

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

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“IT’S TIME YOU QUIT” – PART 2

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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Romans 8:12-17

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors - not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.** **14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** **15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”** **16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.**

IT’S TIME YOU QUIT

1.) Don’t just do something – Stand there vs.12-14

1a.) Stand in His debt vs.12-13a

Romans 8:12-13

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors – not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die;**

Meaning – you and I no longer owe our fleshly demands anything!
It means that we have learned to tell “the old you” the “past you” or as I should say,
“The you who has passed” – the dead you.

Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything except to love one another,

**The debt we are now in = Is the love we owe Jesus,
that we let God begin to “mirror” Jesus Christ His Son in and through us to this
ever-darkening world – this is true Christianity.**

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

formed

grk: morpho

to shape, sculpt, form, mold, chisel or sand - until the desired image is achieved.

**This word “formed” is actually a biblical doctrine that
you are personally experiencing right now, later today, next Tuesday, Friday night, every
day of every month of every year UNTIL...**

A great example

Ephesians 2:10

**For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

He is our Real Joy, Real Happiness, Real New Life

John 12:25-26

**He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for
eternal life. 26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant
will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.**

**“So here’s your body – all bright and shiny,
what are you gonna do with it?”**

Our human body is the vehicle that is being driven by what you want now - - (1) to do what
God has created you for or.... We will either drive ourselves toward the appetites of our flesh
which are rooted and based in sinful desires.

We sin outwardly only after we have sinned inwardly.

The Pharisee of our world will tell you “No - that’s not true. I’m only held accountable for what
I actually do on the outside. – I can think about, fantasize, imagine whatever I want so long as
it’s on the inside and it doesn’t come out.”

But the Old Testament gave prophecy - that God is not so much interested in the law written
on stone - but that the law of God was actually to be written on the heart. God says that “He

does not look on the outside but on the inside” Why? Because that is His vantage point of either righteousness or sin, good or evil. These things always happen in this order – (1st) in the mind, then (2nd) in the heart and then (3rd) outwardly in or through the body as the act is committed.

Matthew 15:1-4, 7-20

Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, 2 “Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.” 3 He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, “Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. 9 and in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. 10 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand: 11 It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.” 12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” 13 But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.” 15 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Explain this parable to us.” 16 So Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. 20 These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

The Pathology of Sin

At what point does a man become a horse thief?

If you say “when he steals a horse” you would be wrong. He steals a horse because he is a horse thief. The stealing of the horse took place much earlier in his {thought-process}, he then acted upon his thoughts and used his physical body to carry out the deed. All sin is like this.

The Issue of Gnosticism

“Gnosticism was perhaps the most dangerous heresy that threatened the early church during the first three centuries. Influenced by such philosophers as Plato, Gnosticism is based on two false premises. First, it espouses a dualism regarding spirit and matter. Gnostics assert that matter is inherently evil and spirit is good. As a result of this presupposition, Gnostics believe anything done in the body, even the grossest sin, has no meaning because real life exists in the spirit realm only.

Second, Gnostics claim to possess an elevated knowledge,

a “higher truth” known only to a certain few. Gnosticism comes from the Greek word gnosis which means “to know.” Gnostics claim to possess a higher knowledge, not from the Bible, but acquired on some mystical higher plane of existence. Gnostics see themselves as a privileged class elevated above everybody else by their higher, deeper knowledge of God.”

- Dr. Henry Mansel
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Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

“Excuse my French” or “That’s the Irish in me”

Ephesians 5:3-7

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

That is the description of the non-Christian sitting on either side of you this morning – *Just make sure that it doesn't describe you!*

A Christian walking in the Spirit, seeking to honor God is BECOMING like Jesus here and now.

We should never, never have sympathy for sin or condone those advancing sin. The depravity of sin and its wickedness must be resisted without timidity.

Today – there are those who are wrestling the Bible out of your hands and then claim to know what it teaches. It would be comical – if it wasn't so dangerous.

(We are commanded to **be Judges** in Scripture, **not Executioners.**)

Hebrews 5:14

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Matthew 7:15-20

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

**DON’T JUST DO SOMETHING – STAND THERE
IT’S TIME YOU QUIT**

1b.) Stand in His life

vs.13b

**but if by the (Holy) Spirit you put to death
the deeds of the body, you will live.**

William Barclay puts it this way,

“There is a kind of life which leads to death, and there is a kind of death which leads to life.

“The Putting to Death “

The Holy Spirit is The Spirit of Life -

This theological fact of the Christian confronts us & our culture every day, yet few are aware.

Whenever man is in control and whenever man is the one calling the shots, man will always frame himself in the place of God and when that happens there is a trail of crimes that are left behind...

James 4:1-2c

Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have.

There are fools today who seek to separate the Life-giving Holy Spirit from their day-to-day thoughts and actions and yet claim to know God. As an example, it is the Life-Giving Holy Spirit that is the genesis of the Human Being. But what has man done with that priority of God?

But Pastor Jack, that’s Offensive to the Fool.

True – because the man or woman who sees themselves as The Authority will always leave a wake of destruction and death. Mayhem always follows the absence of God. Destruction, death and mayhem – are the fingerprints that Satan leaves behind at the scene of the crime. That same fool who says *“I believe in God and I support abortion.”* Has been fully deceived.

Put to death

grk: thanatoo

to mortify, to cause death to occur, to have put something or someone to death.

Application

to cause, to induce or to bring oneself shame, to inflict humiliation, to wound your own pride.
to discipline one's bodily appetites by self-denial or self-inflicted privation, to practice mortification is to deny the demands of one's human nature for the benefit of one's spiritual nature.

Colossians 3:5 KJV

Mortify therefore your members (body parts) which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Mark 8:34

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Galatians 5:24

**And those who are Christ's
have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

The thought is this – “I’m gonna seize my old way of living by the neck and put it in its place – the graveyard.”

Mortify the thought of = sleeping with your boss. Mortify the thought of = stealing the money. Mortify the thought of = slandering and gossiping about that person. Mortify the thought of lusting after that person.

This is to experience the power of the Holy Spirit and to know Christian maturity or sanctification.

Verse 13b

**but if by the (Holy) Spirit you put to death
the deeds of the body, you will live.**

live

grk: zao

to be alive, to live with intent, to have life and reason for living it. (and to get on that path) *i.e. Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress*

So Please – Slow Down, Pause. Think Now. Who's Been Driving?

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right (power) 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 (man), nor of the will of man, but of God.

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End of Study

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