

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 8:28-30

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WE ARE ON OUR WAY” – PART 5

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

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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The Christian Faith by All Accounts is not a Religion.

It may be called a religion by those who do not understand it nor have experienced it – But to the demise of the masses, “Being a Christian” has fallen victim among those who are only acquainted with what is written. They have failed in that they have clumped Christianity together with Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, and Islam – but those faith-practices or traditions are nothing to be compared to what the Bible has promised –
A Personal Encountering with the One true living God and that - through Intimacy.

Romans 8:28-30

28 And we ⁽¹⁾ know that ⁽²⁾ all things ⁽³⁾ work together ⁽⁴⁾ for good ⁽⁵⁾ to those who love God, ⁽⁶⁾ to those who are ⁽⁷⁾ the called ⁽⁸⁾ according to His purpose. 29 ⁽⁹⁾ For whom He foreknew, ⁽¹⁰⁾ He also predestined to be ⁽¹¹⁾ conformed to the ⁽¹²⁾ image of His Son, ⁽¹³⁾ that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover ⁽¹⁴⁾ whom He predestined, these He also ⁽¹⁵⁾ called; whom He called, these He also ⁽¹⁶⁾ justified; and whom He justified, these He also ⁽¹⁷⁾ glorified.

Like a spiritual wave building – there is the ultimate moment when it meets the shore and suddenly there is an explosion of power, reality, experience.

Matthew 18:20

**For where two or three are gathered together in My name,
(the qualifier being “in My Name”) there I am in the midst of them.”**

John 20:21-22

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 16:5-7

“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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.

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1.) The Heartbeat of Heaven vs. 23

2.) The Hope of Heaven vs. 24-25

3.) The Help of Heaven vs. 26-27

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4.) The Hosts of Heaven vs. 28-30

Whenever we hear the word “Hosts” we cannot help but think of hospitality or being the host ourselves. The word hosts can also mean a massive or innumerable amount of stars or people or angels...

Hebrews 12:1a-2b

We are surrounded (in present tense) by so great a cloud of witnesses.

2 Looking (*actively searching for, scanning for, fixed on – locked on*) unto Jesus – the Author and finish(er) of our faith,

4a.) Heaven is at work for us vs. 28

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Here is one of the most beloved verses in all of the Bible, and yet it is one of the most technical - only because people fail to unpack the meaning of this verse.

It is ranked among the most comforting promises, and yet it is very exclusive and highly qualitative regarding its application.

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Know

grk: ei'do

In the past tense, now we have seen, to have perceived, to have experienced or to now have the knowledge of. to be a witness to, to be testified of, to have recognized or to have come to discovery of.

"Eureka Eureka" – It's Greek for "I Have Found It. I Have Found It"

It is The Exclamation mathematician and physicist Archimedes made when he recognized that the more his body entered his bathtub the higher the water rose – discovering that there is ratio between the density of an object in relationship to water displacement = the law of buoyancy.

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Know

heb. yada

to acknowledge, now acquainted with, made aware of, to see what is or what has always been, to see the hand of God in every situation from every angle of life. to comprehend what is incomprehensible.

What is it That We're to Know?

The answer is - we're to know about things. Not about how things work or what kind of things you have that I don't - - rather the things in each of our personal lives. These are the...

God Things of Our Lives.

What is a God Thing in Your Life?

Proverbs 4:23

Keep (watch it, guard it, secure it) **your heart with all diligence,**
For out of it spring the issues (the boundary or limits) **of life.**

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

It's a **knowable** work. It's a **quantitative** work. It's an **observable** work.

True Biblical Christianity is Experiential & Very Public by Design.

Colossians 1:9-12

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

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All **grk: pas**

All as in every, ALL kinds, ALL men, ALL respects, ALL times, ALL issues, ALL moments, ALL challenges, ALL sorrows, ALL pains, ALL victories, ALL joys. ALL always - ALL anyone - ALL anything – ALL continually - ALL whoever – ALL whatever. ALL encompassing

THE GREEK WORD PAS DEMANDS THAT THERE IS A WORK AT WORK

THAT GATHERS ALL THAT IS GOOD FOR YOU – AN ALL ENCOMPASSING COLLECTION OF INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS THAT MAKE UP LIFE, THE EVENTS THAT COALESCE TOGETHER INTO THE MAKING OF ONE PRE-ORDAINED, REASON, PLAN, LOGIC AND PURPOSE THAT IS GOD’S PERFECT WILL FOR YOU.

“All things work”

is a global statement, announcing the reality that in every situation of your life and being – your body, your thoughts, and your spirit - is presently being influenced by God’s specific will (plan, purpose) for your life in total.

We are not talking about God’s permissive will here.

His permissive will is what, for the lack of better wording, is God having to put up with our acts of carnality. We are talking about recognizing God’s perfect will for your life in everything. The perfect will of God is always better than the permissive will of God. You don’t want God to put up with the things you allow in your life. What you want, as a believer, is for God to have exactly what He wants for your life. There is a great difference. One is more like “just getting through” while the other is “exceedingly, abundantly and overwhelmingly thrilling.

Remember who it is who was saying this.

This is the Apostle Paul. A man who had suffered more for being a Christian than perhaps anyone else over these last 2000 years.

Philippians 3:5-11

(regarding my religious devotion) **I was circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 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 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

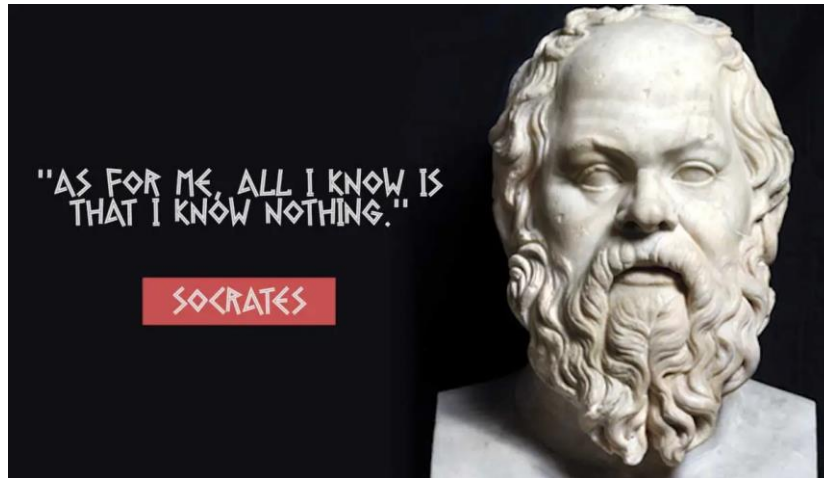
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Things

grk: *tauta*

The very **{experiences}** of life's moments. Everything happening that is happening applies to your life from every point of entry (point of entry being sight, sound, touch, thought imaginings, spirit)



1 John 2:20

But you have an Anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

Work

grk: *er'gon*

actions, behaviors, deeds, doings, results – example: *as used to describe the work of a designer – a craftsman using his tools to create and to finish his {thought or idea} by bringing it into existence.*

Galatians 4:19

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

Romans 8:28a

(1) all things work together for good

Together

grk: *sun'er'geo*

to work together toward the center. To start from the outer limits and move inward to the center. We get the word {Synergy} from this sun-er-geo. Meaning that the "whole of a matter is greater than the sum of its individual parts",

We must end Here for now

Verse 28

to those who love God, (2) to those who are the called according to His purpose.

End of Study

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