

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 8:16-17

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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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**From the opening moments of the ministry of Jesus Christ,
from one village to the next, to the wilderness of Judea –
the Information Highway to mankind was set in motion.**

**That Information Highway was, and still is - the Eternal Message of God which is –
“Know Me.”**

**In The Book of Exodus,
What is a very private and extremely personal interaction between God and Moses –
Moses does the unthinkable...**

Exodus 33:18

And Moses said, “Please, show me Your glory.”

Glory

heb: Kabad

Show me your essence, Your matter as in weighty, who You are behind the veil, the one who is behind it all, You who is abounding, You who is honored, You who is fierce, You who is unmovable.

This is probably the greatest request that a human being can ask of God. I believe it is the most beautiful thing that God can hear coming from the lips of a human being.

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

The deeper you look – the closer you get to the vein, the motherload of God’s Revelation of Himself to us, Yes it’s seen in His creation but it is full through Jesus Christ.

Colossians 2:9

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

**“THERE IS NOT A SQUARE INCH IN THE WHOLE DOMAIN OF OUR HUMAN EXISTENCE
OVER WHICH CHRIST, WHO IS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL, DOES NOT CRY, MINE!”**

- ABRAHAM KUYPER

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD’S, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

And if that weren’t enough – there’s the Centrality of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is Inescapable.

Acts 4:11-12

**This is the “Stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12
Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by
which we must be saved.”**

Philippians 2:7-11

**7c Who coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled
Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God
also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the
name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those
under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.**

Not only do we not know God except through Jesus Christ;
We do not even know ourselves except through Jesus Christ.

- Blaise Pascal

And when contemplating the Power of God’s Grace in Christ,
The Great Reformer Martin Luther wrote;

“I feel as if Jesus Christ died only yesterday.

- Martin Luther

IT'S TIME YOU QUIT – QUIT AS IN SURRENDER

Romans 8:16-17

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.

3.) Don't just look at it – Enjoy it

vs. 17

Romans 8:17

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The Holy Spirit – Children – Heirs – Joint Heirs – Suffer – Glory - Together

DON'T JUST LOOK AT IT – ENJOY IT IT'S TIME YOU QUIT

3a.) Enjoy it – He has taken you in

vs. 17a

17 And if (since) children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

“Verse 17 speaks of the wonderful reality of our New Childhood, even if it is filled with Hurts and Hallelujahs – Jesus Christ is with You”

heirs

grk: klero'no'mos

the recipient of what is another's, what is gifted to or bequeathed from the position, wealth or benefits from another.

joint-heirs

grk: sug'klero'no'mos

a co-inheritor, a fellow heir, one who receives what is of another. a shared inheritance.

God's Design for His Forever Family Originates in Adoption

Galatians 4:5

And to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Ephesians 1:5

Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

John 10:2-7,9,11,14-16

But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. 7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep, 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice;
and there will be one flock and One Shepherd.

Enjoy This - His Desire to both Know - you and to be Known by You

Enjoy This - His Willingness to Pursue - you until the end of your life.

Enjoy This - His Mission to Rescue you - from out of this world.

Enjoy This - His Power to Seal you - because you belong to Him.

Song of Solomon 8:6-7a esv

You set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is as strong as death, jealousy - as demanding as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD. 7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

Enjoy This - His Love to Secure you – every single hour of the day.

Enjoy This - His Ability to Keep you - so that you will never be lost.

Enjoy This – It’s His Passion to Include You in His Grand Display.

But What’s on display? - I’m glad you asked...

It’s You and Him Shining in This World as One.

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world.

What does God love right now? _____ *then so should we.*

What has God’s attention right now? _____ *it should be ours.*

Who does God love right now? _____ *then we must also.*

DON'T JUST LOOK AT IT – ENJOY IT IT'S TIME YOU QUIT

3b.) Enjoy it - He has made you rich

vs. 17b

if indeed we suffer with Him...

the word "If" here is better translated "Since" or "Because of"

this speaks to the day to day

tension, or battle, or the sense of not being of this world – truly, the separation has begun.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Our day to day, God-ordained suffering
is what He uses to wean us off of this world's supply

a terrible, dead give-away that

"You Just Might Be A Human"

Is the terrible, dead give-away of your fallen nature is...

(1) to blame, (2) to criticize or (3) to attack

others when difficult things happen to you.

But when we as humans **blame, criticize and attack** God – we are **rejecting** His **authority, wisdom** and His **word** – we've fooled ourselves into thinking that we have actually taken control of the situation.

How To Get Rich Quick

Philippians 3:7-8

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

There is only one way to get our vision corrected regarding our spiritual shortsightedness of having to be in control - and that is to come to the place - - of having no control. This is where God's rest and riches can be enjoyed.

Psalm 73:25-26 nlt

Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. 26 My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever.

Lamentations 3:24-27 nlt

I say to myself, *“The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!”* The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. 26 So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD. 27 And it is good for people to submit at an early age to the yoke of his discipline.

**DON'T JUST LOOK AT IT – ENJOY IT
IT'S TIME YOU QUIT**

3c.) Enjoy it - He has made you whole

vs. 17c

...that we may also be glorified together.

Our Looking Ahead, Our Focus, Our Assurance
is on the Coming Glory – That Should be Our Target

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”* **10 But God has revealed them unto us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.**

This **“Be Glorified Together”** reality - is happening now and will continue to happen until our course is finished.

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“We have spent too much time focusing on sanctification at the neglect of our sights being set on glorification. Today the church has settled in with one thing in mind rather than looking to the finish line and what awaits us. It's best to look to the future and with that goal in sight, it will affect how you live in the here and now.”

Having Your Eyes Looking Forward to The Target-Sight

Colossians 3:4

**When Christ who is our life appears,
then you also will appear with Him in glory.**

Philippians 3:21a

**He who will transform our lowly body
that it may be conformed to His glorious body**

**We Have Been Charged with a Mission
to Share The Hope of Glory that's in Jesus Christ**

Step 1

Isaiah 43:10

**“You are My witnesses,” says the LORD,
“And My servant whom I have chosen,**

Step 2

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Step 3

Daniel 12:3

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

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