

ROMANS STUDY

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

Romans 6:1-11

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Happily, Ever After – 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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It is human nature to want to seek to be identified
with either someone or something...

that shares your worldview or your passion or interests - - this is one of the
reasons why “peer-influence” or “peer pressure” is such a powerful sway
in the lives of young people.

But it is equally true among us adults - - in our human nature
there is the desire to “congregate” among those who influence or impress us.

This part of us isn't either good or bad – it is however something to
be directed and managed and groomed in such a way that we become the
person that God has designed us to be – and that person is a likeness or image
of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's an observable fact throughout history, that we shape our cultures
and cultures shape others being raised up within that influence.

Ultimately – we become like the “cultural deities” we desire.

Romans 12:1-2 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for your life, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Passage Before Us is the "Big Idea" - - it is the "How to Be"
Lesson for the Believers Life.

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.

Happily, Ever After

1.) When dead men tell no tales vs. 1-3

1a.) Dead men have nothing to talk about vs. 1

1b.) Dead men have nothing to live for vs. 2

1c.) Dead men have nothing to celebrate vs. 3

Happily, Ever After

2.) When men alive never die vs. 4-5

Romans 6:4-5

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,

When Men Alive Never Die Happily, Ever After

2a.) Is when we die to ourselves vs. 4a

Romans 6:4a

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death,

The Entire Idea, Concept - Theology is Beyond Human Invention

It is the #1 benefit to knowing God, it is why the Gospel is called “The Goodnews” – that we can live forever in and through Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:1,3-8

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

When we hear about dying to ourselves – we must confess

that if we do not know what that means, it sounds very scary and hopeless.

Reality is; It’s anything but that!

it’s not that we’ve prayed the sinner’s prayer (btw - there is no approved “sinner’s prayer”)

It means that, after we have prayed the sinner’s prayer, we now begin a journey of what I will call “Kingdom Expansion Within our Lives.

John 3:30-32a

He must increase, but I must decrease. 31 He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. 32a And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies;

Buried

grk: sunthapto

used only twice in the N.T. meaning to bury with or together with, to be in association with or to have an associate in death. to die together, to be interned with Christ. to accompany Him into the grave. Positional identification. (Placed into His Death and Grave)

“Jack, how in the world do you expect me to understand this?”

Maybe like this – when you buy a house, you really aren’t buying the house – you’re making a monthly mortgage to someday buy that house to own it.

For now – it’s really only “your house” on credit. But you’re looking ahead and as you look ahead you’re doing so with anticipation.

Genesis 15:1,6, 9-13, 17,18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward...” :6 And Abram believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness... :9 So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. :12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. 13 Then He said to Abram... :17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram...

The Government of God, The Authority of God,

The Characteristics of God, The Message of God, The Plan of God and The Will of God
- - all begin to be lived out in our lives as we now live a “Christ-Centric” existence.

Colossians 3:12-16a

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16a Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

The Crucified AND Risen Christ Dwells in Me – *So says God!*

Verse 4a

Therefore we were buried with Him

“My body of sin has been put out of business!
If I want forgiveness for my sins, I must see Christ having been crucified for me.
If I want power over sins, I must see myself crucified with Christ.”

Chuck Smith
Foundering Pastor Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa

When Men Alive Never Die Happily, Ever After

2b.) Is when we live from now on

vs. 4b

Verse 4b

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.

The word “Should” is not a suggestion nor an opinion. It means we “do walk”
as being a matter of fact. The believer has a new life, and that new life is a
reality that is exhibited by the power of God at work in us.

Verse 4b

walk in newness of life.

Walk

grk: peripateo

to have a behavior or a conduct that’s consistent, to have a leading or
a life, an honorable deportment. (to present oneself or carry yourself)

Romans 8:10-11

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the ^(Holy) Spirit is life because of
righteousness. 11 But if the ^(Holy) Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He
who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies ^(resurrection) through
His ^(Holy) Spirit who dwells in you.

Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in
whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the
guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise
of His glory.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the Foundation to Our Salvation!

Psalm 103:11-13

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13 As
a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will
remember no more.”

Isaiah 43:25

“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake;
and I will not remember your sins.

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Newness grk: kairos
pertaining to times, seasons, age – epochs, to now be walking in
newness and forever in newness.

New Heart

Ezekiel 36:26a KJV

A new heart also will I give you... I will take away the stony heart out of
your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

New Spirit

Ezekiel 36:26b-27 KJV

A new spirit will I put within you... 27 I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in
my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

New Song

Psalm 40:3-4a

He has put a new song in my mouth - Praise (halleluYAH) to our God; Many will see it and fear,
And will trust in the LORD. 4a Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust,

New Creation

2 Corinthians 5:17a

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

New Name

Revelation 2:17 AMP.

And I will give to you a white stone, and on that stone a new name is written.

New Creature

Galatians 6:15 KJV

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything,
nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

New Self

Ephesians 4:24

Put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Life

grk: zoe

a living life, a life that is truly alive (hope) in contrast to a life that is lifeless and aimless (hopelessness).

In This I See a Connection, an Illustration of the;
Life and Death and Life again of Lazarus of Bethany

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her (martha), "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me - shall never die! Do you believe this?"

John 11:43-44

Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

Many Christians are "Betweeners" living between Good Friday and Resurrection Morning. They're stuck in the Saturday mode of 2,000 years ago - - Knowing that Jesus died for them - - but not enjoying the Resurrection power of Sunday morning.

When Men Alive Never Die Happily, Ever After

2c.) Is when we obey His love

vs. 5

Verse 5

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,

**To "Obey His Love" Sounds Like An Oxymoronic Statement
and so it should** (*meaning - two things that appear to be in opposition to
one another function in tandem and complementary of one another.*)
**because it is perhaps impossible for us to well understand this
divine truth.**

The want to “Obey His Love” comes from a precondition that is in the possession of the one loved by the Lover. It is to understand the magnitude of such a love that the one that is loved gladly and happily obeys because of understanding that love.

1 John 4:18-19

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear (covid and or monkeypox), because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

He has taken hold of our hearts and has infused into us His love.
The result from this DIVINE INFUSION is the healing of the soul and spirit of any man or woman, boy or girl who decides to let the love of God control them.

John 14:15-18

“If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphaned; I will come to you.

**How do you and I get our sins forgiven
and to have our criminal record cleared?**

Colossians 2:14

He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Canceled grk: exaleipho
to wipe out, to erase, to obliterate, to have expunged.

You need an attorney who is (#1) willing to take your case (#2) who determines to fight for you as if you’re innocent, (#3) able to win your case. (#4) and to pay all of your expenses. And who – all the while knowing that to take the case – it will cost Him everything He has + His life to pay all the charges and fees for your release (from sin, death, hell)

Verse 5b

“we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection”

What do we know about that?

We will be just like Jesus was when He rose from the dead.
#1 never to die again. #2 we will be glorified with our New unlimited
Resurrected bodies. #3 we will enjoy all of His New Creation. #4 we will
worship, we will see, we will smell, we will taste, we will eat, we will sing, and
we will totally enjoy His New Creation of all things

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

– #5 we will no longer have a sin nature = we'll never sin or be tempted to sin –
we'll never fall from grace; everything will be to His praise...

Monday Night August 11, 1980 – Universal Amphitheater
The Los Angeles debut of some guy by the name of Eddie Money

"I've got two tickets to paradise"

End of Study

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