

A Commentary on the Book of Romans – Chapter 1



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Romans Lesson #1

Romans 1:1

Paul is particularly an apostle to the Gentiles.

Matthew 10:2, 5-6: *"Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;"* These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying, *"Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

The twelve apostles had a particular ministry. Look at **Matthew 15:24**. Christ Jesus, while on this earth, had a particular ministry to the nation of Israel. After he was crucified and arose from the dead in his glorified body, just as He ascends into heaven, says, *"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."*

So, the thing twitches a little bit, and God gives Him an apostle that is a Jew (Paul). In fact, Paul was not only a Jew, but he was also a religious Pharisee. There is something else particular about Paul that God wants us to know: Paul was a Roman citizen (**Acts 16**). In fact, when they beat Paul, he said, "Are you going to beat a Roman citizen?" (**Acts 22**). He was a Jew with Roman citizenship. They found out that they had beaten a Roman citizen. In **Acts 18** Capital punishment for the Jews was being stoned. The main punishment in Rome was crucifixion. It was prophesied in **Psalms 22**: *"They pierced my hands and my feet."*

Acts 18:2

Caesar is kicking all the Jews out of Rome under Nero. Paul was taken prisoner. Paul was on trial with Agrippa in the book of Acts. He said, "I need to appeal to Caesar." He says, "If you appeal to Caesar then you must go!" So, Paul goes on a ship (**Acts 27**), and in **Acts 28** he is finally in Rome. And while he is in Rome, he ends up leading every prisoner to the Lord while in a prison cell. What Caesar had Paul beheaded? Nero (**II Timothy 4**). He appeared before Nero the second time. Nero had Paul beheaded.

Acts 19:2: Can you imagine Paul wanting to go to Rome?

Paul is writing the book of Philippians from prison. **Philippians 1:7**. What's the theme of the book of Philippians? Joy.

Philippians 1:13

In **verse 12** he says, "Do not worry about me. I am doing just fine."

In **Philippians 4**, Paul submits himself to be a martyr for Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:22: Paul is preaching in jail. He is witnessing through bars. He is witnessing; he is not afraid of a thing. **Philippians 4:22**.

How did Paul get saved? **Philippians 3:3:** "***We are the circumcision*** (talking about the Jews) ***which worship God in the***

spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have not confidence in..."

What? ***"...the flesh."***

Philippians 3:4

Paul is going to brag for a moment. He is going to brag to prove a point. We are to have no confidence in the flesh. Paul says, "If anyone would have confidence in the flesh, it would be me."

Philippians 3:4-5

He starts laying out his spiritual credit cards. Notice, of the tribe of Benjamin when those twelve tribes split up. There were ten northern tribes and two southern tribes. There were two that stuck together: Judah and Benjamin. Paul is kind of boasting when the going got tough we stuck with Judah.

Philippians 3:6. He quits bragging. **Verse 6-7.** Notice when he suffered the ***"loss of all things."*** What is the suffering of the loss of all things? He was suffering the loss of self-righteousness. He is going to throw aside his spiritual credentials.

Notice **Philippians 3:8:** ***"...and do count them but..."*** What? ***"...dung."*** He said my religion stunk. All my righteousness is filthy rags.

Philippians 3:9: ***"I received the righteousness of God by baptism,"*** No, ***"...by faith!"*** That is Paul's background.

Romans 11:13: ***"For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:"***

Look at **verse 6**: ***“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.”***

He is telling you it is not grace and works. It is not a mixture of believing on Christ and living a perfect life. Nobody can do that. That's why you need to trust Jesus Christ. ***“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all”*** (James 2:10).

Romans 15:8, 16

When Christ was on earth, His primary ministry was to the circumcision. Paul's primary ministry was to the Gentiles. **Verse 16.** Paul was a minister to the Gentiles.

How many churches did Paul write to? Seven.

The theme of the book of Romans is: “Justification by faith, through the righteousness of God.”

Romans 1:1

There are two key words in the book of Romans. Notice the end of **verse 1**: ***“...of God.”*** You have the gospel of God, the Son of God, beloved of God, will of God, power of God, righteousness of God, truth of God, the judgment of God, the Name of God, the wrath of God, the goodness of God, the oracles of God, faith of God, the glory of God, the promise of God, the grace of God, the gift of God, the Spirit of God, the hands of God, the Word of God, the purpose of God, the zeal of God, the answer of God, the severity of God, the calling of God, the

knowledge of God, the mercies of God, the ordinances of God, the kingdom of God, the minister of God, and the work of God.

On May 24, 1738, John Wesley, who started the Methodist movement, wrote in his journal: “I went to America to convert the Indians but who shall convert me.” In London he heard the preface to Martin Luther’s commentary on Romans. After he left being an Augustine Monk. He heard that justification was by faith alone. He said, “I felt my heart warmed and I believed on Jesus Christ.”

Romans 1:1. Notice, *“Paul...”* He starts his letter with his name. When I get a letter, I usually go to the end of the letter to see who it is written to. Here in the N.T., the letters start by telling you who the letter is from.

Notice, *“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ called to be an Apostle.”* What is he first? A servant. Notice the order: servant then Apostle.

In English, if you take the “A” off of “Apostle,” you have the word post. All through the book of Kings, the post delivered the letter. We call it a post office. You see Paul as a servant—a follower of Jesus called to be an apostle (not just a follower). He followed, but he is being sent out on his own to get the job done. “Apostle” means “sent one.”

Romans 1:1. Notice, *“...separated unto the gospel of God.”*

A Pharisee in the days of Jesus Christ is separated from this; they do not do this; they do not do that. In fact, they did not

love God. They thought by being separated from all these things, they were proving their love to God. All they had was negative separation. They did not have any positive separation unto God.

They had a list of rules and regulations, but they did not do anything for the Lord.

Romans 1:1

So, you are separated from the world. Who cares? “Well, I don't like this preacher.” “I don't like to that preacher, but I want you to know I like this.”

Do you tell anybody about Jesus Christ? many are separated negatively from the world, but are you separated positively to Christ?

The Bible says, ***“Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.”*** Not just negative separation, but positive separation. Abandonment from the world.

2 Corinthians 6:14, 17: ***“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separated sayeth the Lord.”*** Paul said, ***“Be ye followers of me as I'm a follower of Christ.”***

John 10:9-10

Christ did not just save me to keep me from hell. He wants me to have the abundant life. Right now! Not just

separated. Paul was separated ***“unto the gospel of God.”***

1 Thessalonians 1:9. Notice, ***“how ye...”*** turned how? ***“...to God from idols.”*** That's a picture of salvation.

Notice the verse doesn't stop: ***“...how ye turned to God from idols to...”*** What? ***“...serve the living and true God.”*** God did not save you to sit like a knot on a log. They turned to God from idols to serve the living God.

Look at **Nehemiah 10:28:** ***“...all they that had separated themselves from the people of the land...”*** What? ***“...unto the law of God...”*** What is he talking about? The Scriptures.

Go back to **Romans 1:1.** Remember: Peter never made it to Rome. That is something the Catholics or Orthodox do not tell you.

Romans 15:20

Paul went to Rome because nobody else was there. Peter is an apostle to the Gentiles primarily.

Galatians 2:7-8

Romans 1:1. Notice, ***“called to be an apostle.”*** This shows his authority. Remember, ***“Before honour is humility.”***

Romans 1:1. Which God? Buddha? Harry Krishna? Which God? The gospel of God.

Romans 1:9: the gospel of His Son. **Romans 1:16:** the

gospel of Christ.

Romans 1:15 & 7. Grace always proceeds peace. You cannot have the peace of God until you get the grace of God.

Acts 20:24: Gospel of the grace of God. When you get saved, it costs God His only Son. Christ died in your place. He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; He became sin for us. He died where I should have been. It is called the gospel.

What does the word “gospel” mean?

