

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE. THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH  
- THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## Romans 2:1-11

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **Who Do You Think You Are?**

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul.

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Legalism, Faith, Works, Morality, Law, The Spiritual vs. The Carnal Life.**

It should not be surprising to us - that wherever there is immorality and offensive living and a culture given over to hedonism - to the worship of sex and sexual pleasure & experimentation and exploitation - - that there will always be a counter element to such sin. The danger is that ascetism, legalism, rule-keeping and the demands by religious leaders to impose upon the adherents a form of man-made legalism. This attempt to counter the prevailing culture by attempting to isolate oneself from such godless people, results in an equally destructive lifestyle, that is just as bad or maybe worse - - a lifestyle of a religious performance, self-righteousness and a "holier than thou" attitude.

I am convinced that it's not the obvious and overt sins that threaten the church, but it is the sin of self-justification, a propped up morality which leads to a critical, judgmental spirit and a lifestyle separatism from the world that we're commanded to save.

**Both of these extremes are condemned in the Scriptures because the Bible says...**

**THE BOOK OF ROMANS – GOD'S MAGNA CARTA**

Latin for **"The Great Charter of Freedoms"**

Habakkuk 2:4

“Behold the proud, His soul is not upright within him;  
But *the just shall live by his faith.*”

Romans 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith;  
as it is written, “*The just shall live by faith.*”

### **But Faith Must Be Born from Out of The Human Soul.**

Romans 10:14-17

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

### **But Faith Must Be Born from Out of The Human Soul. The Romans Road to Salvation Cannot be Improved Upon.**

Step One

Romans 3:10

As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one;

Step Two

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Step Three

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Step Four

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us,  
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## Step Five

Romans 10:13

For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

### **Here’s My Addition:**

4c Or do you despise the riches of His goodness,  
forbearance, and longsuffering,  
not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

**I want you to be watching for this in our reading together**

### **Let’s Stand For Our Congregational Reading**

Romans 2:1-11

1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. 3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 Who “*will render to each one according to his deeds*”: 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness - - indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.  
11 For there is no partiality with God.

**In Chapter One and Like a surgeon, the apostle Paul went after the obvious sins and infections and diseases that are so easily observable among fallen humanity, this he has done in chapter 1 by addressing the human soul that is in the latter stages of cancer – Soul Cancer!**

### **Who Do You Think You Are?**

1.) Compared to the righteousness of God

vs. 1-2

**Who Do You Think You Are,  
Compared To The Righteousness Of God?**

1a.) Are you above His law?

vs. 1a

Romans 2:1

1a Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge,  
for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself;

Therefore grk: dio; wherefore, on which (this) account, for that (this) reason(1), for the reason, "so that is the reason why"

**Like the Doctor who says – "This will be a little uncomfortable"**

Inexcusable grk: anapologetos; Having no words in defense of one's actions, without excuse, having no ability to hide your attempt to conceal.

Judge grk: krino; to decide as in a final decision, to give a conclusion, to take someone to court, to hold a trial, to convict...

Condemn grk: katakrino; to give judgment against, to issue a condemnation.

Meaning; to "Judge another with Condemnation baked into the cake"  
and to sentence and execute = all based upon the passing of (human)  
judgment upon another.

**The Exact Meaning is Unclear to Scholars (at the least, debated)**

**Who is Paul speaking of?**

**Is it a legalistic Christian (immature) in the church?  
Or is it the religionist among us, the sin sniffer and the fault-finder?**

Step One:

Matthew 7:1-5

"Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me remove the speck from your eye"; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Step Two:

Matthew 7:15-20

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Step Three:

Matthew 7:21-24

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" 23 And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" :24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

2 Corinthians 13:5-7 NLT

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

We must pull together around Jesus and the Bible.

Examine grk: peirazo; to make proof of, to attempt to and to test, to test the metal.

Know grk: ginosko; to come to know, to watch and see, to recognize what is and what is playing out or coming, to perceive, to ascertain, to become aware of, to begin to see more and more clearly what is arriving.

This is what's happening to you right now.

Your faith is being examined to see if it's genuine. – that's why many of us are going through what we're going through now. (What makes it painful is that others around us who we love are going through the same)

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*End of Study*

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