



Romans



RECAP

Three classical columns with fluted shafts and papyrus capitals, set against a light-colored wall. The word "Outline" is written in a large, black, italicized serif font across the middle of the columns.

Outline

- Introduction: The Gospel of God (1:1–17)
- *God's Righteousness Revealed in Condemnation* (1:18–3:20)
- *God's Righteousness Revealed in Justification* (3:21–5:21)
- *God's Righteousness Revealed in Sanctification* (6:1–8:39)
- *God's Righteousness Revealed in His Sovereignty - "What about Israel?"* (9:1–11:36)
- *God's Righteousness Revealed in Transformation* (12:1–15:13)
- Closing - Paul's Ministry, Greetings, and Doxology (15:14–16:27)

- “Therefore you are inexcusable, O man” Romans 2:1a
- “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” Romans 5:1
- “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus” Romans 8:1a
- “I beseech you therefore, brethren ... do not be conformed to this world” Romans 12:1a&2a

A photograph of three classical columns, likely made of stone or marble, standing in a row. The columns have a fluted design and are set against a textured, light-colored wall. The word "Therefore" is overlaid in a large, bold, black, italicized serif font, centered across the middle of the columns.

“Therefore”



Phase & Location	Key Events 55-57 AD	Scripture Reference
Corinth (Achaia)	Writes epistle to the Romans	Acts 20:2–3; Romans 15:25–27
Begin Journey Back to Jerusalem	Travels by land visits Philippi, Troas, Assos, Mitylene	Acts 20:4–16
Farewell to Ephesian Elders	Emotional farewell to Ephesian elders in Miletus	Acts 20:17–38
Journey to Jerusalem	Stays with Philip the Evangelist - Warning	Acts 21:1–14
Arrival in Jerusalem	Paul delivers the gentile offering	Acts 21:15–26
Arrest in the Temple	Jews accuse Paul of defiling the temple; mob riot	Acts 21:27–36
Paul's Defense	Paul speaks to the crowd, claims Roman citizenship	Acts 22–23

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INTRODUCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PAUL DID NOT START THE CHURCH IN ROME AND HAD NOT YET VISITED ➤ THE CHURCH WAS STARTED BY PILGRIMS RETURNING TO ROME FROM JERUSALEM AS NOTED IN ACTS 2 ➤ WRITTEN BY PAUL IN ~55AD FROM CORINTH, WRITTEN TO THE CHURCH IN THE MOST POWERFUL CITY THE WORLD HAS KNOWN ➤ IN THE CONTEXT OF ROME'S UNASSAILABLE STATE POWER, PAUL TEACHES US TO NEVER SHRINK BACK FROM PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PAUL'S SALUTATION: "I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST" IS ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY GIVEN THE SEEMINGLY UNASSAILABLE SECULAR POWER OF THE STATE OF ROME ➤ GOD IS REVEALED TO ALL IN CREATION ➤ A SOCIETY DESCENDS INTO MORAL DEPRAVITY WHEN IT PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY REJECTS ITS CREATOR

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2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ “THEREFORE, YOU ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE, O MAN.”➤ THE MORALLY UPRIGHT GENTILE REMAINS UNDER THE POWER OF SIN DUE TO CONSCIENCE➤ THE JEW, DESPITE POSSESSING THE LAW AND THE COVENANT (EVIDENCED BY CIRCUMCISION), IS EQUALLY UNDER THE CONDEMNATION OF SIN
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ PAUL SETS FORTH FOUR SETS OF RHETORICAL QUESTIONS TO AVOID THEOLOGICAL DISTORTIONS - THEN AND NOW➤ A SERIES OF “<i>NO, NOT ONE!</i>” STATEMENTS➤ “BUT NOW” ... “HE MIGHT BE JUST AND THE JUSTIFIER OF THE ONE WHO HAS FAITH IN JESUS.”

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed,
being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the
righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on
all who believe.

