He was... *“going on ahead of them and that they would
meet up with Him in Galilee...”*

Galatians 6:9-10

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.

Hebrews 12:12-13

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

This “Rendering” is that of God the Judge.

There are numerous judgments taught in Scripture.
But if we narrowed these judgements down to the grand finale,
that finale becomes a one singular moment

Judgement for the Christian will be Focused On Our Faithfulness.

Be (Being) Confident

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if our earthly house (these old bodies) this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house (our new bodies) not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven (our new bodies), 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked (bodiless). 4 For we who are in this tent (these old bodies) groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed (bodiless), but further clothed (our new bodies), that mortality (these old bodies) may be swallowed up by life (our new bodies). 5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. :6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body (these old bodies) we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body (these old bodies) and to be present with the Lord. :9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present (these old bodies) or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body (these old bodies), according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Be (Being) Excited

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

Be (Being) Prepared

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Be (Being) Reminded

Revelation 4:1-4, 9-11

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying,

“Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”
:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders.... 9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Be (Being) Blessed

Revelation 5:6-9

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, :8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Right Now – Today!

Our level of commitment, willingness and faithfulness here on earth will someday translate into our eternal experience.

By “crown” I mean – rewards of eternal value.
Value the things of Christ’s Eternal Kingdom now.

#1) The Imperishable Crown

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain an imperishable crown.”

#2) The Crown of Rejoicing

1 Thessalonians 2:19

“For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?”

#3) The Crown of Righteousness

2 Timothy 4:8

“Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness,”

#4) The Crown of Glory

1 Peter 5:4

“And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”

#5) The Crown of Life

Revelation 2:10

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

I believe that we are entering into OUR CROWNING MOMENT in human history – and yes, pun intended.

Matthew 5:11-12

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Augustine said:

“The distributing of rewards will be according to our level of obedience. God grants us a crown based upon His works through us. On the day of judgment, we will be judged according to our works. God will subject our lives to the closest scrutiny against that which we were called in this life to do for Him.”

Verse 7

:7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

It's summed up here in John 17

John 17:4-5

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. :5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 17:10c

I am glorified in them.

John 17:22,24

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: :24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory

Presented Here In The Negative

Verse 8-9

8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness - - indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;

self-seeking grk: **eritheia**;

*a will set on "opposing" to stand in opposition to God, seeking to disrupt the will of God. **Pelosi blood lust.***

This same Greek word was used by the Holy Spirit in the book of James to warn the church regarding spiritual cancer.

James 3:14-16

But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy (me want) and self-seeking (me first) exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there.

So critical is this "Virus of Eritheia"

That you need to test to see if you're negative or positive.

Matthew 22:42

What do you think of Christ whose Son is He?

To not obey the truth, is to obey unrighteousness
(note here: the order is intentional.)

This has been lived out for us in living color
throughout history.

John 18:33-38

Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews? :34 Jesus answered him, “Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?” :35 Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?” :36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” :37 Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” :38 Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I (the roman empire, the judiciary of the gods on earth) find no fault in Him at all.

In The Light of the Justice of God
Who Do You Think You Are?

3c.) We've been given a new life

vs. 10-11

Verse 10-11

10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God.

Ask yourself this question; **Why Should I Care About This Stuff?**
Here's why you should care, it's because...

The Jew & The Gentile must be saved the exact same way.

**We Have No Known Explanation from Scripture
As to Why Nicodemus came to Jesus at Night.
(motive unknown)**

John 3:1-3

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” :3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

End of Study

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