

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 14:1-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

GETTING REAL WITH GOD & MAN — 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 14:1-12

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. **2** For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. **3** Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. **4** Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. **5** One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. **6** He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. **7** For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. **8** For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. **9** For to this end Christ {Messiah} died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. **10** But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. {Messiah} **11** For it is written: *"As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God."* **12** So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

I'm Sorry to Say That;

It's Been a Month Since We've Been in the Book of Romans and in that Last Sunday
Together – I ended each of the services at a Different Point –
So, In Some Way - Let's Begin Again !

We're hearing a lot these days about;

What is real verses what is fake. What is reality verses what is Artificial.

What is engineered verses what is organic.

The "Fakeness" of What is Called The Church These Days is Real.

You cannot Manufacture Real Christian Love.

Real Christian Love Cannot be Faked because it is the ultimate Organic -
The True Church of Jesus Christ is a Living, Breathing Organism and Time Proves It.

Psalms 133:1-3 KJV

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life - for evermore!

GETTING REAL WITH GOD & MAN

1.) Means we have a grounded faith

vs. 1-3

Every single one of us uses faith every single day.

Faith is the manifestation of trust or reliance or dependence upon someone or something. We put faith in our seatbelts. We put faith in other drivers. We put faith in our pilots. We put faith in the aircraft. We put faith in our husbands and in our wives, we put faith in our children and our parents. We believe by faith that we will have a job on Monday morning.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance (*assurance*) of things hoped for,
the evidence (*proof*) of things not seen.

I have faith that I will see tomorrow's SUNrise. But if that doesn't happen for me, then I also have the faith that I will see the SON of God - Jesus Christ!

So then; Faith in Action is The Greatest Evidence for the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and His followers are to exhibit that love in this world and toward one another.

GETTING REAL WITH GOD & MAN MEANS WE HAVE A GROUNDED FAITH

1a.) Maturity produces a practical faith

vs. 1

Romans 14:1

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not (without conditions) to disputes over doubtful things.

Receives grk: pro'slam'ba'no

(continuously be) to be bringing in or to be taking in alongside of you, to keep open your arms toward a brother or sister in Christ. to be welcoming in, to make welcome, accepted, accepting.

LIKE A GREAT LEVEL WITH THE BUBBLE IN THE MIDDLE

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Not All Church Divisions Are Bad – Some Are Actually Needed.
But We Must All Avoid Ungodly Divisions

Romans 16:17-18

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. **18** For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

Matthew 15:1-14

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.*' **5** But you say, "Whoever says to his father or mother, '*Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God*'" — **6** then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. **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** Not what goes into the mouth 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."

Christ Jesus came to save us from our sins & give us a new identity.

John 1:12-13

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

Weak grk: astheneo;
feeble, sensitive (in the negative) sickly or prone to feebleness of spirit or faith,
implying a lack of spiritual freedom and power. narrow. limited.

Romans 15:1-2 NLT

We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. 2 We should help others do what is right and build them up (bring them along) in the Lord.

Disputes grk: diakrisis
the act of passing judgment upon another, to hold someone in a lesser-state or a low opinion. to assume a superior authority that you do not have.

Doubtful grk: dialogismos
things being reasoned about, arguments, speculations, to judge another man's thoughts, conviction, to judge what they are thinking.

"In Essentials, Unity; In nonessentials, Liberty; in all things, Charity."
- Augustine of Hippo

But what is a {Practical Faith} & How Does It Work?

Colossians 2:16-17

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, **17** which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

The Complexion or Composition of the Church
is an awe-inspiring thing.

(It's Hard to Believe But - Not Everyone Eats at IN-N-OUT Burger)

Mark 7:14-16

When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: **15** There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. **16** If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"

GETTING REAL WITH GOD & MAN MEANS WE HAVE A GROUNDED FAITH

1b.) Maturity produces a compassionate faith

vs. 2

Romans 14:2

2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

In The Pagan Roman World – Idol Worship Prevailed.
This was not a dietary issue as much as it was an issue of the conscious.

All Meat On Sale Today - 75% Off All Meats!

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 NLT

Now regarding your question about food that has been offered to idols. Yes, we know that “we all have knowledge” about this issue. But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. **2** Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much. **3** But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes. **4** So, what about eating meat that has been offered to idols? Well, we all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God. **5** There may be so-called gods both in heaven and on earth, and some people actually worship many gods and many lords. **6** But for us, there is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live. **7** However, not all believers know this. Some are accustomed to thinking of idols as being real, so when they eat food that has been offered to idols, they think of it as the worship of real gods, and their weak consciences are violated. **8** It’s true that we can’t win God’s approval by what we eat. We don’t lose anything if we don’t eat it, and we don’t gain anything if we do. **9** But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. **10** For if others see you—with your “superior knowledge”—eating in the temple of an idol, won’t they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol? **11** So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed. **12** And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. **13** So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live - for I don’t want to cause another believer to stumble.

1 Corinthians 16:14 NIV

14 Do everything in love.

Acts 15:8-9

So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them (gentiles) the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, **9** and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

But what is a {Compassionate Faith} & How Does It Work?

1 Corinthians 10:23-32

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. **24** Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being. **25** Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake; **26** for "the earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness." **27** If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake. **28** But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness." **29** "Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another man's conscience? **30** But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for the food over which I give thanks? **31** Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. **32** Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,

GETTING REAL WITH GOD & MAN
MEANS WE HAVE A GROUNDED FAITH

1c.) Maturity produces a unifying faith

vs. 3

Verse 3

3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat,
and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

The Will of The LORD is This;

Psalms 133:1

Look, how good and how pleasant it is - -
for brethren to dwell together in unity!

But what is a {Unifying Faith} & How Does It Work?

Illustration / Application

The Plowmen's Method of Yoking a Mature Ox to a Young Ox

But Never Mixing the Order

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

Despise grk: exoutheneo
to view as contemptible, to see as not worthy enough, to view another less than yourself, to elevate oneself above another.

Judge grk: krino
to pass judgment upon, to conclude, to hold in condemn of your standard, to stand up and give a condemning testimony against a brother or sister or family member.

“It is the man who has not yet excepted the way of Grace, still thinking more of what he can do for God, then of what God has done for him. In the body of Christ, no man has the right to ridicule what another man holds sacred.”

William Barclay

Received grk: proslambano
to take in and to add to, to embrace, to accept,

There is no greater example known in human history than
that of the apostle Paul and his ability to understand what it means
to be a true follower of Christ.

Here is such an example - apart from Jesus.
It was his love for God that drove him to love those of the world around him.

1 Corinthians 9:19-22

For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; **20** and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law, that I might win those *who are* under the law; **21** to those *who are* without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those *who are* without law; **22** to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.

“Paul loved those who were in the world,
but he never loved the world they were in.”

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 3:18-21

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. **19** And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. **20** For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. **21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

Colossians 2:16-17

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, **17** which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

From The Crescendo To The Landing
Friend, this is what His grace offers you today...

Luke 7:36-50

Then one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. **37** And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, **38** and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." **40** And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." **41** "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." and He said to him, "You have rightly judged." **44** Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. **45** You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. **46** You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. **47** Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." **48** Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" **50** Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

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