For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the
redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a
propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His
righteousness,
because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were
previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His
righteousness,
that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in
Jesus. Romans 3:21-26

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4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PAUL AGAIN BEGINS WITH A SERIES OF RHETORICAL QUESTIONS: “WHAT ABOUT ABRAHAM? WHAT ABOUT CIRCUMCISION? WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES SAY?” ➤ CIRCUMCISION WAS ~30 YEARS AFTER ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD AND ABRAHAM’S BELIEF WAS <i>ACCOUNTED</i> TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS (GEN 15:6) ➤ DOCTRINE OF <i>IMPUTATION</i>: YOUR SINS WERE PLACED/IMPUTED ON CHRIST AND JUDGED THERE AT HIS CROSS. CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS BEEN PLACED/IMPUTED TO YOU. YOU ARE <i>ACCOUNTED</i> AS JUSTIFIED BY GOD HIMSELF BY THE PROMISE OF HIS GRACE THROUGH FAITH
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “<i>THEREFORE</i>, HAVING BEEN JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.” ROMANS 5:1 ➤ “WE ALSO GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS” ROMANS 5:3 ➤ THE THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS ➤ “FOR AS BY ONE MAN’S DISOBEDIENCE MANY WERE MADE SINNERS, SO ALSO BY ONE MAN’S OBEDIENCE MANY WILL BE MADE RIGHTEOUS.” ROMANS 5:19



The doctrine of imputation manifests in three key dimensions:

- **Adam's Sin Imputed to Humanity** - Through Adam's federal headship, his guilt is imputed to all mankind. Thus, all are born under condemnation - not merely for personal sins, but because of Adam's representative transgression (Romans 5:12–19).
- **Believers' Sin Imputed to Christ** - As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:21, Christ was "made to be sin for us," though sinless. The sins of believers are legally transferred to Christ, who bore God's wrath in their place. Justification rests upon His substitutionary death.
- **Christ's Righteousness Imputed to Believers** - In turn, Christ's perfect righteousness is credited to believers. They are declared righteous before God - not by their works, but through faith alone (Romans 4:5–8).

Paul's repeated use of *λογίζομαι* in Romans 4 affirms that justification is a legal declaration, not moral improvement: believers stand righteous before God by the imputed righteousness of Christ alone.

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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ BELIEVERS ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST - IN HIS DEATH THEY HAVE DIED TO SIN. IN HIS RESURRECTION THEY ARE RAISED TO NEWNESS OF LIFE<li>➤ THE BELIEVER IS TO “RECKON” THEMSELVES TO BE DEAD INDEED TO SIN, BUT ALIVE TO GOD IN CHRIST JESUS AS LORD<li>➤ WHOM WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO, DETERMINES OUR MASTER. PRESENTING OURSELVES TO RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADS TO SANCTIFICATION AND ETERNAL LIFE<li>➤ CHRISTIAN FREEDOM IS NOT LIBERTY TO ENJOY SIN’S PLEASURES - BUT LIBERATION FROM SIN’S DESTRUCTIVE POWER

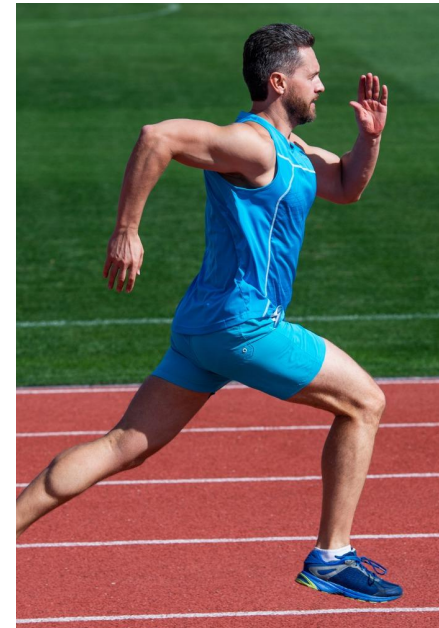
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7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ DRAWING UPON THE ANALOGY OF MARRIAGE, PAUL ARGUES THAT THE JEWISH BELIEVER, HAVING DIED WITH CHRIST, IS RELEASED FROM THE LAW'S JURISDICTION<li>➤ THE CHRISTIAN'S NEW LIFE IN CHRIST NOW ENABLES A LIFE OF SERVICE AND OBEDIENCE<li>➤ THE CHRISTIAN'S DILEMMA: "FOR WHAT I AM DOING, I DO NOT UNDERSTAND. FOR WHAT I WILL TO DO, THAT I DON'T PRACTICE; BUT WHAT I HATE, THAT I DO." (V.15)<li>➤ PAUL'S ANGUISHED EXCLAMATION IS A PRAYER FOR US ALL: "WHO CAN SET ME FREE FROM THE CLUTCHES OF MY SINFUL NATURE? I THANK GOD THERE IS A WAY OUT THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!" (VV. 24-25)