Isaiah 52:7. Notice, ***“Who bring good tidings that publish...”*** What? ***“...Salvation.”***

“Good tidings” is salvation. It is the gospel of God, the gospel of His Son, the gospel of Christ, and the gospel of the grace of God.

Romans 10:15. Notice ***“the gospel of Peace.”*** In Isaiah who preach good tidings of good things. Good tidings of peace and salvation. “The gospel” means good tidings of salvation.

Romans 10:17. ***“Faith cometh by feeling?”*** No. Some may say, “God, if you will make the lights blink, then I will believe.” “God, if I hear your voice I’ll believe.” He says, ***“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”*** The Bible does something inside of you.

Romans 10:13: ***“Shall be saved!”***

Lesson 1 Questions

1. Paul was an apostle to the
 - a. Jews
 - b. Gentiles
2. Which Caesar had Paul beheaded?
 - a. Pilate
 - b. Herod
 - c. Nero
 - d. Caesar Augustus
3. Which two tribes stuck together when Israel split up?
4. When Christ was on Earth, His primary ministry was to:
 - a. The Jews
 - b. The Gentiles
5. In Romans 1, what is Paul first?
 - a. Pharisee
 - b. Apostle
 - c. Missionary
 - d. Servant
6. How are we to be separated?
 - a. Completely
 - b. Partially
 - c. Unto the gospel
7. Did Peter make it to Rome?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
8. Before honor is _____.

9. Faith cometh by _____.
a. Healing
b. Hearing
c. Feeling
d. Knowing
10. What does the gospel mean?
a. Good tidings of salvation
b. Words of love
c. Law of Moses

Romans Lesson #2

Romans 1:1-4

What's the gospel? Good tidings of God that publishes peace that publishes salvation.

Romans 1:2: ***"Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the..."*** What? ***"...holy scriptures."***

If the Bible had a mistake in it, or had contradictions in it, would it be holy? Yes or no? No, it would not! There is not one mistake in this Bible. **Romans 1:2:** The holy Scriptures has to do with the holy writings. It is the inspired, inerrant Word of God. ***"Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away."*** Jesus said, ***"Man shall not live by bread alone but every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."***

Romans 1:3: ***"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord..."*** If you want to get to God, you must go through the Son—the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says, ***"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."***

Romans 1:3: ***"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to..."*** What? ***"...the flesh."***

Was Joseph Jesus Christ's father? No! The Holy Ghost was. God used the vehicle of Mary's womb to carry the seed. That is why Jesus Christ is called the Son of God.

Romans 1:3

Mary comes through the line of David. She is a daughter of David. So, **verse 3** is talking about Jesus's human side. That's why Jesus is called the Son of Man.

Romans 1:4: *"And declared to be the Son of God..."* In **verse 3**, he has declared to be the Son of Man. **Verse 4:** He is the Son of God. You say, "Make up your mind." He is both, though. You say, "He's half God, half Man." No! He is a 100% God and 100% man. He is the God-Man! You have to get ahold of that concept.

Romans 1:4

We know he was not an ordinary man because ordinary men stay in the grave. He was not an ordinary man because death could not keep Him in the grave. Jesus saves. He tore the bars away. Jesus is my Lord. Up from the grave He arose! Like a mighty triumph o'er His foes. Aren't you glad He came up from the dead?

Romans 1:4: *"the spirit of holiness..."*

Jesus Christ was the sinless Son of God. If He was Joseph's son, He would have stayed dead. This proves His virgin birth.

John 1:1: *"In the beginning was the Word..."* Is that a capital "W" on the Word? Is he with God or was He God? He's both. That, right there, is the Trinity. *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given (the crucifixion in Isaiah 9:6) ...his name shall be called Wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father."* How could Christ be the Son and the Father?

He said, ***“I and my father are one,”*** and ***“If you have seen me, you have seen the father.”*** You say, “I don't get that!”

God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” God made man after God’s image. So, God has a body (Jesus Christ); God has a soul (God the Father); God has a spirit (the Holy Spirit). God is a three-part Being. You and I have three parts, too: body, soul, and spirit. I am one, but I am also three.

When you die, your body dies; but your soul does not. The Bible says, ***“I know my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand in the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God:”*** This is because, some day, I will have a resurrected, glorified body. I will fall down on my face before my Savior, saying, “Thank you for dying for me. Thank you for being my Savior.”

John 1:1-3. Notice: ***“All things were made by him...”*** Who is the “him”? The *him* is a pronoun which refers back to the antecedent. Which is *the word*. **Verse 3 & verse 14.** Notice: ***“The Word was made flesh...”*** That is when God became flesh. God became a man. He walked this earth. He lived a sinless life. He took your and my sins on Himself, took our place, and was resurrected. Now, He is seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us.

Lesson 2 Questions

1. Mary came through the line of who?
 - a. Moses
 - b. David
 - c. Aaron
 - d. Joseph
2. Jesus was half man and half God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. Who is “the Word” referring to in John 1?
 - a. Jesus
 - b. The Bible
 - c. Wisdom
4. What are the three parts of God?
 - a. Body-Father; Soul- Holy Spirit; Spirit- Jesus
 - b. Body-Holy Spirit; Soul- Jesus; Spirit- Father
 - c. Body-Jesus; Soul-Father; Spirit-Holy Spirit
 - d. Body-believers; Soul- Jesus; Spirit-Holy Spirit
5. What stays alive after you die?
 - a. Body
 - b. Soul
 - c. Spirit
6. In John 1:3, “All things were made by him...” refers back to whom? What is the antecedent?
 - a. God
 - b. Man
 - c. The Word

7. In Romans 1, Jesus is referred to as:
 - a. Son of Man
 - b. Son of God
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
8. Romans 1 says that Jesus was raised according to the “spirit of _____”
 - a. Truth
 - b. Holiness
 - c. God
 - d. Peace
9. Who was Jesus’ father?
 - a. Joseph
 - b. The Holy Spirit
 - c. No one
10. If the Bible had contradictions or mistakes in It, would It still be holy?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Romans Lesson #3

Romans 1:5

As I said in the introductory lesson on Romans, it is a doctrinal book. I want you to see if Romans is the most important book of the Bible. **Romans 16:27**. There is writing afterwards. Notice: ***“Written to the Romans from Corinthus, and sent by Phebe the servant of the church at Cenchrea.”***

Romans 16:1

The most important book of the Bible penned by the Apostle Paul was given to a lady to deliver. It came down from the hand of a lady, and she sent it to others. She was a faithful saint herself. She carried the book of Romans to others so they would receive the truth.

Romans 16:1, 2. Notice: *“That ye receive her in the Lord...”* He said, “Take special care of her, because of all she has done. We trusted her with this epistle of Romans.” She had the gift of helps.

Romans 1:1-5

Verse 5. Notice: ***“By whom...”*** Who does the whom refer back to? Jesus Christ. Notice: ***“By whom we have received...”*** What? ***“...grace and apostleship, for the obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:”***

Verse 6-7. So, the introduction is seven verses long. **Verse 8:** He says, ***“First, I thank my God...”***

Notice **verse 5**: ***“By whom we have received grace...”***

Brethren, we all need grace. ***“For by grace are you saved through faith and that not of ourselves it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.”*** The best news I ever heard was salvation was a free gift. There's nothing you could do to earn it.

Romans 1:5, ***“For whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the...”*** What? ***“...faith...”***

That does not mean you are saved by obeying. He says, ***“Obedience to the faith.”*** In other words, you are commanded to believe.

Romans 10:16: ***“But they have not all obeyed the gospel...”*** Notice: ***“For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?”***

He just interpreted obeyed as being believing. When you obey the gospel, you believe the gospel. The gospel is Christ died for your sins according to the Scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. There are people who obey, obey, obey—they try to live the life in order to go to heaven.

Romans 10:16

So, obeying being interpreted by the Bible is believing.

Romans 16:26

The false cults will say it is obedience that gets you to heaven. It is your good works that get you to heaven.

