

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

## Romans 15:30-33

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## WILL YOU PLEASE COME WITH ME – 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 15:30-33

Now I **beg** you, brethren, **through** the **Lord Jesus Christ**,  
and **through** the **love of the Spirit**, that you **strive** together with me  
in prayers to **God** for me,

**31** that I may be **delivered** from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my **service**  
for Jerusalem may be **acceptable** to the saints,

**32** that I may **come to you with joy** by the will of **God**,  
and may be **refreshed** together with you. **33** Now the **God** of **peace**  
be with you all. Amen.

## WILL YOU COME ALONG WITH ME

1.) As we **continue** on together

vs. 30

WILL YOU COME ALONG WITH ME  
AS WE CONTINUE ON TOGETHER

1a.) **Confident** - Enough to be Transparent vs. 30a

1b.) **Secure** – Enough to be Loved vs. 30b

WILL YOU PLEASE COME WITH ME  
AS WE CONTINUE ON TOGETHER

1c.) **Eager** – Enough to Change the World vs. 30c

that you strive together with me in prayers  
to God for me,

Strive grk: sun'ago'ni'zo'mai;  
to come along with me, to endure with me, together doing all that can  
be done, it will be done together

Prayers grk: pro'seuche;  
to worship by way of prayer, in dialogue with another, to kiss the hand of a  
sovereign (with devotional love)

God grk: theos;  
God, a title of what is the object of being, worship, and meaning.

Psalm 8:1 ESV

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

Isaiah 45:18

For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth  
and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be  
inhabited: "I am the LORD,  
and there is no other. (god)

**“Only in the realm of the Spirit where the Christian lives** is this statement a reality. The aged apostle writes to the believers in Rome, and he invites them to join with him **in the journey**, and that happens through prayer one for another.”

**Colossians 2:5**

For though I am absent in the flesh, yet **I am with you in spirit**, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

He’s begging them to **strive together with him**,  
Not against him, but for him.

He’s calling them to **join** him in prayer – or else.

*(The **mission** hangs on a united prayer-front)*

He’s calling them to pray **for** him.

*(And the **missionary** hangs on a united prayer-front)*

**Ephesians 6:18-19**

**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,**

What a beautifully, humble man – Paul was wise enough to say “I need prayer. I need support I need your covering. I need air support as I make my way to and through an unbelieving world.”

Friends today you and I need to pray for one another and to join together, striving not only for the unity of the faith, but for the advancement of the Gospel, realizing that we are up against demonic activity that lies and manipulates in such ways that you cannot discern without the power of God and the revelation of God to show you, that what you’re up against is not human and that apart from Christ, you are utterly hopeless in achieving victory over the darkness of the enemy. But through Christ and through the blood of Christ, there is absolute victory, that victory is found nowhere else.

“Prayer is born of the Spirit of God within us, awakening a desire to help,  
a sense of the need to love and show compassion. We pray to  
HONOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

This is what will stir people to pray more than anything else.”

- Pastor Ray Stedman

## WILL YOU COME ALONG WITH ME

2.) As we **press** on in this fight

vs. 31

### WILL YOU COME ALONG WITH ME AS WE PRESS ON IN THIS FIGHT

2a.) **Humble** – Enough to need others

vs. 31a

**31** that I may be **delivered** from  
those in Judea **who do not believe,**

Delivered grk: rhuomai;  
freed from, to not be drawn into, to be kept away from  
implying – all the while going through a battlefield. (mine-fields)

Paul is not surrendering here. He's not saying  
“I'm not going to Jerusalem because there's trouble ahead” He is saying; “pray  
that the trouble doesn't succeed.”

The Judaizers were Religious Zealots of The Law.  
(The misrepresented to the commandments of God)

#### John 12:36-41

While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”  
These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them. **37** But although  
He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, **38** that the word  
of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: “Lord, who has believed our  
report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?” **39** Therefore they  
could not believe, because Isaiah said again: **40** “He has blinded their eyes and

hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.” **41** These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

Believe grk: apeitheo; (in the negative)  
to not obey, to be in the state of disbelief, disobedience.

Notice with me the simple but terrifying statement he makes

### Colossians 2:13-15a

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, **14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. **15** Having disarmed principalities and powers.

**(Satanic powers having been disarmed. Rendered without authority)**

And let's remember why there even is a Gospel.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ answers the **shame** question.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ answers the **sin** question.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ answers the **guilt** question.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ answers the **death** question.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ answers the **hell** question.

### John 3:15

That whoever believes in Him should not perish  
but have eternal life.