While believers are justified at conversion, many live beneath their spiritual privilege and inheritance due to a failure to fully surrender to Christ. Believers, united to Christ, are already sanctified in principle/truth and are being sanctified in practice.

Sanctification is the inevitable fruit of saving faith. It is both definitive and progressive: believers are fully redeemed in Christ, yet not fully perfected in holiness. This is the tension of the *already* and the *not yet*.

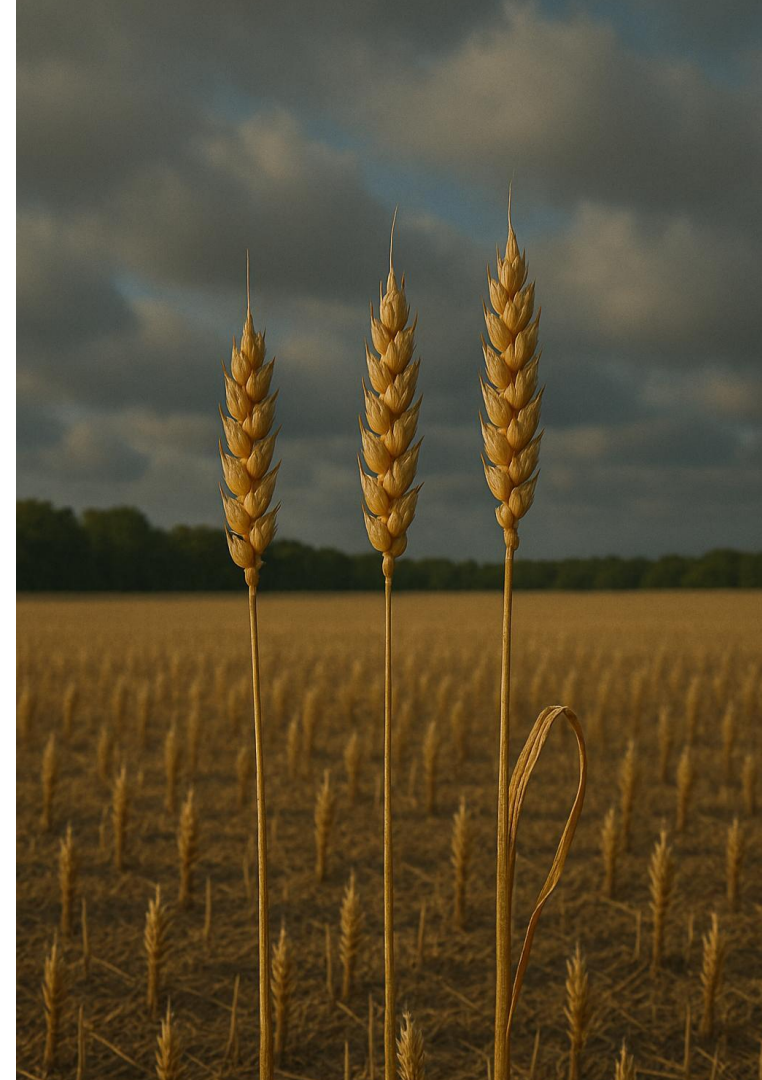
Sin no longer reigns, yet it remains. Holiness is therefore pursued not through passivity but through Spirit-empowered effort, grounded in the gospel and dependent upon grace.