The Bible says, ***“Not by works of righteousness that we have done, but by his mercy he saved us, by the washing and regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”***

Romans 16:26. Notice, ***“obedience of faith.”*** Not the obedience of baptism. Not the obedience of church membership, obedience of tithing, obedience of taking the Lord’s supper. **Romans 16:26.** Notice, ***“Obedience of faith:”***

Look at **Romans 6.**

Remember, if you keep reading the Bible, the Bible is its own dictionary.

Romans 6:17. Notice, ***“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.”*** Notice: ***“...ye have obeyed from...”*** Where? ***“...the heart...”***

You did not obey by your hands, by taking the Lord’s supper, by putting on a baptismal garment, or doing some kind of good work. You have obeyed from the heart. How can you obey something in your heart? You believe it. It is called ***“the obedience of faith.”***

If you have any doubt, look at **Romans 5.**

Romans 5:19

Because of Adam's disobedience, we are all sinners. Notice **Romans 5:14** as well as **verse 12**. Adam is responsible for bringing sin into this world.

Romans 5:19

It was Adam's disobedience who made us unrighteous; so, whose obedience makes us righteous? Jesus Christ's. Not yours, not mine.

Romans 5:19

It is not my obedience that makes me righteous. If you wanted to go to heaven by good works, you would have to live a perfect life. God demands sinless perfection if you want to go to heaven by good works.

The Bible says, ***"Whoso keepeth the whole law, yet offend in one place he is guilty of all."***

It is not to do the best I can; it is not hoping good deeds outweigh bad deeds. If you have one sin, you have tarnished your righteousness. Your righteousness is as filthy rags. The best you can do will land you in hell. Every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Romans 5:19

Here it is: I can't live the perfect life God required to go to heaven by good works. He said, ***"Be ye perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect."*** There is only One Who is perfect enough to get you to heaven, and that is Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:5: "obedience to the faith..."

Romans 3:27

Where is the room for bragging? If we are saved by grace, and there is nothing you can do to earn it, nothing bad you can do to lose it, then you are saved forever. You cannot pat yourself on the back and say, "I'm a pretty good person." That will not cut it with God. If you say that, you are not going to heaven.

Romans 3:27. Notice: "...law of faith."

Is it obedience by doing good works? No! It is obeying, from the heart, the form of doctrine that is delivered unto you. When you talk to people they say, "It has got to be more than that! That is too easy." Your prone to think that because we are self-righteous. We are proud creatures. The Bible says, **"God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble."**

You have to humble yourself and get saved; you must get saved God's way. You are not saved by the law of works, but by the law of faith.

John 6:28

If you come to church, you ought to think about that. Here they asked the right person, and they went right to the source.

Verse 29

Watch this: I am going to to change a word in this verse.

“Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of man, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”

Did he say it is the work of man? NO! It is not the work of man that you believe, it is the work of God. Why?

“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” It is not your faith. It is God that gave you the right amount of faith; God gave you the right kind of faith. Remember, ***“Salvation is of the Lord.”*** What does that mean? Minus Man! It isn't 99% God and 1% you. It is all God.

John 6:29

We are talking about the obedience to the faith. You obey from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. The Bible says, ***“With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*** It was not even my faith. God gave me faith when I heard his book.

Romans 1: Preachers will say you have to exercise faith in God. How many have ever heard that?

Exercise is what? WORK!

Show me where it says you are to exercise faith. I understand you, as a saved child of God, have to come to the place in your life where you are: “Working out your salvation.” Meaning, you practically apply the Bible to your life. That is, you continually and consistently allow the Holy Ghost of God to move in and through your life, changing you emotionally, socially and

spiritually to the point where you become more like Him. Exercise is a work of sanctification where God almighty is separating you out for a work He wants you to do. You have to remember, when it comes to salvation, we can damn people's souls because we think faith is a work. They think believing on Jesus Christ becomes a work. Faith is not a work; faith is a gift of God.

2 Timothy 2:13. What does that mean?

He is writing to saved people. Are you telling me there will come a time when a Christian will not believe? Let me ask you something: Have you ever known a Christian to get mad at God and quit? Quit reading his Bible. Quit going to church. How many of you have ever done that yourself?

God said, ***"If we believe not*** (he is writing to Christians), ***yet he abideth faithful: He cannot deny himself."***

Where is He?

He lives inside of me. Jeremiah says, ***"I will not speak any more in his name."*** **Jeremiah 20:9.** Jeremiah was so mad at God. He said, "I am not going to witness; I am not going to preach. I'm done!"

"But his word was in my heart as fire, my bones are weary with forbearing, and I cannot stay."

So, you do not exercise faith. You submit and receive Jesus Christ.

Let me show you what believing is:

John 1:1 & 14

Verses 1-5. Notice **verse 5: “And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness...”** What? “**...comprehended it not.**”

Remember, light obeyed brings more light; light rejected brings more darkness. Have you ever shined a light and it was not bright enough, and you needed a brighter light? Sometimes, you can shine the light of God’s Word in somebody’s heart, and they say, “I cannot see a thing.”

Then, all of a sudden, they get a million-watt bulb then finally they say, “I see it! But I do not like what I see. Turn it off!”

You need the brightest light possible to reveal your true condition. So, you can get your sins washed in the blood. There is no sin you have committed that cannot get washed.

How do you know Jesus Christ is the Light?

Verse 9. Notice, **“That was the...”** What? “**...true light...**”

True is an adjective describing *light*. Because satan himself is the angel of light, not everyone who sees an angel of light or sees any angel is altogether right. But we know in the Old Testament, Jesus Christ appeared as the Angel of the Lord. Remember, He is the True Light.

But we know, there's a false one. The Bible says, **“Having not seen, whom now you see, you rejoice with joy unspeakable**

and full of glory.” Nobody here has ever seen Jesus Christ. Your mom has not seen him; your kids have not seen him. Why? ***“We walk by faith and not by sight.”*** ***“The word of the Lord was precious in those days, there was no open vision.”*** You cannot see Jesus Christ right now. When He comes back, though, every eye shall see Him.

John 1:9

You have the opportunity to get saved. The reason people will not take the simple gospel is because they are proud and self-righteous. You have got to be willing to lay aside your religion, what people think about you, your pride and self-righteousness, and get saved God’s way!

John 1:9-10. Notice, ***“The world was made by him...”*** ***“...the world knew him not.”*** They did not realize the Creator was walking around them, among them. They took the Creator and laughed at Him, bound Him, whipped Him. They platted the crown of thorns on His head, and the Bible says, ***“He openeth not his mouth. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter and a shearers before him as dumb and he opened not his mouth. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. All we like sheep have gone astray we have turned everyone to his own way the lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”***

Verse 10-11, 12

His own nation rejected Him. Notice, ***“But as many as...”*** What? ***“...received him, to them gave he...”*** What? ***“...power to***

become the sons of God, even to them (even to them=namely to them) ***that believed on his name.***"

Verse 12

When you believe on His name, you receive Him as your personal Savior. If you believe on Him, you receive Him; and if you receive Him, you believe. When you receive Him, He comes in you, ***"Christ in you the hope of glory."***

That is why it says, ***"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful."*** ***"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*** ***"The gifts and calling of God are without repentance."***

John 1:12-13: ***"Which were born..."*** The Bible says, ***"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."***

People accuse, "You are those born-again Christians!" Are there any other kind? If you say you are saved Christians, but you are not willing to say, "I am a born-again Christian," you are going to hell!

The only kind of Christians going to heaven are the ones who are born again.

Verse 13. Notice, ***"Which were born, not of blood..."*** You do not go to heaven because your parents were church-going people or members of a Baptist church. ***"Which were born, not of blood..."*** In other words, not by heredity. ***"Nor of the will of flesh..."*** In other words, there is nothing you could do to get eternal life. You cannot work your way to heaven: it is not your

heredity or your good works.

