

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 – Part 3

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 6:6-11

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When you see a Cross, a Crucifix
What comes to mind?

In our world today and almost exclusively in North and South America,
The cross is either an accessory to a wardrobe or it's viewed like
a rabbit's foot hold for good luck.

On our learning tours of Israel and the holy land
– we must always tell people to remove or to cover up their (cross) jewelry –
why? Because of how offensive it is because of what it means as an implement
of shame and scorn.

I am personally convinced that what Satan thought was
a great victory for Team Evil and the death of the Son of God, once Jesus
Christ rose again from the dead the cross became a constant reminder of
Satan's catastrophic defeat as Jesus Christ conquered death and defeated
once and for all the power of death, hell and sin!

It is no wonder then that the Apostle Paul declared.

"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 Gentile."

Romans 1:16

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1.) When dead men tell no tales

vs. 1-3

2.) When men alive never die

vs. 4-5

**Great Comfort Found Here in Just One Word,
"Certainly"**

Verse 5

**(A) For if WE HAVE BEEN united together in the likeness of His death,
(B) CERTAINLY we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,**

certainly heb: yada (verb)

to know by discovery, by experience by having encountered.
to know by discovery or "finding out" which produces an
unwavering conviction and assurance, to be sure of what has
been stated will in fact be performed. To see in and through
any circumstance that the presence of God is here or in the
moment or the event.

**Psalm 46:10a
Be still, and know that I am God;**

Genesis 28:10-15a

Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. 12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

Genesis 28:16-17

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." 17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

I am convinced that Jacob's experience is not connected to his geography, but it was his encounter with God.
It's not the sacredness of the location that matters -- it's what happened when we experience God in some place.

Our Great Certainty is This;

Ephesians 1:4-5

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

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3.) Because God's word stands forever

vs. 6-11

We must start at Verse 11 to understand the message.

Verse 11

11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin,
but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The key to understanding what is before is the word Reckon

"In one verse are found two profound statements of a theological fact that applies to every true child of God without dispute, without argument, without opinion or poll – It is the Declaration of Independence by The Almighty God - That all those who have come to Christ as Lord and Savior are now forever Identified In Christ, Through Christ and By Christ at the Cross of Christ."

What lengths did God go through to save you and me?

For one thing - He fulfilled the Old Covenant by fulfilling its demands. In a way, the Law was "bloodthirsty" for innocence. The Law of God demanded sacrifice for sin. All this was predicated upon man's fellowship with God. There was no coming to God without blood in the Old Testament economy, it was based upon blood sacrifice, as imperfect as animal blood is - it spoke of a greater sacrifice to come.

Hebrews 9:22

And according to the Law almost all things are purified with blood,
and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

All of God's theology comes together at the cross of Jesus Christ.
Your entire Bible from cover to cover is based upon what I asked,
on 1 Day, with 1 Sacrifice upon 1 Cross!

"It Was The Cross, It Was @ The Cross"

**Happily, Ever After
Because God's Word Stands Forever**

3a.) God's equation is the Cross of Jesus Christ

vs. 6-7

Verse 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.

"This is our Knowing - That the "down payment effect" of the Holy Spirit in our lives is all the confidence we need to know that the LORD will finish His work in you."

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." 20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The Preaching of the Cross – A Strange Method for Sure!

Isaiah 53:2-6

There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief.
When You (Father) make His soul (Son) an offering for sin,

Isaiah 53:12c

...Because He poured out His soul unto death, He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 55:11-12a

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. 12 “For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace.

The Equation is God’s Doing

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

God’s equation is the Cross of Jesus Christ

Verse 7

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Mark 1:14b-15

Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

**Friend – that grip on your life, that sin – thing you hate, Know this,
God has put that hatred for that sin in you – He is going to deal
with it when you decide to deal with you – hand it over to Him now.**

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

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Because God’s Word Stands Forever

3b.) God’s question is at the Cross of Christ

vs. 8-9

He, God - is asking mankind a question

John 12:31-33

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” 33 This He said, signifying by what manner of death He would die.

Verse 8

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

“Now (IF) we died (WITH) Christ,
Positionally; God has placed you “into the death” of His Son
without you having to suffer for your own sin – Jesus suffered and died.

But can this be qualified?

Can we confirm if this is in fact true?

It’s only as sure as Jesus Christ is having been resurrected from the dead.

Verse 9

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

“Jesus Christ Died on the Cross for my Sin”
(In Christ – so did I)

“Jesus Christ was Risen from the Dead”
(In Christ – so am I)

“Jesus Christ Lives Forever, never to die again”
(In Christ – so am I)

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Because God's Word Stands Forever

3c.) God's answer is at the Cross of Christ

vs. 10-11

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.

Because of Jesus' death on the Cross;
The answer is that Death no longer is a controlling factor over our lives.

Because of Jesus' death on the Cross;
The answer is that Sin no longer has the power to rule our lives.

Because of Jesus' death on the Cross;
The answer is We no longer are the people we used to be.

Because of Jesus' death on the Cross;
The answer is Life our eternally, forever, time without end.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The Next Time;
A Habit jumps you – tell yourself

The Next Time;
A Thought pulls you into a dark place – tell yourself

The Next Time;
A Sin trips you up – tell yourself

Are You Certain About What Happened at The Cross? (are you convinced enough to know what was accomplished there for you)

"The earliest recorded record of crucifixion dates back to the overthrow of the Babylonian Empire.

Upon the successful taking of Babylon, King Darius of Persia crucified over 3000 of his political enemies. Later the Greeks under the rule of Antiochus Epiphanes used a type of crucifixion that was more of an impalement. Impalement was the positioning of a victim over a sharpened pole or spike, then the victim was lowered on to the pole and released. This horrific act could have lasted from 10 to 30 minutes until the victim either bled to death or the heart was pierced through by the spike. With the

Roman Empire having conquered the Greeks the Romans sought to "perfect" crucifixion. Believing that impalement was too merciful by how quick death came, Rome sought to lengthen the process of brutality. First, prior to crucifixion the victim was often beaten and then required to carry his cross publicly in "the parade of shame" through the city streets to the point of execution. Along the way the criminal would be mocked, ridiculed, cursed, spit upon and abused by the public. Upon reaching the site of crucifixion, the condemned was then nailed to his cross and then raised up as the upright fell into the securing hole. Once the crucifixion had taken place, the suffering would last anywhere from 24 hours to 72 hours depending upon the criminal's physical condition. So violent and gruesome was a Roman crucifixion that Rome itself passed a universal law that no Roman citizen was allowed to be crucified regardless of his crime. The crucified criminal would again be mocked, ridiculed, cursed, spit upon and abused this time by his accusers. The longest known crucifixion lasted four days. It was not until the conversion the Roman Emperor Constantine in the 4th century that crucifixion was outlawed throughout the Empire."

Sir, Mam – If Jesus Christ isn't The Way to forgiveness and eternal life, then what or who is the way? Answer me that.

End of Study

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