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8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PAUL'S' THIRD THEREFORE: “THERE IS THEREFORE NOW NO CONDEMNATION TO THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO DO NOT WALK ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, BUT ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT.” ROMANS 8:1 ➤ THE DOCTRINE OF ADOPTION AND HOW THIS ESTABLISHES THAT WE ARE NOW CO-HEIRS WITH CHRIST ➤ THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MIND - “DON'T LET THE WORLD AROUND YOU SQUEEZE YOU INTO ITS OWN MOLD, BUT LET GOD RE-MOLD YOUR MINDS FROM WITHIN, SO THAT YOU MAY PROVE IN PRACTICE THAT THE PLAN OF GOD FOR YOU IS GOOD, MEETS ALL HIS DEMANDS AND MOVES TOWARDS THE GOAL OF TRUE MATURITY.” ➤ PAUL’S WONDERFUL DOXOLOGICAL CONCUSSION - “YET IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US.” ROMANS 8:37

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9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TRANSITION TO THE FOURTH MAJOR SECTION OF OUR OUTLINE - GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS REVEALED IN HIS SOVEREIGNTY (9:1-11:36) ➤ PAUL GRIEVES OVER HIS JEWISH KINSMEN, WHO, THOUGH HEIRS TO THE PROMISES, REMAIN ESTRANGED FROM CHRIST. THEIR PRIVILEGES WERE INDEED WEIGHTY ➤ WITH ALL THESE PRIVILEGES MOST REMAIN IN UNBELIEF AND THIS BEGS THE QUESTION: HAS GOD UNFAIRLY CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT ISRAEL? PAUL RESPONDS - <i>IN NO WAY!</i> ➤ PAUL USES SEVERAL HISTORICAL EXAMPLES OF THE PATTERN THAT GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PURPOSES REST NOT ON MAN'S EXPECTATIONS, WILL, OR EFFORT - BUT ON HIS SOVEREIGN MERCY. ➤ THE GENTILES AND THE REMNANT HAVE ATTAINED SALVATION BY FAITH. ISRAEL, WHO PURSUED RIGHTEOUSNESS BY EFFORT, STUMBLED ON THEIR CORNERSTONE - WHICH IS CHRIST.

The doctrine of the remnant is a deeply rooted biblical theme that underscores God's sovereign preservation of a faithful people within a broader context of apostasy and judgement. In Romans 9–11, Paul develops this doctrine with theological clarity and redemptive-historical depth, showing that God's purposes and promises have not failed despite Israel's widespread unbelief.



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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ PAUL’S SORROW FOR ISRAEL IS NOT ROOTED IN MERE LOYALTY, BUT IN A PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF ISRAEL’S COVENANTAL PRIVILEGES AND THE GRIEVOUS REJECTION OF THEIR PROMISED MESSIAH. <li>➤ “FOR CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES” ROMANS 10:4 <li>➤ “THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THE LORD JESUS AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED” ROMANS 10:9 <li>➤ PAUL’S TEACHING IN CHAPTER 10 IS RICHLY ADORNED WITH OLD TESTAMENT QUOTATIONS, DRAWN FROM DE 30, ISAIAH 28 AND 52, JOEL 2, AND PSALM 19 <li>➤ THE UNIVERSAL PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S MESSAGE PRESUMES GENTILE INCLUSION AND JEWISH RESISTANCE DURING THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES. <li>➤ AND HOW SHALL THEY BELIEVE IN HIM OF WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD? AND HOW SHALL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER? ROMANS 10:15

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11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “HAS GOD CAST AWAY HIS PEOPLE?” WITH FIRM RESOLVE, PAUL REPLIES, “CERTAINLY NOT” (ROMANS 11:1). ➤ REMINDER OF ELIJAH’S DESPAIR AND THE REAFFIRMATION THAT GOD HAS ALWAYS PRESERVED A REMNANT ACCORDING TO HIS ELECTION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH. ➤ PARTIAL BLINDNESS HAS COME UPON ISRAEL UNTIL <i>THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES HAS COME IN</i>.²⁵ ➤ PAUL’S ILLUSTRATION OF THE OLIVE TREE WITH SOME NATURAL BRANCHES BROKEN OFF, WHILE WILD BRANCHES ARE GRAFTED IN. ➤ PAUL’S ENTIRE THEOLOGICAL SECTION RISES TO HIS DOXOLOGICAL OUTBURST: “OH, THE DEPTH OF THE RICHES BOTH OF THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD!”