“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor the will of man...” In other words, not you coming down here and me plopping a wafer on your tongue, or me taking water and sprinkling it on your head. It is not by blood, heredity, ancestry, flesh, good works, the will of man, or joining the church. How are you saved? ***But of God!***

Romans 1:5

You see you are commanded to believe. What is the opposite of obedience? Disobedience, which is rebellion. What is the opposite of reception? Rejection. If you do not receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you are rejecting Him. You see, until you receive Him as your personal Savior, you are lost.

Romans 1:5: Notice, ***“...among all nations...”*** That means everybody gets saved the same way. There is only one road that leads to heaven.

John 14:6: ***“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*** Well, think you can get to heaven by other religions? Religion will take you to hell. Religion says “Do”; Christianity says “Done!” When Jesus died on the cross, He said, ***“It is finished!”***

Religion is man’s effort to God. Christianity is God becoming a man—a life we could not live—and died on the cross. He became sin for us.

Romans 1:5. Notice: ***“For his name...”*** That means, when you get saved, it is for His glory, for His honor. We do not get saved to make us look good. We get saved to make Him look good. When he died on the cross for your sins, He paid and atoned for your sins on the cross. If you do not accept Him, then you are not accepting the work He did for you. You are telling the Lord that what He did is not good enough. Do not ever tell the Lord what He did was not good enough.

Romans 1:5-6

You know what God has to do? He has to call you. Why? God comes calling. ***“Behold I stand at the door and knock if any man hear my voice (his voice is the Bible). If any man hear my voice I will open the door.”***

I'm glad the Lord knocked loudly at my door one day.

Three things:

1. I knew it was the Lord knocking at my heart's door.
2. Open the door (heart).
3. He will come in.

Lesson 3 Questions

1. What kind of book is Romans?
 - a. Instructional
 - b. Doctrinal
 - c. Prophetical
 - d. Poetic
2. Where was the book of Romans sent from?
 - a. Corinth
 - b. Galatia
 - c. Rome
 - d. Jerusalem
3. How many verses are in the introduction of Romans? (Type in a number)
4. How are we saved?
 - a. Loving God
 - b. Following Christ
 - c. Obeying and believing
 - d. Performing good works
5. Whose disobedience made us unrighteous?
 - a. Moses'
 - b. Ours
 - c. Adam's
 - d. No one's—we are all righteous already
6. To go to Heaven by works, God demands:
 - a. Some obedience
 - b. Good works outweighing bad works
 - c. Sinless perfection

7. You have to exercise your faith in God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. Obedience brings _____ light.
 - a. More
 - b. Less
9. Satan is described as:
 - a. Angel of the Lord
 - b. Angel of Light
 - c. Angel of Darkness
 - d. Cherubim of Heaven
10. Everybody gets saved the same way.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Romans Lesson #4

Romans 1:6-12

Paul's whole life was separated to the gospel of God. Paul was a fanatic. The gospel is concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh. The gospel is Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. He paid and atoned completely for our sins. He stayed dead in the grave for three days, and on the third day, He was raised from the dead.

We learned last time: **verse 5, “By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for...”** What? **“...Obedience to the faith among all nations for his name.”**

How many times in the Old Testament does faith show up? Two times. Do you know how many times faith shows up in the book of Romans? Thirty-nine times. Once for every book of the O.T. If people got saved by faith in the O.T., you would have people getting saved over and over again.

Let's look at those 2 times:

Deuteronomy 32: People say you are saved the same way in the Old Testament as you are in the New Testament. No, you are not. In the Old Testament, it was the animal sacrifices. In the New Testament, it is the Lamb of God.

Deuteronomy 32:20: “And he said, I will...” What? **“...hide my face from them...”** How would you like it if God hid His face from you?

Deuteronomy 32:20: *“...they are a froward generation...”* In other words, they are back and forth; they are twisted and perverted. Notice, *“...children in whom is no faith.”* God saw something about those people. He said I am going to hide my face from them; I am going to turn my back on them.

Habakkuk 2:4: *“Behold his soul is lifted up...”* When someone is lifted up, it represents pride. **Habakkuk 2:4.** This person is not right with God. He is filled with pride.

Habakkuk 2:4: *“...the Just shall live by his faith.”*

Three times in the N.T. the writers quote **Habakkuk 2:4.** They do not say, “his faith.” They say, *“The just shall live by faith.”* They took “his” away.

In the O.T., it had something to do with his own personal faith and righteousness. In the N.T. it is God’s righteousness that gets you to heaven. Is it God’s faith or my faith that gets me to heaven?

If you read **Ezekiel 18**, “His righteousness” and “He hath done” will not be mentioned. The Old Testament says, *“the just shall live by his faith.”* Every time it is quoted in the New Testament it leaves out the word “his.”

Romans 10:17 says, *“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”* The New Testament writers on purpose quoted part of the verse that would apply to the New Testament and left out part of the verse which applied to the Old Testament, showing you the significance in dispensational

teaching.

It is faith in God alone that somebody goes to heaven.

Romans 3:25: “Whom God hath sent forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood...” Have you ever seen Jesus’ blood?

You have not, but God saw it, and that is all that matters. God saw Jesus’ blood, and God said it was shed for me. God said, **“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”** When I got saved, I put faith in something I have never seen. **“We walk by faith and not by sight.”** I have trusted the shed blood of Jesus Christ to be significant and sufficient to wash away my sins. God says, “Are you going to put faith in the shed blood of my Son?” When you put faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ—because he wasn't just an ordinary man—he was the God-Man. God looks down and says, “You are going to trust my only Begotten Son, and He shed his blood so you could get your sins washed away.” Brethren, that is why you are going to put your faith in something you have never seen. God said, **“I will count it unto him for righteousness.”** God is pleased when you put faith in Christ blood.

Romans 3:28

A man is justified by faith. Salvation is by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 4:5: “But to him that worketh not...but believeth”

Are you willing to admit that you are ungodly? What does that mean?

Are you willing to admit you are not as good as God? There are many a person who thinks they are their own God. They think the world revolves around them. They think everybody should cater to them and their every need and want. That is not God!

Romans 4:5. Notice at the end of the verse: ***“...his faith is counted for righteousness.”***

There it says, ***“his faith.”*** Yes, but God gave you faith. God gave me His faith, and when I put my faith in His Son Jesus Christ, it says His faith is counted for righteousness. So, salvation is a free gift. There is nothing you can do to earn it.

Romans 1:6: ***“Among whom are ye also the...”*** What? ***“...Called.”***

You know, God has to come calling on you. Why does God have to call?

Look at **Romans 3.** God has to call on you to get saved. God has to come calling because you will not, of your own nature, seek God. You say, “Preacher, I was praying.” Yes, but somebody was praying for you first.

Romans 3:11: ***“There is none that seeketh after God.”***

That's why in **Romans 1:6.** God has to call on you, because you weren't seeking after him. He was seeking after you.

“All of we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone from his own way. The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Jesus Christ is called the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. He was the Shepherd that left the ninety-nine and went after that lost sheep. He had a call on us.

How does God call?

Thessalonians 2:13-14

Verse 14: *“...how he called you by his...”* What? ***“...gospel.”***

God calls you to salvation by the preaching of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is why I say over and over again, ***“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.” “How that Christ died for our sins and he was buried and that he arose from the dead according to the scriptures.”***

Verse 14

The reason He has to call is because we are a great distance off. He just does not tap us on the shoulder; He has to call.

Ephesians 2:12

There was a time when you were without Christ. You say, “Everybody is a Christian.” No, they are not. You are not born a

Christian from birth. Notice, ***“That at that time ye were without Christ...”***

Before you got saved you were without Christ. There was no residence. There was an emptiness inside. Now, you have a sign that says *occupied*.

Verse 12: “...having no hope...” What a miserable situation we were in before we got saved. We did not know where we came from. We did not know where we were going. You turned up the music, got drunk, went to work, came home, and then did the same thing over and over again. You just existed.

Verse 12: “...without God...” Where? ***“...in the world.”***

It is an awful thing to walk around without God in your life. With no hope and without God.