**WORDS LIKE SHAME, DISGRACE, GUILT BARELY REGISTER TODAY IN OUR CULTURE.**

We have become a nation of so-called believers that no longer know how to blush about our sins. We are no longer ashamed of our offenses.

There are those who have deceived themselves by telling themselves that they're Christians, all the while – they work at **lying** to themselves and to others. They **cheat**. They're **violent**, **disorderly**, they **gossip**. They **repeat** things that are not true. They are **talebearers** who, according to the word of God, will meet the judgment of God for their sins.

**Proverbs 26:20**

Where there is no wood, the fire goes out;  
and where there is no **talebearer**, strife ceases.

**1 Timothy 5:13**

And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also **gossips** and **busybodies**, saying things which they ought not.

Such people are not true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ

**The true follower of Messiah Jesus understands**

**that** because we are believers, the blessings of His grace and mercy and the favor of God can be expected in our lives. We can count on being confident in him because He will never fail. The Bible tells us that He “ever lives to make intercession for the saints.” Does that describe you? Can you say today that you are a saint (positionally) of the living God? None of us can walk on water - but all of God’s children desire to.

**This is not religious works; this is the expression**  
of true love from the heart of a true believer.

**Paul is asking the believers in Rome “to please pray for me”** that I might be delivered from the lies in the violence in the hatred that religious people trafficking.

**WILL YOU COME ALONG WITH ME  
AS WE PRESS ON IN THIS FIGHT**

2b.) **Called** – Enough to run the risk

vs. 31b

**31b** and that my **service** for **Jerusalem**  
may be **acceptable** to the saints,

Service grk: dia'ko'ni'a  
being busy at the ministry, the support, the mission.

Service. Worship. Offering = Required His Power

**2 Timothy 1:12-13**

For this reason, I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. **13** Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

**Ephesians 5:18**

And do not be drunk with (the influence or possession of) wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled (influence, possessed to overflowing) with the Holy Spirit,

“Why be temporarily possessed by a power greater than you?

Why not be constantly possessed by God Himself?  
Drink a glass of wine – get a buzz – go to the bathroom  
and you’ll be right back to being your miserable self.

Drink of the Holy Spirit and be filled and satisfied  
and you’ll never go back to being yourself.”

Acceptable: grk: euprosdektos / prosdechomai  
Received, taken in or drawn into (hand & heart)  
cherished, greatly appreciated,

Why would the saints in Jerusalem not accept the \$\$\$ gifts?

**WILL YOU COME ALONG WITH ME**

**3.) As we move on by faith vs. 32-33**

**3a.) Joy – Enough to walk in the will of God vs. 32a**

**32** that I may come to you with joy  
by the will of God,

The Will of God & Joy, Cannot be Separated.

Joy grk: chara  
delight, rejoicing, the expectation of seeing someone or being with them.

Joy is the fruit, a manifestation of the Holy Spirit  
in the life of the child of God.

**John 15:11**

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you,  
and that your joy may be full.

**WILL YOU COME ALONG WITH ME  
AS WE MOVE ON BY FAITH**

3b.) **Unity** – Enough to want to be together

vs. 32b

and may be **refreshed** together with you

Refreshed grk: su’na’nap’au’o’mal;  
to lie down to rest, to be renewed in body, soul & spirit.

**Isaiah 40:30-31**

Even the youth shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, **31** But those who wait  
on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and  
not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

**This week in our backyard, it clearly became spring time**  
when two great red tail hawks decided to fall in love and get married,  
I think you know the rest...

It reminded me of that saying;  
“Birds of a feather flock together”



1. With who are you flocking with when you’re away from church?
2. What kind of friends do you pick to flock with?
3. Are they a flock of hawks that can lift you up?
4. Or are they a bunch of chickens – that keep you grounded?

WILL YOU COME ALONG WITH ME  
AS WE MOVE ON BY FAITH

3c.) **Peace** – Enough to enjoy the journey

vs. 33

**33** Now the **God** of **peace** be with you all.  
Amen.



Peace

**grk**: eirene

to welfare (to fare-well) to be undisturbed, unshaken, unshakable.

Appearing 429 times in the Bible



Peace

**heb**: shalom

completeness, soundness, to be at ease, well-being.

As a Jew growing up in his faith and by his faith – he knew this...

Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is **stayed on** You,  
Because he **trusts in** You. 4 **Trust in** the LORD forever, For in **YAH**,  
the **LORD**, is everlasting strength.

The Accounts of the Book of Acts is Our Example

Acts 20:24

But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

*End of Study*

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