

# ROMANS STUDY

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

## Romans 6:1-11

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **Happily, Ever After**

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 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **The Great English Evangelist John Wesley,**

after conducting evangelistic outreaches to the American Indians  
in the 1730's,40's, boarded a ship in Savannah Georgia  
to sail back to London said;

*"I came to America to convert the Indians, but who will convert me?"*

And from that moment on Wesley entered a deep, dark emotional condition of grief over the fact that he as a minister of the Gospel discovered that he himself **had no personal assurance of salvation**. He had based his relationship with God on his own human moral efforts.

Journal Entry on May 24<sup>th</sup>. 1738 London England

“In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the book of Romans. About a quarter before nine when he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, **I felt my heart strangely warmed**. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”

**John Wesley came to believe what he preached.**

If you look at Romans 6:3,6,9 you see the word KNOW repeated.

Romans 6:3

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Romans 6:6

knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Romans 6:9

knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

And so beginning here in Romans 6,7 and 8 Paul gives arguments, logic - reasons for why and how a believer is justified by faith alone.

In fact, if you break it down Romans Chapter 6 is about **Victory**. Romans chapter 7 is about **Liberty** and Romans Chapter 8 is about **Security**. This trinity is the Christian’s **Reality** that guards our hearts and minds all along the royal route to heaven!

This section is divided up into three applications to Paul’s message. #1 is in Verse 1 he confronts the Antagonist. #2 is in Verse 2 where Paul makes clear the Singular Answer to the issue at hand. And #3 is in Verses 3-11 he presents the logic of his Bible Argument.

You've got to remember that by this time - Paul and Barnabas have predominantly covered much of Asia Minor and parts of Eastern Europe in the preaching of the Gospel and in the establishment of churches. Paul is now aged (60) and well experienced in the ministry and in the spiritual battles that encompass the proclamation of the Gospel.

And so Chapter 6 deals with oppositions to the gospel, that man is saved by faith in Christ alone plus nothing. That God's grace and not our efforts results in salvation. That our duty to such goodness is to present our love and devotion to God. And that's where every believer's walk begins, continues and ends – captured by the love of God....

Colossians 3:16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

## **Happily, Ever After**

1.) When dead men tell no tales

vs. 1-3

### **When Dead Men Tell No Tales Happily, Ever After**

1a.) Dead men have nothing to talk about

vs. 1

Verse 1

Romans 6:1

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

### **The Idiomatic Method of Argument**

Here, Paul uses a style of teaching that is designed to be argumentative. Don't be offended by this, it's an ancient style of teaching. It's not a personal attack on any one person but it is an assault on group think - - Paul deliberately delivers a "punch or a jolt" to the one who thinks he/she can live in two worlds at the same time.

Romans 5:20b

But where sin abounded, grace abounded *much more*,

Meaning that - there's much more power in grace than there is in the power of sin – grace trumps sin.

Dead men not only don't have anything to talk about, they don't have anything to say!

This “What shall we say THEN...”

Is a Big Deal. The word “Then” here may look insignificant - But the exact opposite is true – it's of huge importance.

**The “THEN” here is directing us back to all that has been taught, presented, argued, or testified to**

**Then**

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wherefore, therefore, now, or on the contrary, as being a time stamp of some great event, to mark the moment of some monumental act.

### **The Argument Is This;**

Now that you KNOW about this great salvation – what are you going to do about it in your everyday life. In other words - how are you going to live now?

And to this, there is a Divine Argument, or “An Idiomatic Method of Argument” designed to settle the facts.

Dr. J Vernon McGee says;

*“The answer to this idiomatic method of argument can be answered with one word, - HalleluYah!*

How many times throughout the Bible does it tell us to “Go Back Again.” “Back Again” to the Word of God. “Back Again” to that special place of significance. “Back Again” to the altar of commitment. Abraham went “Back Again” to where he encountered God. Jacob went “Back Again” to where he met the Lord. This going “Back Again” is what is being presented here when the Bible says what shall we say THEN!!! –

I love that the ancient Rabbis taught that when Messiah comes – He would not only interpret the scriptures verse by verse, word by word - but that He would also interpret the spaces between the verses and words!

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

This may rattle some of you but maybe you need some rattlin’ because there is a big movement afoot that teaches that; (1) not all of the Bible has been given to us by God. Then there are those (2) who argue that the Old Testament no longer applies. There are those who (3) argue that only certain portions of the New Testament apply. There are those who (4) say that everything written by Paul the Apostle is not inspired and therefore, no longer applies to the believer of the 21<sup>st</sup>. century. Then there are those who (5) say only the “Red Letter Words” of Jesus apply to us and you need not read the rest of the Bible – This is all part of the Great Deception of the Last Days.

