

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

## Romans 14:16-23

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### IN HOT PURSUIT — PART 3

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 YouTube Title Is;  
The Power Of Love

It doesn't take long for the most casual reader  
of the Bible to discover that the message of the Bible is that { GOD LOVES }

#### John 3:15-17

Whoever believes in Him (third person speaking) should not perish but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

#### John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

#### 1 Peter 4:7-8

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore, be serious and watchful in your prayers. **8** And above all things have fervent love for one another, (WHY?) for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

The Confirmation of your Salvation Is;  
Evidenced by the possessive nature of the Holy Spirit - in - your - life.

**John 14:1-3,6,17-18 KJV**

**“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.**

**2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I GO to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also, 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me, 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I WILL not leave you orphans; I WILL come to you.**

**John 16:7**

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.

## Let’s Stand for The Reading of Our Passage Today;

**Romans 14:16-23**

**16** Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; **17** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **18** For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. **19** Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. **20** Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

**21** It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. **22** Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

**23** But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

## IN HOT PURSUIT

1.) Of A Working Love

vs. 14-15

### IN HOT PURSUIT Of a Working Love

1a.) Is Having A Clean Conscience

vs. 14

**Romans 14:14**

**14** I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean

1b.) Is Having The Right Priority

vs. 15

## Verse 15

**15** Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

If we fix our eyes and affection upon Jesus, we will quickly see Him elevated to His rightful place of honor in the Church and Beyond.

## IN HOT PURSUIT

2.) Of The Kingdom of God

vs. 16-18

### IN HOT PURSUIT Of the Kingdom of God

2a.) Is All About Our Familial Witness

vs. 16

#### Romans 14:16

**16** Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil

We are all to be known to the world for our Love for God;  
For our acts of love - For our good deeds - For our words - For our life lived.

#### “do not let”

“Make sure that nothing someone says against is true.  
Answer the Evil with your godly conduct”

#### Matthew 10:36

A man's enemies will be those of his own household.

#### Philippians 2:14-16a

Do all things without complaining and disputing, **15** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, **16** holding fast the word of life,

#### 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. **4** But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, **5** in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; **6** by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, **7** by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, **8** by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; **9** as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; **10** as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

# IN HOT PURSUIT Of the Kingdom of God

2b.) Is All About Real Christ-Like Living

vs. 17

## **Romans 14:17**

**17** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Notice the Wording is; “For The Kingdom of God” It is a Statement of Fact.  
It is NOW and is always Referred to as being in the Present as well as Futuristic.

## **1 Corinthians 8:8**

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

## **Hebrews 13:9**

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For *it is* good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

# The Forever Kingdom of God (IS)

## **2 Samuel 7:16**

“Your house (David) and your kingdom shall be established forever before you.  
Your throne shall be established forever.”

# How Is This Possible?

## **Exodus 15:18**

“The LORD shall reign forever and ever.”

## **Isaiah 9:6-7**

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**7** Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end,  
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and  
justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

## **Psalms 45:6**

Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness  
*is* the scepter of Your kingdom.

**Psalms 145:13**

Your kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,  
And Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.

**Isaiah 62:11**

Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward *is* with Him, And His work before Him.' "

**Zechariah 9:9**

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

**Matthew 21:5**

"Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

**THE ANCIENT EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL PROVED THIS.**

**THE PRESENT EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL PROVES THIS.**

**THE FUTURE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL WILL PROVE THIS.**

**Daniel 4:3**

(the Hebrew prophet)

How great *are* His signs, and how mighty His wonders! His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion *is* from generation to generation.

**Genesis 12:1-3,7**

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. **2** I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." **7** Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

**Genesis 22:17-18**

Blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. **18** In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

**Romans 11:1**

I say then, has God cast away His people (Israel)? Certainly not!  
For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham,  
*of the tribe of Benjamin.*

THY KINGDOM CAME (In Christ) & THY KINGDOM COME (In Spirit) & THY  
KINGDOM IS COMING (through Christ)

Verse 17b

**Romans 14:17b**

but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Righteousness      grk: dikaiosune;  
being righteous, doing righteously, doing justice, coming from what is a  
right position. dedicated to as in holy, as in set apart to be (holy)

**1 Peter 1:14-16**

as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; **15**  
but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** because it is written,  
“Be holy, for I am holy.”

Peace              grk: eirene  
No longer at war with God thus now having the rest of God upon you.

Joy                grk: chara  
Joy is a non-human attribute or characteristic; joy is of an external source and  
must be provided.

These Three (3) are One, A United Trinity of Evidence, of Proof  
That the Real Christian has These in his or her possession.

**1 John 5:7 KJV**

**For there are three (3) that bear record in heaven,  
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one.**

**IN HOT PURSUIT  
Of the Kingdom of God**

2c.) Is All About The Coming Glory

vs. 18

**Romans 14:18**

**18** For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men

Acceptable grk: euarestos;  
well-pleasing, like one's master, having lived and did  
what was like His master (GOD)

Approved grk: dokimos;  
tested, examined, scrutinized, inspected (MAN)

**IN HOT PURSUIT**

**3.) Of A More Excellent Way**

**vs. 19-23**

**IN HOT PURSUIT  
Of A More Excellent Way**

**3a.) Is Me Honoring You**

**vs. 19**

**Romans 14:19**

**19** Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and  
the things by which one may edify another

**IN HOT PURSUIT  
Of A More Excellent Way**

**3b.) Is Me Strengthening You**

**vs. 20**

**Romans 14:20-21**

**20** Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food.

All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

**21** It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is  
offended or is made weak.

**IN HOT PURSUIT  
Of A More Excellent Way**

**3c.) Is Me Exhorting You**

**vs. 22-23**

**Romans 14:22-23**

**22** Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. **23** But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

List Here the Theological Collision Between;  
The Book of James & The Book of Romans.  
A collision that fuses the two great treaties together into one man.

*End of Study*

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