Verse 13: But when? ***“Now in Christ Jesus ye were sometimes were afar off...”*** He had to call us. I was far out, and He called me by His gospel and brought me back into the fold and made me one of His children.

Verse 13. How are you made nigh? ***“By the blood of Christ.”***

God would have nothing to do with me until I got washed in the blood of Jesus Christ. When you come in contact with the blood, your sins get washed in the blood.

God says, “Come in here close.” I have been made nigh

by the blood of Christ.

Romans 1:6

We were unwilling to come without being called. We were a great distance off. He had to call us by His gospel.

Romans 1:7: *"Called to be saints."*

When you get saved, you are automatically a saint. Then, why does he say, "all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be a saint"? He said, "Now that you are a saint, you ought to act like one." You might say, "Well, I thought saints were the ones who were dead." No. Anybody that is saved is a saint.

When he says called to be saints. He means you need to live up to your name. What does it mean to be a saint?

To be set apart, to be sanctified.

Romans 1:7: *"To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints..."* What's the next word? ***"...Grace to you and peace..."***

People say that you have to make your peace with God. You cannot have the peace of God unless you have the grace of God. Never in the Bible does peace show up before grace. Grace shows up before peace. The only way you will get saved is by the grace of God. ***"For by grace are you saved through faith and not of yourselves it is the gift of God not of works lest any man should boast."***

Romans 5:1: *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”*

Romans 1:7. Verses 1-7 are just the introduction. No periods follow these verses. In **verse 7**, though, there is a period.

Romans 1:8: *“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all...”*

Paul says, “In everything give thanks.” You cannot thank God appropriately except through His Son. You cannot talk to the Father without going through the Son. That is why you pray to the Father in Jesus’ name! ***“There is one God and one mediator between God and man the man Christ Jesus.”***

Romans 1:8

What a testimony! Did they have a secret faith? Did they believe in lifestyle evangelism? Lifestyle evangelism is where you are ashamed to bring up Jesus Christ and tell people, with your mouth, the Scripture. Some may say, “You know, they can just watch my life while I am a Christian.” Lifestyle evangelism is from hell. Sure, they watch your life, but they cannot get saved by your life. ***“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”*** It does not say faith cometh by watching and watching by a Christian’s life. Oh, you might get them interested in your religion and your church, but they cannot get saved that way. They must hear the BOOK!

Romans 1:8. Not just your living but your faith. Your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. Not watched but

spoken of.

These people were not just witnessing in Rome they were witnessing all over the world. Do you know a Christian that is more fruitful than you? When was the last time you thanked God for another Christian who bears more fruit than you do?

You know why we do not thank God for somebody who bears more fruit than we do? It is because we are jealous of them. The Bible says you are to, ***“rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep.”***

Romans 1:8

He is thanking God for the converts of others. Until you can thank God for the converts of others, He will not give you any of your own. Paul was thankful for the converts of others. Their faith was spoken of through the whole world.

I want you to see something unusual.

Acts 17:6

He says, “These Christians are everywhere.” They are plowing here and there, turning up the soil. They are making life unbearable. If you were going to hell, you ought to be thanking God there is a Christian flipping you this way and that way. You know we ought to be turning Chişinău upside down.

Acts 17:6, “These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;”

Acts 19:10. Do you know what Asia includes?

Hey, we have the media today. We have satellites and T.V. and the printing press. We have e-mail, computers etc.; but they did not, and they still turned the world upside down.

Colossians 1:23: *“...which was preached to every creature under heaven...”* Would that include everybody on the other side of the globe? Do you know the Bible did not just say it one time or meant it only allegorically or symbolically? Do you know what Christianity did in the first century? The gospel spread and those people hazarded themselves to get the Word out! Some of them were fed to lions. Some of them were burned at the stake. They did not care what everybody thought.

Colossians 1:23

They accomplished that in the first century. There are people in this world that have never heard the name of Jesus. They have never seen a copy of the Bible while we are here playing around.

Colossians 1:5-6: *“...as in the whole world.”*

The first century Christians got the job done.

1 Thessalonians 1:8: *“For from you sounded out the word...”*

Is that a quiet sound? No that is loud. These Thessalonians preached in Macedonia. They said, “Everywhere we go, that church told us about Jesus Christ. They gave us a

tract.” That proves something to me.

In **Matthew 24**, there is a prophecy that gives people all sorts of problems.

Matthew 24:13. People use this verse to prove you can lose your salvation. In the context can they lose their salvation? Yes, it is tribulation doctrine.

How do you know it is tribulation?

Verse 21

Verse 13: *“He that endureth to the end.”* The end of what? Tribulation. You will not be here for the tribulation. **Verse 14** is not the gospel of the grace of God. **Verse 14:** *“This is gospel of the kingdom...”*

Some people do not know dispensations. **Verse 14.** If you believe everybody is saved the same way from Genesis to Revelation, let me ask you a question: in the days of the Apostle Paul, in the first century, did the gospel go out throughout the whole world? Yes, that was the gospel of the grace of God.

What is this gospel? The gospel of the kingdom.

This shows you the gospel of **Matthew 24** cannot be the gospel that Paul preached. Because, in **verse 14**, if the gospel of the Kingdom was the same thing Paul preached, then the end should have come 1,500 years ago. But it did not come.

You know what was preached in the days of Jesus Christ?

“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” If the Jews would have received Jesus Christ as their Messiah there would have been the rapture, the tribulation, and the Millennial Kingdom. The Jews rejected the offer. God set aside the Jews and called out a people for His name, and called out a Gentile bride. The gospel of the kingdom has nothing to do with the death, burial, resurrection.

Romans 1: How many have heard the expression that “all roads lead to Rome”? How many times have heard someone say, “All religions lead to heaven”? That is a big lie!

All religions lead to hell! We are not a religion; we are Christianity. Christianity says “Done!” Christianity is God coming down to man. Religion is man working our way to God.

Religion. The first of four words is *rely*. They are trying to rely on something. They are trusting their own self-righteousness.

Romans 1:9

So, he thanked God for them. He prayed for them. **Verse 11: “*For I longed to see you...*”**

He had a Pastor’s heart. He loved them. Paul thanked God for them. He prayed for them. He loved them.

Romans 1:7

The saints in Rome were not going to be canonized and be saints when they died. Once you have become a child of God,

you are a saint. There are good saints, and there are bad saints. There are clean saints, and there are dirty saints. There are hypocritical saints, and there are consistent saints. Somehow, through tradition, people get the idea that saints are up in heaven looking at us, and that they bestow sort of mystical power. That is not anywhere in the Bible!

Romans 1:7

What is applied is that you need to act like you are a Christian. People pull out a magnifying glass and watch your life. That is why some of you do not witness—because you do not want to be scrutinized. We do not want people watching us closely when our life does not already match up.

Romans 1:16

Romans 1:7-9

Saved witnessing people need prayed for. **Verse 9.** He did not just say, “I am praying for you.” He says, “God is my witness.” **Verse 9:** Service and communion are inseparable. Notice, ***“Making mention of you always in my prayers;”*** Every time he prayed, he prayed for the saved people at Rome. He emphasizes regular times of prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian. Usually, we pray for the backslider, or we pray for somebody who is sick. Backsliders need prayed for, and sick people need prayed for. But do we pray for flourishing, witnessing Christians? Usually, we do

not pray for a Christian that is doing right. We always pray for the ones who are down and messing up.

Acts 16:13

Here there was a women's prayer meeting. Paul shows up at this women's prayer meeting. The women there were not Christians, but they were trying to pray. They knew there was a God. They wanted to worship Him. Do you realize that when you start to seek the Lord, God will send somebody to you?

It is like Cornelius in **Acts 10**. He gave much alms to the people. God told Peter, "I want you to go over there to Cornelius where he and his whole house shall be saved." Cornelius was a religious man. He prayed, but he was lost.

