

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 8:12-17

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“IT’S TIME YOU QUIT” — PART 4

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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**It’s been a good while since we started this 8th chapter of Romans.
From 30,000 feet things can be seen from start to finish...**

Romans 8:1-11

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. :9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the 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 through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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

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

1c.) Stand in His family vs. 14

2.) Don't just talk about it – Say it vs. 15-16

2a.) Say it – The Lord has called you His own vs. 15

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Roman History illustrates the Reality of Paul's argument.

The true **ABBA, FATHER** reality of the Christian Life is **Oneness** with God.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, **3** among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

This is the verse that, when (Covid hit, more exact – when Politics hit Covid) pastors closed churches down because of their politics. But what did you do? - So many of you fled to the Word of God wanting, demanding to know what the Scriptures say about these days and to know more fully how to “follow the Lord Jesus Christ” in such troubling times.

>>>>>> He Proved Himself to You <<<<<<<

Acts 1:3a

**He also presented Himself alive (resurrected)
after His suffering by many infallible (undeniable) proofs,**

“CONVINCING PROOFS” = CONFIRMING EVIDENCES. = IMMUTABLE FACTS ?

Psalm 100:3

Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

IS THERE ENOUGH DATA HERE TO CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE
CONVINCING PROOFS - CONFIRMING EVIDENCES - IMMUTABLE FACTS ?

Isaiah 49:1

**The LORD has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of my mother,
He has made mention of My name.**

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**HOLY SPIRIT to human spirit
(is the intercourse between God and man)**

spirit

grk: pneuma

to be moved or empowered by the air, air driven, wind driven, the breath that (resides within) the human soul. the observable and active consciousness of life.

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Jeremiah 1:4-10

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” 6 Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” 7 But the LORD said to me:

“Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the LORD. 9 Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. 10 See, I have this day set you over the nations.

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Psalm 139:16

**Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.**

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Galatians 1:15

**But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb
and called me through His grace.**

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Psalm 71:6

**By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother’s womb.
My praise shall be continually of You.**

The LORD has called you by name - hello !

“There are those who, I believe, mean well, but in their concern, regarding {spiritual experiences} and or {encounters with God} have completely and thoroughly thrown the baby out with the bathwater so to speak.

I appreciate the concern - but frankly they lack the faith to trust God with His own church and His own people.

Christianity by design is a family and that demands and even requires that the follower of Christ experience Christ in the most personal ways.

Sad to say, today's modern church suffers from a lack of {sanctified biblical experience.} There is no possible way that you can know the true and living God, without being totally affected in your person – body, soul and spirit.

I am not talking about jumping up and down or barking or yelling or screaming or falling forward or falling backward, I'm talking about walking straight, walking holy, walking the narrow path with joy, peace and power in the Holy Spirit.

- *me*

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

(that's an experience my friend)

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(that's an experience my friend)

2 Corinthians 3:12

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech.

(that's an experience my friend)

And as a Bonus - We Have a New Name Coming to Us

Revelation 2:17

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." "

Revelation 3:12

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT IT – SAY IT IT'S TIME YOU QUIT

2c.) Say it – The Lord has called you His child

vs. 16b

that we are children of God

I believe today in the 21st century that just this portion of scripture alone could be the healing balm that can save and fortify and empower any one of you who are willing to listen to the voice of God...

Paul says as a matter of fact – “We are Children of God.”

children

grk: teknon

a young male or female child. the son and or daughter of... (the offspring of God)

The Auto-logical Conclusion is;

Because God is our Father,
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We **know** like our Father **knows**.
We **speak** like our Father **speaks**.
We **act** like our Father **acts**.
We **see** like our Father **sees**.
We **feel** like our Father **feels**.
We **live** like our Father **lives**.
We **love** like our Father **loves**.

John 8:37-45

“I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. 38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.” 39 They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father - God.” 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

Full Disclosure Here

Each of us as a single human being - belongs to one of two families.
There are only two actual families that we as humans are in relation to.

Galatians 3:26-29

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

2 Corinthians 6:16c-18

As God has said: *"I will dwell in them And walk among them.
I will be their God, And they shall be My people."*

17 Therefore *"Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."* **18** *"I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."*

JUST ONE FINAL THING BEFORE MOVING ON

Verse 16b

that we are children of God

children grk: teknon

a young male or female child. a son or daughter of. the offspring of (God)

It is absolutely universal that a child – children hold

*profound value in the continuance of any culture
from a tribal village to a metropolis.*

As an example, God's creation of the family unit

*- being a father and a mother and a child and children is sacred to God and without
this model there is no furtherance of humanity.*

In the world of anthropology this model holds true

perfectly, and history confirms this.

In the study of the sciences of biology,

chemistry and physics - again God's model holds true.

For the righteous - children are a blessing and

they are images of our existence and that by them we send them into the future by loving them and nurturing them and caring for them and protecting them.

In the world of the wicked, children are of great value

as well. Children are used, abused, and serve as pawns moved about so as to achieve a political end or physical pleasure or monetary gain or what is worse – a demonic agenda to destroy innocence.

Matthew 21:14-17a

Then the blind and the lame came to Jesus in the temple, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant 16 and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise’? ” 17a Then Jesus left them...

Psalm 127:3

**Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb is a reward.**

Mark 10:14

But when Jesus saw it, (and He sees it today) He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 6:4

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Mark 9:42

“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.

Luke 17:2

It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

Matthew 18:1-3,6-7

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven 6 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depths of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

Matthew 18:10-11,14

"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

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