

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“IT’S TIME YOU QUIT” — 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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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

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1b.) Stand in His life vs. 13b

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the deeds of the body, you will live.

**For as many (those) as are led by the Spirit of God,
these are sons of God.**

“As many” meaning – “Those who are”.

This is a BEAUTIFULLY serious thing before us here. The **“as many”** are those who are our true spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ - those who are marked by God-Ordained-Activity that displays the Redemptive and Redeeming Word of the Holy Spirit. This Mark is the evidence of a new heart.

led grk: ago

to bring along or to carry along, to travel with or alongside another.

{I like this next one = #1 to be **in session**, #2 to be in class as a **learner**, or as #3 an **apprentice**, #4 a **disciple**}

And He is “continuously leading” on His part.

**When Jesus Christ rose from the dead,
He gave a command saying...**

Matthew 28:10

**Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren
to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”**

Psalm 23:2

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

Psalm 23:4

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; For You are with me.**

This Reality Will Result in a

PASSIONATE WILLINGNESS TO YIELD TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOD.

This Identification - - Is not determined by your friendships. Not by your associations, not by acquaintances, not by any family relations –
But by The Spirit of God.

What being “led” by the Spirit doesn’t mean.

There are those who may be well meaning who use this verse as a cloak. By “cloak” I mean that they say things like – “I’ve prayed about it and I believe this is what the Lord is saying to me... “*(^#(*&#%^@%^&” so there.

What being “led” by the Spirit does mean.

Psalm 33:6-9

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. 9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

2 Peter 1:19-20

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

Hebrews 6:1-3 NLT

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don’t need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. 2 You don’t need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

So The Question Is;

What is it like to NOT be led by the Spirit of God?

It’s not by feelings. It’s not by others. It’s not by experiences. It’s not by moods. It’s not by coincidence. It’s not by external influences.

What is it like TO be led by the Spirit of God?

Simply Like This

(1) There is an **undeniable** sense of not being alone. (2) There is an **awareness** of His personal presence in your life. (3) This “Thereness” of God is all based upon one single foundational fact – It is What The Word of God says...

Psalm 32:8-9

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. 9 Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near

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.

Psalm 107:19-21

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. 20 He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. 21 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Spiritual Development is the Greatest Exercise Possible.

1 Timothy 4:7-9

Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives’ fables. Instead, train yourself to be godly. 8 “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.” 9 This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it.

Verse 14

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,
these are sons of God.**

Sonship and the Relational Experience God has Created.

Sons

grk: **huios**

a descendant, as a son by birth or by adoption – to possess or own sonship, to share in the same nature as the father. Implying that a son of God is one who has been adopted and has experienced the legal right to be *(re-born into the family of God through faith in Christ by the Holy Spirit.)*

“Emphasizing the likeness of the believer (son) becoming more and more like God his Father, the increased resemblance of the Father’s character by the working of the Holy Spirit’s internal leading,”

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vs. 12-14

2.) Don’t just talk about it – Say it

vs. 15-16

Romans 8:15-16

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2a.) Say it – The Lord has called me His own

vs. 15

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Roman History illustrates the Reality of Paul’s argument.

This doctrine of **Adoption** now becomes Prominent.

For you did not RECEIVE

receive

grk: **lambano (-)**

to pick up and or to take up into ones’ heart, accepting, to catch or to have caught something or someone. **(in the negative or the positive)**

The spirit of BONDAGE

bondage

grk: **douleia**

a self-induced slavery, placing yourself in the place or situation of being a slave or to be under the control of another.

The spirit again to FEAR

fear **grk: phobos**
to be put to flight or to run in terror, to be in dread, terror, to be fearful and in a state of intimidation.

He Shifts Toward the Positive

cry **grk: krazo**
to shout out or to scream, to cry out with a loud cry, to be crying.

Hebrews 10:15-16

But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,”

This is an absolutely beautiful and remarkable truth of God’s nature – is that He desires us.

Galatians 4:6-7

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

abba **arm:**
meaning something much more than just *pater* or the title of “Father”, it means that the very *paternal* authority is deeply personal and relatable – Abba meaning papa, dad, or daddy in a familial way.

The Roman Law of Adoption and Inheritance.

The founding father of the Roman empire was the man, Julius Caesar. Now as Caesars’ ago we’ve all heard of him but what we might not remember is that at the time of Julius Caesar’s death he had no heir to receive his throne or his wealth.

But that didn’t keep **Julius Caesar** from taking care of business.

Julius Caesar exercised the Roman Right of Adoption. A Roman Adoption placed one single individual into the full status of being the sole heir of all that the “Pater” or “patriarch” owns upon his death. At his death, his will was opened and in it was his declaration (by the Roman

Right of Adoption) – that **Gaius Octavius** would become **his only son and heir** by the Law of Roman Rights. At the moment the announcement was made,
- Gaius Octavius was summoned and in a moment of time was given a new name.... **Caesar Augustus!**

Normally, at the Roman Forum, a legal transaction would take place that required the “Patron” (Julius Caesar) to publicly proclaim...

“This Is My Son”

We are to “Say It” as in the Proclaiming of It!

1 Peter 2:9

**But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of
darkness into His marvelous light;**

At the commencement of Jesus’s earthly ministry

Luke 4:18

**“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me
to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim
liberty to the captives.**

To Proclaim is to “Stand In the truth of the matter.

Psalm 96:2

**Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim the
good news of His salvation from day to day.**

Psalm 26:7

**That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving,
And tell of all Your wondrous works.**

Malachi 3:16

**Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard
them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and
who meditate on His name.**

Shall We Stand

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. And may you find yourself throughout this week, being open to hear His still small voice and may you be looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”

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