Acts 16:13: "*where prayer was wont...*" Wont = prayer was used to being made. **Verse 14.** Lydia had been showing up there for prayer; it was kind of a nice gathering. They prayed by the river. God tells Paul: "There are some people down there who are trying to worship me. I want you to tell them how Christ died for their sins.

Verse 14: "*...whose heart was opened...*"

God came to Lydia and blessed her and opened her heart.

Verse 15

She gets saved, and then she wants to take care of Paul and his men. It was centered around prayer.

Verse 16: “And it came to pass, as we went to prayer,”

Do you know why it is hard for Christians to pray?

Verse 16: “And it came to pass, as we (Christians) went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying.”

When you get down to pray, that will happen to you. The devil will get down beside you. The Bible says when Jesus prayed in agony, He prayed “more earnestly.” The Bible says He went “a little further.” He did not quit when the opposition got tough. ***“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”***

Verse 16: “...and it came to pass when everything went wonderful.” No!

One thing that helps me when I pray, is I pray out loud. Why pray out loud? So that I do not drift.

Paul led this woman to the Lord. Who had the spirit of divination. She got saved, and everybody got so mad that they through Paul in prison. **Verse 25: “And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed...”** Paul was a man of prayer; he prayed there with those women; he prayed for Lydia; he prayed in prison. Your life is characterized through prayer. Guess who gets saved here: the Philippians jailor. Paul prays, Lydia gets saved. Paul prays, the demon possessed women gets saved. Paul prays, the jailor gets saved.

“Well, preacher, I am not getting people saved.” Are you

praying like the Apostle Paul?

Romans 1: The Bible says, ***“Ye have not because ye ask not.”***

Romans 1:9-10: ***“making requests...if by any means now at...”*** How? ***“...length...”*** He has been praying for them for years. Do not give up praying.

Why did he want a prosperous journey?

Verse 11: ***“For I longed to see you...”*** Paul had a Pastor’s heart. He was hoping they would get in the groove. He was hoping they would get rooted, grounded, and established in the faith.

Verse 11

He had a desire for Christian fellowship. Paul could not choose what gift he would have.

1 Corinthians 12:11

When you sever something, you make it separate. Notice, ***“Dividing severally as... What? “...he will.”***

It is up to the Holy Spirit. It is not up to the preacher what gifts you get. It is up to you, the Holy Spirit, and what ability you have. You need to find what your specialty is. Beside Bible reading, besides praying, besides tithing because every Christian is supposed to do those things. You need to find out what you can do for Jesus Christ besides your walk.

Hebrews 2: we cannot choose what gifts we want. It is up to the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 2:4: ***“...gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”***

It is up to the will of the Holy Spirit. You need to find out what God is doing in your life. How will God reveal to me what that specialty is? Listen to the preaching of the Word. God will reveal his will for you through the Bible.

Romans 1:11. What gifts did he mean?

Romans 12: What you could do besides going to church, reading your Bible, witnessing.

Romans 12:4: ***“All members have not the same office...”***

Does my foot have the same job my shoulder does? I have not been walking on my hands and turning by Bible with my toes. I will not work that way.

Romans 12:4-6: ***“Having then the gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us...”***

We choose what our specialty is. Some people may have a ministry of prayer. We need more Christians who would yield themselves to prayer. Whose prayers am I living on tonight? Who is praying for you tonight? Who is praying for me?

Romans 12:5-7: ***“Let us wait...”*** If you eat in a restaurant, the person who waits on your table is called a waiter or a

waitress. They wait. It means to serve.

Romans 12:7: “Or ministry, let us wait (in other words, serve) **on our ministering.”**

Verses 7-8

Maybe your gift is giving. **Verse 8: “He that ruleth with tolerance”?** No! **“He that ruleth with diligence.”** He is not to compromise; he is not to cut corners; he is not to compromise. One of my jobs is a teacher and exhorter. **“He that ruleth with diligence;” “He that sheweth mercy with cheerfulness...”** Having a good attitude, shewing mercy on somebody. Not doing it grudgingly.

Verse 9: “Let love be without dissimulation...” This is not fake love. Get a heart full of God.

Romans 1:11: “To the end ye maybe established.”

That means rooted and grounded—Christians who are flourishing. Those whose faith is spoken of throughout the whole world still need to be rooted and grounded. You can be a witnessing Christian and backslide. Have you ever started to witness and lost the fire? Even a witnessing, flourishing Christian needs to be rooted and grounded.

Verse 12

Paul says, “I long to be with you.” Paul recognizes the need for fellowship also. Every Christian in a church is either a liability or an asset.

You know how you can be a blessing to your preacher?

3 John 4

Romans 1:12

Lesson 4 Questions

1. How many times in the Old Testament does faith show up?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 39
 - d. 246
2. How many times in the book of Romans does faith show up?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 39
 - d. 246
3. When the Bible talks about the just living by faith, what word is left out in the New Testament?
 - a. *His* faith
 - b. *God's* faith
 - c. *Man's* faith
 - d. *Everlasting* faith
4. What has to happen for you to get saved?
 - a. Good works
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Election
 - d. Call of God
5. How does God call you?
 - a. By His faith
 - b. By His Word
 - c. By His strength
 - d. By His gospel
6. Everybody is a Christian.
 - a. True
 - b. False

7. Who are the saints?
 - a. Dead Christians
 - b. All good people
 - c. All saved people
 - d. Holy men/Preachers
8. How can you make peace with God?
 - a. Through grace
 - b. Through faith
 - c. Through Bible reading
 - d. Through prayer
9. Lifestyle evangelism is of God and helps people to get saved.
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. In the first century, Christians...
 - a. Stayed in Israel
 - b. Reached the whole world, figuratively/symbolically
 - c. Reached the whole world, literally
 - d. Reached Asia
11. In Matthew 24:13, “enduring to the end” means to the end of _____.
 - a. The world
 - b. Your life
 - c. The Kingdom
 - d. The Tribulation
12. The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ is called:
 - a. The Gospel of the Grace of God
 - b. The Gospel of the Kingdom
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b

13. Are all saints sinless, perfect, and holding mystic powers?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
14. A prayerless Christian is a _____ Christian.
- a. Powerful
 - b. Faithless
 - c. Powerless
 - d. Wicked
15. Who chooses our spiritual gifts?
- a. Us
 - b. Our Pastor
 - c. The Holy Spirit
 - d. Our Ministry

Romans Lesson #5

Romans 1:13-15

Romans 1:13: “Now I would not have you ignorant...”

He is writing to the saints at Rome. When Paul writes to the saints at Rome, he does not want them to be ignorant of the things that are of God. Do you know a lot of Christians are ignorant of the Bible?

Hosea says: ***“My people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6).***

That is God’s people, not the world. Paul is thinking along those same lines.

Romans 1:13

He did not want them to be ignorant. He did not want them to be in darkness. If you really want to know God’s word, I have to preach it like God said it. I cannot tiptoe around the real issue. I must tell the truth. For a preacher to get up here and change It and say the Bible is allegorical, he is not being honest. The Bible means what It says and says what It means. It is to be taken literally.

Romans 1:13: “Now I would not have you to be ignorant brethren...”

He does not want Christians to be ignorant.

Romans 1:13: *“...oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto)...”* The word “let” means “hindered.” Remember, the Bible is Its own dictionary.

Look in **Romans 15** for proof of the word “let.” “Let,” has several definitions.

Romans 15:22: *“For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming unto you.”*

Romans 1:13: If Paul wanted to be with those people, why was he hindered?

Romans 8:28: Even Paul’s prevention from seeing those people was God’s ultimate will. Jesus said, *“Not my will but thine be done.”* Paul’s will was to be with the Romans, but it was not God’s will.

Romans 1:13: *“That I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.”*

Anytime you do not think your where you ought to be, it could be you are there so that you do something for God. The admonition is: just witness where you are! Paul did not let his efforts be in vain. You might say, “Well, if I was over here, I would be doing something, but I am here and I am doing nothing.”