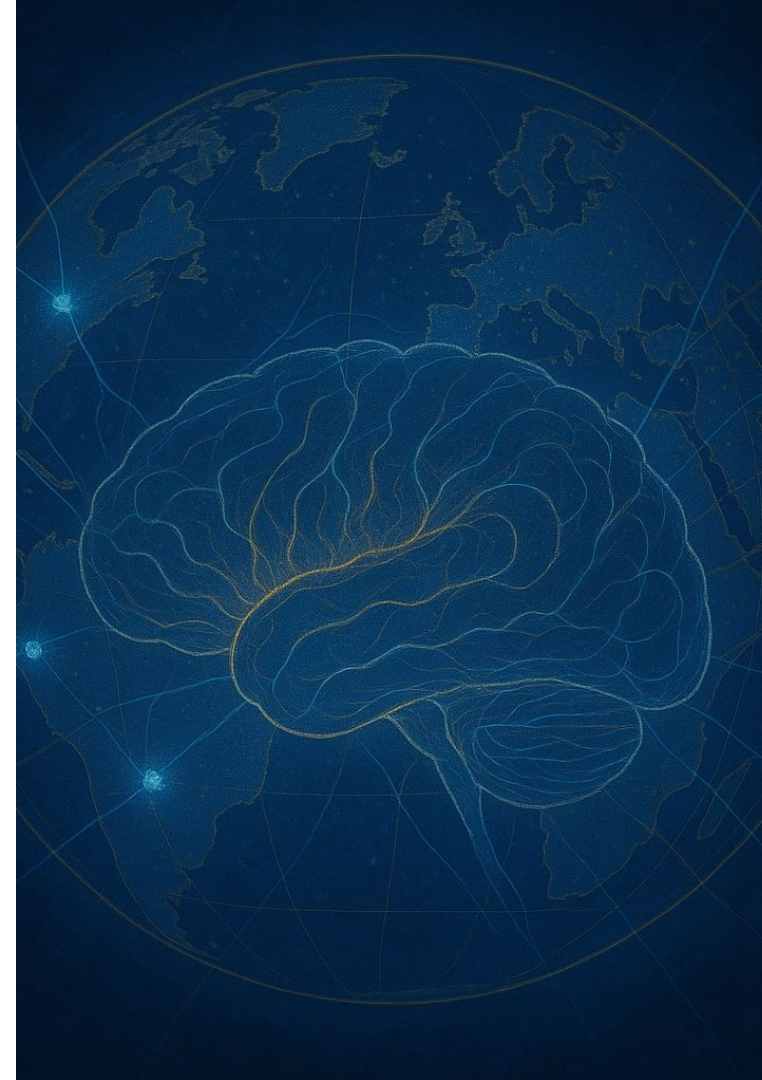
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12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ “WITH EYES WIDE OPEN TO THE MERCIES OF GOD, I BEG YOU, MY BROTHERS, AS AN ACT OF INTELLIGENT WORSHIP, TO GIVE HIM YOUR BODIES, AS A LIVING SACRIFICE, CONSECRATED TO HIM AND ACCEPTABLE BY HIM.<li>➤ DON’T LET THE WORLD AROUND YOU SQUEEZE YOU INTO ITS OWN MOULD, BUT LET GOD RE-MOULD YOUR MINDS FROM WITHIN, SO THAT YOU MAY PROVE IN PRACTICE THAT THE PLAN OF GOD FOR YOU IS GOOD, MEETS ALL HIS DEMANDS AND MOVES TOWARDS THE GOAL OF TRUE MATURITY. ROMANS 12:1-2<li>➤ A CHECKLIST OF CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOURS

“With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you,
my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give
him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him
and acceptable by him.