If you hold to any of these views – then allow me to tell you that your soul is in great danger and your salvation is in peril.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Verse 1

Organic to the believer’s life is this truth statement found here...

Romans 6:1

Shall we **CONTINUE** in sin that grace may abound?

“So you Roman Christians – is this how you think? You think because God’s grace is abundant and well able to conquer any and all sin - - that if you keep sinning in life – that this gives God the opportunity to forgive you all the more which makes Him look really good?”

**An Allergic Reaction Upon Hearing This.**

“There is an immediate allergic reaction to this thought which is repulsive and sickening to the true child of God, even to the point of spiritual nausea – why?

To the New Man, the New Woman belonging to Jesus Christ, They have no desire to “live-on-the-edge” as it were.

Q: Are You Repulsed by This? \_\_\_\_\_

Q: Why Are You Repulsed by This? \_\_\_\_\_

## The Debate over Savoir & Lordship

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; (what proof is there of that?) old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

### When Dead Men Tell No Tales Happily, Ever After

1b.) Dead men have nothing to live for

vs. 2

Verse 2

Romans 6:2

Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

!!! Certainly Not!!!

The NKJV is a little weak here in the translation. It is better stated.  
“Perish the thought” or “God forbid” as some translation put it.

ESV

“By no means”

The Darby Translation

“Far be the thought”

NLT

“Of course not!”

KJV

“God forbid”

PJV

“What are you nuts or something”

If you think you can intoxicate yourself, watch porn, cheat on your husband, sleep with the girl at the office, gamble God’s money away, fudge on your taxes, and kick the cat - - and then show up to church on Sunday, you’ve got a big surprise coming your way...

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit

who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

#### Colossians 3:1-2

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

**True salvation is a result of True faith and True justification  
comes from Discovering what and who the True God is all about!**

The great reformer Martin Luther declared that we are justified by faith alone. When accused by the Catholic Church of practicing Antinomianism.

“Anti” meaning “Against” and “Nomos” meaning the “Law” – being against the law thus promoting sin, Luther responded by saying;

“We are justified by faith alone but not by a faith that is alone”

Martin Luther

True faith gives birth to Real Fruit & Works.

Faith and Works always walk together in agreement.

### **A required theological point here.**

The Gospel is God’s offer of Salvation and is a free gift given to all who will receive it. Justification takes place at the moment of salvation - in full and forever. Immediately following our salvation & justification THEN begins our Sanctification. And this Sanctification is the life-long process of the Holy Spirit’s work in our daily lives until we enter Glory.

Verse 2

**Remember Now – Dead Men Have Nothing to Live for**

Romans 6:2b

HOW SHALL WE who died to sin live any longer in it?

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dead as in death, not to be dying but to be dead in finality. the end of man's mortal life. to perish, to be put to death. to be pronounced dead.

**When Dead Men Tell No Tales  
Happily, Ever After**

1c.) Dead men have nothing to celebrate

vs. 3

Verse 3

Romans 6:3

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Or do you not know....

Galatians 3:27-28

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Being "Baptized Into Christ" is equal to "Putting On Christ"  
it is the Greatest Cover Up of all Time,

He washes away, puts an end to our previous world, life and purpose, and gives us an entirely different life – a new transformed life.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *(resulting in)* he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

"Be honest with yourself – do you really think you're going to heaven without being changed?"

- *Sincerely, Paul*

Whatever I think, say and do in this life is always thought, said and done right in front of Jesus Christ - In His presence. Literally in the spiritual sense, everything I do - - I do right in front of Jesus.

In what is known as the "Westminster Shorter Catechism" is this simple but powerfully statement.

Question: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

Psalms 73:25-28

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. 26 My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. 27 For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry. 28 But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

“Christian living depends on Christian learning; duty is always founded on doctrine. If Satan can keep a Christian ignorant, he can keep him impotent”

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

“It is a terrible thing to seek to trade on the mercy of God and to make it an excuse for sinning. Think of it in human terms. How despicable it would be for a son to consider himself free to sin, because he knows that his father would forgive him. That would be taking advantage of love to break loves heart.”

William Barclay

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized (not water, but spirit) into One body – (and the results are) whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free - and have all been made to drink into One Spirit.

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

-A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* (New York: HarperCollins, 1961)

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