Romans 1:13

He did not let his efforts be vain. Even though he wanted to be with them, he made good use of his time where he was.

When you get to **verses 14-16**, there are three **I am's**:

It presents a natural, God-given outline.

1. Verse 14: I am a debtor.

A debtor is somebody that owes somebody something.

2. Verse 15: I am ready.

I owe something, and now I am prepared. If you are under a debt, you are under an obligation. If you are under an obligation, you have a burden. Yes, sir! If you owe money, any debt you have, is a burden. He says, "I am a debtor, I am burdened." **Verse 15: "I am ready..."** That talks of preparation.

3. Verse 16: I am not ashamed.

That is where he is going to witness. Those three I am's have to take place in order for you not to be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. You realize you have duty: an obligation; you are a debtor; you are burdened.

Are you paying your debt to society? To make this world a better place to live. No! You know what paying your debt to society is?

God paid the ultimate price: ***"For God so loved the world."*** We do not make this world a better place to live. This world is not my home—I am leaving this place. **John 3:16:** God's mission to the world. ***"I came to seek and save that which is lost."*** For me to pay my debt to society in God's eyes is for me to

tell others what somebody told me. I am to pass the torch. **Verse 14: He says, “I am debtor...”** That means you owe God something. I owe God my life. Jesus Christ laid down His life for me, and I am to lay down my life for Him. To get saved? To stay saved? No, I do it because I am saved!

Romans 1:14: “I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians...”

The Greeks are educated, cultured, civilized. The Roman Empire at that time was the most cultured, educated society. He was debtor to barbarians. In other words, “You do not understand their language.” The uncivilized are the barbarians, the down and outers.

Romans 1:14: “...Both to the wise and the unwise...”

I am supposed to help the most educated man with the most degrees, and I am to help the person who dropped out of school.

Romans 13:8: “Owe no man anything...” What does he mean?

If you owe somebody, you are to pay them back.

Romans 13:8: “Owe no man anything but to love one another...”

In other words, we have a continual debt to love people.

Romans 13:8: “Owe no man anything but...” There is the

contrast. Notice, ***“Owe no man anything but love one another for he that love another hath fulfilled the law.”***

Is there a debt I owe?

Romans 14:7: That means our lives affect somebody else. You cross paths; you affect your neighbor, your family. **Verse 7.** You say, “I am not hurting anybody but myself.” That is not true! You are lying to yourself. You have a debt you owe to God. What do you owe to God? You owe somebody the chance to get saved. You are a debtor. You owe a debt you cannot pay.

1 Corinthians 9:16: ***“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me...”*** “Laid” like a burden. ***“...yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel.”***

I owe God something. Are you paying your debt to the lord for what he has done for you?

We are bound to pay under obligation.

2 Corinthians 5:14: ***“For the Love of Christ constraineth us...”*** That means to coerce, to drive, to compel. It urges us.

2 Corinthians 5:14

If he died for all everybody needs a Savior. We are talking about that compelling force that drives us to tell lost people about Jesus Christ.

Romans 9:1-2: ***“That I have great heaviness...”***

Paul had a different burden put on him after his sins were removed. **Verse 2:** He had, ***“continual sorrow in his heart.”*** The Bible says, ***“Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.”***

Paul was happy in the Lord.

Romans 9:2-3

Paul had such a burden. He said, “If I could go to hell for all eternity that my brethren would get saved, I would do it. He is burdened. He is a debtor. I owe a debt to lost people that they may know Jesus Christ.

Moses was Like this: Moses said, ***“Forgive their sins. Blot me, I pray, out of the book thou hast written.”***

Moses was willing to take their place. Christ paid my sin debt. He became accursed for me.

Romans 10:1

He would like to see his brethren saved.

Romans 1:14

Paul was not a respecter of persons. He had no racial distinctions. He had no animosity towards different classes of society. God used human instrumentality to get you saved. God used some human instrument. Whether it was a gospel tract or a tape, or somebody brought you to church.

You did not seek for God, God sought for you. ***“There is***

none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh God.” You did not find God. God found you. You did not free yourself from sin; God freed you from sin. God gives everybody an opportunity to get saved. Christians, are you paying your debt to society by telling others about Jesus Christ? Because of that burden.

Romans 1:15

What have you ever done that you gave your all? **Notice:**
“So as much as in me is,”

In the Olympics, if you watch the long jump or a diver, everybody is watching them, and they know there is only one chance to do it. The Christian life ought to be much like or even more than the Olympics. They do it to claim a corruptible crown. But you— an incorruptible one.

Romans 1:15. Notice, ***“So as much as in me is, I am ready...”***

The only way you can get ready is preparation. There is no other way to be ready for an event no matter what kind of event it is. Preparation has to do with study.

The Bible says in **Ephesians 6:15:** ***“Having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel.”***

When you put your shoes on, you ought to ask yourself, “Where are my feet going today? Who can I talk to? Who can I help?”

When Paul said, “I am ready,” he did not use preparation

as an excuse to do nothing for years. Paul was a religious leader, and Paul needed to get saved. When he gets saved, notice:

Acts 9:19-20: *“...straightway he (went to a Bible institute for 25 years?)...” No, “...straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the son of God.”*

Did he preach a complicated, hard-to-understand message? No. Straightway. Oh, sure, Paul spent time preparing. But when he got saved, he straightway preached Christ.

He said, *“as much as in me is.”*

2 Corinthians 5: He said, *“I am ready...”* Do you realize that is why some people do not want to get saved? You say, “What do you mean?” Many people do not want to give up their lifestyle. You do not have to give up your lifestyle to get saved, but you must be willing to give it up. You cannot give it up without the Lord. In my old lifestyle, I was looking for a change. Christ not only gave me life, but He gave me life more abundantly. Do you know why people do not want to get saved? They do not want to tithe. Do you have to tithe to get saved? No! Tithing will not get you saved, but if you are saved, you will have to tithe and give your money to God. It is worth it. Some people will not get saved because they are going to have to witness and tell others about Jesus Christ. What will people think? What will my friends think? After ten seconds in hell, you will not care what anyone thought. There are so many flimsy excuses people use. I would not go to hell for any sin. It is not worth it.

2 Corinthians 5:18: *“Hath given us the ministry of*

reconciliation...”

If you are saved, you are in the ministry. He has given you the ministry of reconciliation. That is trying to bring sinners back to God. You do not have to pay for your sins in hell. Christ paid for your sins. You do not have to get baptized. You do not have to join the church. you do not take the Lord’s supper. Salvation is free; Christ paid it all **(Ephesians 2:8, 9)**.

We do not have a “do good, live better” gospel. What if I told you that you have to live better and turn over a new leaf? You cannot tip the scales in God’s favor. You must believe on Him and forsake your own righteousness, your own good works.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19: *“Not imputing their trespasses unto them.”*

That means, the moment I received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, He wiped my slate clean. I am going to impute the trespasses to His account. God has given me His righteousness. That means His righteousness was placed on me, and when He looks at me, He does not see any sins...because I am a preacher? No!

Bill Sunday said, “Hell will be so full of preachers, they will be sticking out the windows.”

Just because you are a preacher does not mean you are going to heaven. Many will say, “Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and did many wonderful works?” God will say, “I never knew you, ye that work iniquity.” False teachers, false

prophets teach a “do good, be good,” gospel.

2 Corinthians 5:19: “*Hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation...*” God wants to be reconciled to man. The only way God can be reconciled to man is by His Son the Lord Jesus. You do not come to God through baptism. You come to go through His Son (**John 14:6**).

2 Corinthians 5:20: “*Now we are ambassadors for Christ...*” You and I represent heaven. We are a heavenly country. Every Christian is an ambassador for Christ. You are a representative of another world.

