

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 8:1-8

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Declaration of Dependence” - Part 3

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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The Christian’s Declaration Of Dependence Starts Like This...

Romans 8:1-8

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. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

The Christian’s Declaration Of Dependence

1.) There is Therefore Now - Absolute Freedom!

vs. 1a

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,

Full Assurance of Salvation – FULL PERIOD.

There are no viable arguments to contradict this verse. But the Scriptures do continue with this blessed promise of FULL ASSURANCE.

John 10:28-30

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."

Jesus said, "**I Give Them Eternal Life!**" He said, "**They Shall Never Perish!**" Jesus said, "**Neither Can They be Snatched Out of My Hand!**" Jesus said, "**Nor Can They be Snatched Out of My Father's Hand!**"

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2.) There is Therefore Now - Sins Condemnation

vs. 2-3

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin:
He condemned sin in the flesh,

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There Is Therefore Now - Sins Condemnation

2a.) There is A New Law in Effect

vs. 2a

2b.) There is A New Power in place

vs. 2b

2c.) There is A New Order by Design

vs. 3

And it is God Alone who;

has the Right, the Power, the Ability, the Purity and the Love enough
to condemn sin once and for all – and all for us!

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having (1) wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has (2) taken it out of the way, (3) having nailed it to the cross.

The Christian's Declaration Of Dependence

3.) There is Therefore Now – A Perfect Union

vs. 4

:4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled IN us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

This “Union” draws from the fact found in Verse 2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me FREE from the law of sin and death.

The Proof of this “Perfect Union” Is...
Christ IN you – This is Our Guaranteed Union with God!

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There Is Therefore Now – A Perfect Union

3a.) Perfectly United with the Will of God

vs. 4a

4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled IN us

This is the great purchased redemption for mankind being referred to here. The great exchange that only Christianity offers.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19,21

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... 21 For (or because or on account of) He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

But can we know if 2 Corinthians 5 is really true?
How can we know if the four Gospels are true? – Thanks be to God –
we can know for certain!

This is The Fulfillment of Isaiah's Prophecy.

Isaiah 53:1-11

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, 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; and 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. 7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people, He was stricken. 9 And they made His grave with the wicked - But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

Psalm 22:6-11, 15-16

But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. 7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" 9 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God. 11 Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; For there is none to help. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

Back to Verse 6

The common Hebrew word for "worm" is "rim'mah,"

But Here, The Hebrew word towla is used.

A towla is a maggot or a grub.

<https://thumbs.dreamstime.com/z/big-red-grub-as-fishfood-fresh-meaty-40085057.jpg>

The towla was used in the dying of fabric or clothing to the color red.

<https://academic.oup.com/bioscience/article/55/12/1080/407161?login=false>

This is the TOWLA of

Exodus 26:1

“Moreover, you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine woven linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread;

Exodus 28:5

“They shall take the gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and the fine linen, 6 and they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, artistically worked.

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

The Towla of Psalm 22:6

The common Hebrew word for “worm” is “rimmah,” and it is defined as a maggot or a worm. However, there is a biblical reference in Psalm 22:6, where the word for “worm” is not rimmah but towla. The Strong’s Dictionary of Biblical words define the towla more as a crimson red grub. This towla was used for the dying of cloths or linen to a deep crimson, scarlet red and the worm or grub was used in accordance with the book of Leviticus for the Tabernacle and later for the Temple in Jerusalem. There are 25 biblical references regarding the use of the towla. So the word “tola’ath” in Psalm 22:6 denotes not only a worm but also identifies it as a crimson or scarlet worm that is common to the Middle East, and predominantly in Israel. It should be noted that the colors crimson and scarlet are very deep, blackish-red, which is the color of blood. And in this crimson worm, we find a hidden meaning of biblical significance.

The Life Cycle of the Crimson Worm

The lifecycle of towla is complex. When the female towla is ready to lay her eggs, which happens only once in her life and for her it will be fatal, she ascends a fence, post or most often a tree and fastens herself to it. With the body attached to the wood, a hard crimson shell then forms around the towla to secure both it and its young to the wood. The female worm as well as her larva are together hatched inside her. The larva will remain under the mother’s protective body-shell as they feed upon her body for a period of three days. After the third day, the mother at death excretes a crimson or scarlet dye that both stains the wood and washes over the larva young leaving them a scarlet red. It is from that point forward the young towla will remain red for its entire life cycle. It is only after the death of the grub does the crimson red on the fence, post or tree change to a flaky snow-white wax like substance which dries to eventually fall to the ground.

Ephesians 1:4-6

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, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

This Perfect Union with God is found only {In Christ} who is the only source of perfection, He is the never ending, universal union between God and man - Jesus Christ who is our called Fellowship or {Koinonia}.

Koinonia is a key {birthmark indicator} of the Christian life. Believers in Christ are to come together in love, by faith, with encouragement. That is the essence of a true Christian life where Koinonia is an on-going experience.

The righteous requirement of the law
Is NOT being fulfilled BY us

The righteous requirement of the law
Is NOT being fulfilled THROUGH us

The righteous requirement of the law
IS {be – being} fulfilled IN us

The Declaration Of Dependence

There Is Therefore Now – A Perfect Union

3a.) Perfectly United with the Will of God

vs. 4b-c

who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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“Who do not walk according to the flesh.”

This is not a QUALIFIER but an INDICATOR.

It’s not an EXAMINATION but a REVELATION.

Walk

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your new behavior or your new manner of life, your new conduct, the new life you lead. The new way that you walk speaks volumes.

"I can tell that's him by the way he walks"

You can say all you want about what you claim to believe, but until God's truth has created a New You – your "walk" will always give you away. Your walk will always announce your coming and your walk will always leave its mark.

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There Is Therefore Now – A Perfect Union

3b) Perfectly United through the Love of Christ

vs. 4b-c

4b who do not walk according to the flesh but [walk] according to the Spirit.

United through Christ's love

meaning - it was / is the literal manifestation of the love of God for us that is experienced through knowing the person of Jesus Christ

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There Is Therefore Now – A Perfect Union

3c.) Perfectly United by the Power of the Spirit

vs. 5a-b

Verse 5a

5 For those who LIVE according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

Verse 5b

but those who LIVE according to the Spirit,
set their minds on (are set on, tied to, anchored) the things of the Spirit.

A life That is Literally Under The
control, authority, supervision, direction, and guidance of another =
Parental Love + Kingly Lordship = The Forever Family!

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep him/her in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You,
because he/she trusts in You.

But what are the "things" of the Spirit?

Things like the power of the Holy Spirit.

Things like the work of the Holy Spirit.

Things like the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Things like the will of the Holy Spirit.

To Really Live is to Walk in the Life of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-25

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.* 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

“Lord, I need You to take away my struggle with _____ and _____ and give me Your grace to resist these temptations. Dear Jesus – I cannot do this, I do not have the power, I do not have the knowledge – and Lord, sometimes I do not even have the will to fight.”

“Church - I have never known Him to NOT answer that prayer in my life – ever!”

I Hope You're Listening Cuz Listen To This,

John 5:24

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Ephesians 3:13

Therefore, I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Ephesians 2:8-9

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.

John 10:28-29

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore, He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:26-28

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

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.

2 Corinthians 1:22

He who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Ephesians 4:30

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Hour of Decision has Come to You

End of Study

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