

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 15:22-29

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## FOR THE LOVE OF GOD – 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 15:22-29**

For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you.

**23** But now (1) no longer having a place in these parts and (2) having a great desire these many years to come to you, **24** whenever I journey to Spain, (3) I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there (Spain) by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while. **25** But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. **26** For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. **27** It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. **28** Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.

**29** But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

## FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

1.) Will we go to the ends of the earth?

vs. 22-24

**FOR THE LOVE OF GOD**  
**WILL WE GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH?**

1a.) We must put up with the challenges

vs. 22

1b.) We must be open to what He has next vs. 23a

1c.) We must be willing to work together vs. 24

## FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

2.) Will we display the practical love of God? vs. 25-27

**25** But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. **26** For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. **27** It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

## FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WILL WE DISPLAY THE PRACTICAL LOVE OF GOD?

2a.) As love looks for the opportunity vs. 25

### Romans 15:25

**25** But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints

I love this;

“Now I am going to South Central to Minister to the Saints.

“Now I am going to Malibu to Minister to the Saints.

“Now I am going to Sacramento to Minister to the Saints.

“Now I am going to Santa Barbara to Minister to the Saints.

Regarding Christ’s Commission - is the fact - That  
“*Each of Us as Christians are Either Senders or Goers.*”

Minister grk: dia'ko'ne'o:  
administrator, contributor, servant, supporter, server, to show a rendering  
of (the nature of Jesus Christ)

We Have More Insight Provided Us;

## 2 Corinthians 8:1-4 NLT

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. 2 They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. 3 For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. 4 They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem.

## A Kind Acts & Intention Gone Wrong

### Acts 2:44

Now all who believed were together, and had all things **in common**,

### Acts 4:31-5:11

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. 32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. 36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, 37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. **Acts 5:1** But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." 5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. 6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him. 7 Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much." 9 Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." 10 Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. 11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

## Jesus Said All Humans Are Liars

### No One Is Getting Away With It Today

(For now, this is the age of grace or patience – time's running out)

### Revelation 21:6-8

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake (of fire) which burns with fire and brimstone,

THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON

Cowardly. The word surfaces four times in the New Testament, each instance exposing the tension between fear rooted in unbelief and the fear of man verses the courage that flows from faith and reverent awe of God. The word describes a spirit within a person who pulls back or shrinks back when God calls them or invites to move forward in trust and obedience, contrasting sharply with the bold confidence produced by the Spirit.

**FOR THE LOVE OF GOD  
WILL WE DISPLAY THE PRACTICAL LOVE OF GOD?**

2b.) As love responds to the need

vs. 26

**Romans 15:26**

**26** For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

Pleased grk: eu'do'ke'o

to think well of or to have chosen gladly, with good pleasure or to have taken pleasure in. to be well content with. happy to have been involved.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, {not grudgingly or of necessity;} for God loves a cheerful giver.

Cheerful grk: hilaros

with a happy, joyous, hilarious attitude. a delight.

>>>>>>>>> Taxes & Tithing Are of God <<<<<<<<<<<

We never bat-an-eye at paying massive taxes here in California.

We apparently don't mind paying taxes because every time a tax increase is on the ballot from Lord Newsom's Democrats – We vote "YES" Tax Me with Enthusiasm !!!

- 1.) To Pay Taxes is the Act of Obedience to those in Power.
- 2.) To Willingly Offer a Tithe is an Act of Worship

Contribution grk: koinonia

fellowship, participation, sharing, caring.

**1 John 3:17**

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Saints grk: hagios  
most sacred, most holy, most cherished, most pure.

### Acts 3:1-13

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. **2** And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; **3** who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. **4** And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." **5** So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6** Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." **7** And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. **8** So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them - walking, leaping, and praising God. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God. **10** Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. **11** Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch, which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. **12** So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? **13** The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus,

### 1 John 4:16

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

## FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WILL WE DISPLAY THE PRACTICAL LOVE OF GOD?

2c.) As love unites Jew and Gentile alike vs. 27

### Romans 15:27

**27** It pleased them (The Believing Gentiles) indeed, and they are their (The Believing Jews) debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their (The Believing Jews) spiritual things, their (The Believing Gentiles) duty is also to minister to them (The Believing Jews) in material things

Debtors grk: o'phei'et'es  
culprits, to owe another, to be under the obligation of another - be it a person, institution or by reason of loving devotion.

### Romans 15:27 NLT

They were glad to do this because they feel they owe a real debt to them. Since the Gentiles received the spiritual blessings of the Good News from the believers in Jerusalem, they feel (fell a duty) the least they can do in return, is to help them financially. (\$ = the least we can do)

**Romans 1:14-15**

I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

**15** So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

Always Remembering This;

That it was the Born -Again Jews of the New Covenant that first preached Christ and His Gospel to the Gentile World

Partakers grk: koi'no'ne'o

to have a share of or share in, to contribute yourself, to give of your life.

**We Have A Powerful Example of Koi'no'ne'o**

**Luke 21:1-4**

And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, **2** and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. **3** So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; **4** for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

Livelihood grk: bi'os

all of one's wealth, resources, life, living. that which is needed to sustain one's life (the day). – she gave to God what she needed to stay alive.

**We gentiles have been made additions to His family.**

**Micah 4:1-2**

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD'S house Shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it. **2** Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**FOR THE LOVE OF GOD**

**3.) Will we be obvious about our faith ?** vs. 28-29

**3a.) We must be faithful to God** vs. 28

**Romans 15:28**

**28** Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you (Rome) to Spain.

Performed grk: epi'te'le'o

to make complete, to accomplish the mission

Sealed

grk: sph'ra'gi'zo

to put the stamp of "finished" upon the job or task, to give it the final touch, (in a modern day vernacular we would say;  
"put a bow on it" or "ship it"

Fruit

grk: kar'pos

harvest, benefit, bounty, produce, the portion of a profit made.

#### **John 15:1-8**

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **5** "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

"When the Life of The Holy Spirit is flowing through the veins of a local church,  
giving and supporting is never a problem."

- Dr. Warren Wiersbe

#### **Zechariah 4:6b**

'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

### **FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WILL WE BE OBVIOUS ABOUT OUR FAITH?**

3b.) We must be dependable for others

vs. 29a

#### **Romans 15:29**

**29** But I know that when I come to you,  
I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

We have here before us, the recipe for Real Christian living.

"We need to all become Initiators of God's benevolence  
starting right now"

Fullness	grk: pleroma to be all filled up, to be overwhelmed (+) to be topped off yet still overflowing, in abundance.
Blessing	grk: eu'lo'gi'a (root meaning blood) to give, to praise, to pronounce a blessing, to gift another by word and deed,a flattering speech about someone else.
Gospel	grk: euaggelion good news, good tidings, the joyful word, the happy news. (in the dark and pagan world of the Roman Empire, that which was good was reserved for the Roman elites of the empire. the message of the cross, the tomb & the resurrection of Jesus Christ was beyond wealth. (it's yours for free)

**Galatians 6:9-10**

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. **10**  
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**Hebrews 13:16**

But do not forget to do good and to share,  
for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

## FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

Would you be willing to Follow Him to.....

*End of Study*

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