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its
own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from
within,

so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God
for you is good, meets all his demands and moves
towards the goal of true maturity.”

(Romans 12:2; J. B. Phillips Translation)





- ❑ Do you take delight in giving honour to others, gladly esteeming them above yourself? (v.10)
- ❑ Are you diligently, fervently, and joyfully serving the Lord? (v.11)
- ❑ Do you rejoice in hope, endure hardship with patience, and remain steadfast in prayer? (v.12)

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13:1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PAUL’S PASSAGE ON GOVERNMENT STANDS AS ONE OF THE MORE DISCUSSED AND, AT TIMES, CONTROVERSIAL SECTIONS IN PAULINE TEACHING. ➤ PAUL’S ADMONITION - “LET EVERY SOUL BE SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES” MUST BE TAKEN IN CONTEXT WITH PAUL’S <u>QUALIFIER</u> - “FOR THERE IS NO AUTHORITY EXCEPT FROM GOD,” AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE CORPUS OF SCRIPTURE. ➤ PAUL VIEWS GOVERNMENTS AS AGENTS OF GOD’S ORDER IN SOCIETY, WHETHER THEY REALIZE IT OR NOT. ➤ THERE ARE LIMITS TO GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY - ESPECIALLY WHEN WE LOOK AT LESSONS FROM DANIEL, A FEW OF HIS FRIENDS, JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND MOST NOTABLY THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS. ➤ “... AND HE SAID TO THEM, “RENDER THEREFORE TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR’S, AND TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD’S.” MATTHEW 22:21 ➤ JESUS ANSWERED PILATE - “MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD.” JOHN 18:36

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13:8 - 14:23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ LOVE, LIBERTY, AND PUTTING ON THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST - ONE OF PAUL'S FAVORITE METAPHORS<li>➤ "OWE NO ONE ANYTHING EXCEPT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER" (13:8)<li>➤ ROMANS 14 SHIFTS INTO ONE OF THE MORE NUANCED YET IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT: HOW BELIEVERS ARE TO RELATE WHEN THEY DIFFER IN MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE.<li>➤ TRUE HOLINESS GROWS NOT FROM LISTS BUT FROM LOVE, NOT FROM PRESSURE BUT FROM FAITH - FAITH THAT IS OBSERVABLE IN DAILY LIFE.

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15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ THE COMMAND TO RECEIVE <i>ONE ANOTHER</i> ECHOES THE OVER 50 OTHER ONE ANOTHERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.<li>➤ PAUL REFERENCES <i>SIGNS AND WONDERS</i> AS CONFIRMING THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL - NOT AS ENDS IN THEMSELVES.<li>➤ PAUL'S REVEALS HIS EVANGELISM STRATEGY - TO PREACH CHRIST WHERE HE HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED.<li>➤ WITH HIS FOUNDATIONAL WORK COMPLETED IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, PAUL DISCLOSES HIS INTENT TO TRAVEL TO SPAIN VIA ROME.

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16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ WE SAW A BIT MORE OF PAUL THE MAN AS HE GREET'S AND COMMENTS ON MANY IN THE EARLY CHURCH<li>➤ THE DIVERSITY OF THE EARLY CHURCH<li>➤ THE DEDICATED SERVICE AND MINISTRY OF AQUILA AND PRISCA<li>➤ CAUTION TO BE AWARE OF THOSE “WHOSE GOD IS THEIR BELLY”<li>➤ PAUL’S REFERENCE BACK TO GENESIS: “AND THE GOD OF PEACE WILL CRUSH SATAN UNDER YOUR FEET SHORTLY.” ECHOES GENESIS 3:15<li>➤ ROMANS ENDS WHERE IT BEGAN - WITH THE UNIVERSAL OFFER OF SALVATION, FORETOLD IN THE SCRIPTURE, FULFILLED IN CHRIST, AND COMMITTED TO THE CHURCH FOR PROCLAMATION TO THE NATIONS.