

ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 5:1-5

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

All Is Forgiven – Part 2

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology
According to Grace By The Apologetics of the Apostle Paul

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Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

If you've ever seen a sign posted saying, "Off Limits"
or "No Unauthorized Personnel Beyond This Point"

It could certainly be said of the book of Romans from chapter 5 onward.
But why? Because from this point onward, the doctrines and instructions apply
to the true child of God – It is solely and completely reserved
for the Christ follower.

What Is The Church and its Purpose?

In Our Day and Age – We Have Perhaps Made The Church into Something that
it was never supposed to be. Let me explain. Over the past 50 to 60 years or
so, the church has somehow become the place where people are expected to
be evangelized and witnessed to and brought to saving faith.

That's not a bad thing – but it is not the function of the church.
The neighborhood, your community, the beach, the mall, Costco, the park,
your work, the world outside is where the church evangelizes.

The Great Commission is still True & Great

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

The Church is the Organics of His Redeemed People.

When we study what is called Ecclesiology meaning “What is the church” you discover that the church is the gathering of the redeemed of God. It is the Assembly of God’s people. The church is the “Coming together” of God’s people who are already saved – Those whose names are written down in heaven.

Acts 2:41-42

Then those who gladly received his word (evangelism) were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant,

The Church, Us, We are to Move On to the Deeper Things

Hebrews 6:1-3 NLT

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely, we don’t need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. 2 You don’t need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

Why is this Important?

#1 Because The church is The Gathering (not the building) of God’s people, His followers for the Reason of Koinonia or (Community).

All Is Forgiven

1.) The Results of Being Forgiven

vs. 1-2

1a.) Forgiveness creates a new atmosphere

vs. 1a

1b.) Forgiveness puts us in a favored position

vs. 1b-2a

1c.) Forgiveness brings us back to life

vs. 2b

Probably one of the most exciting realities about being a follower of Jesus Christ is that you quickly discover that true, biblically based faith is something that is incredibly practical and useful – in fact so practical - that you become completely dependent upon His strength, His guidance, and His application of your life in this world. That’s why none of us that are here this morning are into being “Recreational Believers”
True Christianity is a “Non-Spectator-Faith.”

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

All Is Forgiven

2.) The Resilience from Being Forgiven

vs. 3-4

**The Synonyms of Resilience Are
Unyielding, Stubborn, Unbendable, Determined,
Unwavering, Tenacious, Unstoppable**

2a.) We’re now resilient to difficulties

vs. 3a

Now Spring boarding off of the Power of Verse 2

Verse 2

Romans 5:2

2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.....

Verse 3a

.....3 And not only that
but we also glory in tribulations,

“And Not Only That...”

“But wait – there’s more” – if you’re standing in grace, hope, and glory then this special offer is yours for free - - it’s the ability to endure life’s hardships.

But listen - **this offer is good for a limited time only**
because your troubles will not last forever – but heaven does.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

Tribulations

grk: thlipsis;
afflictions of the body, soul or spirit,
anguish, distress, persecution, trouble(s).

Every Christian must experience tribulations in this life. But never confuse that truth with the coming Tribulation Period that is coming to this earth.

(This future coming of the 7 years of tribulation found in the book of Revelation will be divided up into 2 halves, the first beginning with 3½ years of global spiritual, political and deception (Matthew 24) which will spool up toward the last 3½ years when worldwide persecution kills those believers during that 7-year period. (aka. tribulation saints)

Let’s Do a Little Power Workout Right Now Shall We.

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

John 15:18-19

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

2 Timothy 3:10-14a

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra - what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of.

Acts 14:21-22

And when they had preached the Gospel to that city (evangelism) and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

2 Corinthians 4:7-9

But we have this treasure (the Gospel) in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

1 Peter 4:12-14

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached (insulted) for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

Philippians 1:20-23

Now according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed (held captive) between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

"If you're going through hell, keep going!"
- Winston Churchill."

The Resilience From Being Forgiven

All Is Forgiven

2b.) We're now resilient to apathy / apostacy

vs. 3b

Verse 3b

knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

Knowing grk: eido;
to see, look at, or to perceive through any or all of our human senses. (the “eyes” of the man being fully opened to his surroundings)

Produces grk: katergazomai
to work out, to accomplish, to bring out or to bring about through application / an intentional act or discipline.

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Perseverance grk: hupomone
to remain under the pressure of, to keep yourself under the weight, to endure the stress, *(the imagery is that of a trainer placing weights or a log or sandbags on your shoulders with the intent of preparing you for what’s ahead.*

Colossians 1:23

If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the Gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

The Resilience From Being Forgiven All Is Forgiven

2c.) We’re now resilient to death

vs. 4

Verse 4

and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Character grk: dokime;
the process of heating up and cooling off over and over again. the proving or the refining, the creating of a character that is purified, tested, confirmed and approved of.

Perseverance + Character =
results in a spiritual chain reaction of Christlike integrity in you.

In this I see
The Call of Duty of The Christian Soldier - Standing. Just standing!

Ephesians 6:10-18a

“Finally, (as in a final approach) my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always...”

“Attack! Attack! Attack! and when in doubt, attack!

Always be moving forward!”

General George S. Patton

What do you see when you think about finishing your life of faith?

It's Hard to Kill a Dead Man

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Hope

grk: elpis;

a guaranteed fulfillment. A firm anticipated reality. That which can be relied upon. Expectation, excitement, that which produces eagerness, eagerly.

Philippians 3:10

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection,
and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Do not ask me how - but every difficulty you and I go through in this life with Jesus will be acknowledged and rewarded in eternity. The more we endure for His name sake and the greater your faithfulness to Him – the more it is translated into your eternal happiness.

Here are two verses that in my life have always been a source of comfort, encouragement, and anticipation...

#1)

Malachi 3:16

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name.

#2)

Daniel 11:32b

...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

Verse 4

and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 12:1-2 NIV

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

This "Mind Control" this "Brain Washing" will Mature You in Life

Philippians 2:5,8

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "*My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.*" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ

may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A Ministry Life of Maturing

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

The Crown Tops a Life Well Used, Well Lived, Well Invested

2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 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.

End of Study

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