2 Corinthians 5:20: “*As though God did beseech you by us:*”

You know what my job is? I am to beg you. **“*As though God did beseech you by us:*”** God uses human instruments. You say, “I feel guilty.” I do not make you guilty, but I can touch your heart. I cannot touch your heart. That is the Holy Ghost touching your heart and moving and saying, “This is right; walk ye in it.” God uses humans instrumentality to reach people. He said, **“*As much as in me is, I am ready.*”**

2 Corinthians 5:20: “*We pray you in Christ stead,*” You and I who are saved are standing in Christ's place. We are speaking on His behalf. We are pleading with you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Verse 21

God made His Son to be sin for us. He is our

substitutionary atonement. **Verse 21:** Paul says, “I am a debtor; I am ready.”

Romans 1:15

I real, true Christian ought to give his all! Heaven is real; Hell is real. You ought to give your all. If you do not give it your all, the world can tell it does not mean that much to you. When it does not me very much to you, it does not mean very much to them.

Romans 1:15

If you are going to be a good witness:

- You need to have your sins confessed.
- You need to be spirit-filled.
- You need to have some scriptures memorized.

“As much as in me is...”

That is nerve. it takes nerve to talk to people like that. It takes courage. Paul gave it his all. He had enthusiasm with a purpose. We are not to come to church and give God a little token.

Romans 1:15: *“I am ready to preach the gospel...”*

Paul did not give it all to make more money. Not to win the Olympics. Paul gave it all to preach the gospel. Was he trying to reform paganism? No! He was not trying to change the government. He was ready to preach the gospel. He was not

trying to start a social service. He was ready to preach the gospel. The gospel is man's greatest need.

Romans 1:16: "*I am not ashamed...*"

There are many people who are ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Paul was not ashamed because Paul was ready. He was ready with verses; he knew what to say. He had the peace of God in his heart. I am not ashamed. I do not care what anybody says. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ Notice, "***for it...***" "It" is a pronoun. All pronouns have an antecedent and it refers back to the gospel. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Notice, "***Everyone that believeth...***" Does it say it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that gets baptized and joins the church? NO!

Does it say the power of salvation to everyone that tithes? No! "To everyone that believeth."

You say, "It has got to be more than that." To say that it is too easy, and there has got to be more than that is unbelief.

People go to hell for unbelief.

Romans 1:16

We have a gospel that is not exclusive. It is not for a particular race.

Are you willing to take Christ as you are?

Romans 1:16

Why to the Jew first? Because Jesus was a Jew. Most of the authors from this Bible were Jews. What does the Greek mean?

Romans 2:10: Remember, the Bible interprets Itself: ***“To the Jew first and also to the Gentile.”***

So Greek is interpreted as Gentile. “Greek” was just a word to say “Gentile.”

Romans 1:16

At that time, the Greeks ruled the world. They said, “all roads lead to Rome.”

Lesson 5 Questions

1. Who is the book of Romans written to?
 - a. Lost people
 - b. Saints in Jerusalem
 - c. Saints in Rome
 - d. Saints in Corinth
2. The Bible is to be taken
 - a. Literally
 - b. Allegorically
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
3. Why didn't Paul go to Rome?
 - a. It was God's will
 - b. Paul did not want to
 - c. Paul had already been there
 - d. The devil was hindering him
4. Where are we to witness?
 - a. Where we are
 - b. Everywhere
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
5. We are debtors to society.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. We are bound to pay our debts to God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. Why do many refuse to get saved?

- a. They are saved
 - b. They want to change
 - c. They do not have enough faith
 - d. They do not want to give up their lifestyle
8. All saved people have a ministry of _____.
 - a. Righteousness
 - b. Reconciliation
 - c. Redemption
 - d. Regeneration
9. What three things will make you a good witness?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
10. To the power of salvation everyone that _____.
 - a. Receiveth baptism
 - b. Believeth
 - c. Titheth
 - d. Joineth the church

Romans Lesson #6

Romans 1:15-18

Introduction:

In **verse 14** he said, ***“I am a debtor.”*** **Verse 15:** ***“I am ready...”*** **Verse 16:** ***“I am not ashamed.”*** There are the three I Am's of a successful witness. Paul realized he had an obligation. A duty to pass the torch to somebody else. (**Read verse 14.** Paul did not have some exclusive gospel. His gospel was inclusive. It included all that would come to God by faith in Jesus.) I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the civilized. The barbarians that are the uncivilized and to the wise that are the educated and to the unwise that are the dropouts. We can all get saved.

It is all even at the cross. When you come to the foot of the cross, it is all even ground. It does not matter if you have an eighth grade education. You put your faith in Jesus Christ to get your sins forgiven because we have such a great gospel. We do not have a be good or live the best we can and hope for the best. We have the absolute certainty if you put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will get saved. We have a gospel that is a free gift.

Paul says in **verse 15:** ***“As much as in me is...”*** He says, “I am going to give everything I have.” Paul said, “I am ready to preach the gospel at Rome also.”

The most important thing that Rome needed was the gospel. You can put food in somebody else's belly and still go to

hell. You can build them a house, and they can still go to hell. You can provide jobs for them, and they can still go to hell.

“Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away.”

Paul thought the most important thing Rome needed was the gospel.

Romans 1:15-16: Define the gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:3: ***“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received...”*** It would be pretty hard to tell somebody how to be saved and go to heaven if you were not going yourself.

1 Corinthians 15:3: ***“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received...”*** Even though Paul was a Jew, even though he was from the tribe of Benjamin, Paul still needed to get saved.

1 Corinthians 15:3: Did he die for our sins or just his sins? Christ died for our sins. Jesus was without sin. ***“He was tempted in all points like we are but without sin.” “Christ died for our sins...”***

Verse 4. That is the gospel. How do you know?

1 Corinthians 15:1: ***“Moreover brethren I declare unto you the gospel...”*** It is the D.B.R: Death, Burial, Resurrection. He did not die a martyr's death. He died a substitutionary death. He took our place.

If you add to the gospel, you are perverting the gospel.

1 Corinthians 1:17: “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel...”

What does that tell you?

Baptism is not part of the gospel. It could not be any clearer. It is not my interpretation. What did I tell you in **Romans 1:16? “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it (the gospel), is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”** It is not believeth and get baptized.

1 Corinthians 1:17: “...not with wisdom of words lest the cross of Christ be made of none effect.”

I am to preach the gospel so you can get it. **Verse 18: “it is the power of God.”**

Verse 18: “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish...” To a person who is not going to heaven—who is not saved—the preaching of the cross is “...foolishness.”

1 Corinthians 1:18

We have experienced forgiveness; we have experienced hope. Christ came up from the dead, and he promised I would come up from the dead.

1 Corinthians 2:1: “And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech...”

1 Corinthians 2:1-4, 5

The Power of God Is: I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. It is not “do good join the church.” It is, ***“believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”*** Salvation is a free gift.

2 Corinthians 10:10: You must look beyond the messenger and look at the message.

2 Corinthians 11:6; Galatians 1:6-7

Some say, “There are so many ways to go to heaven.” There is not another gospel. There is only one gospel.

Galatians 1:7: How do you pervert the gospel of Christ?

By adding works to it. When you add good works to the gospel of Christ. You minimize the gospel of Christ and say it is not enough. You must do this; you must do that. A system of rules and regulations.

Galatians 1:8-9

That is why they say, “His bodily presence is weak. His speech is contemptible.” He said, “Yet though I be rude in speech; yet, not in knowledge.”

Galatians 5: This is why people do not like a free gospel: PRIDE!

The only reason somebody will not get saved for free is because they are too proud. Listen, ***“Where sin abounded grace did much more abound.”*** You can put your sins as high as this ceiling, but grace goes much higher. Why would somebody not receive the free grace of God?

Galatians 5:11: ***“And I, brethren, if I preach circumcision...”*** In the Old Testament, did they preach circumcision? Yes. The Jews were to be circumcised on the eighth day. Paul is using that as an example. **Galatians 5:11.** Was he preaching circumcision? No! He is using it hypothetically.

Galatians 5:11

He said, “All I have to do to make the offence of the cross cease is to add some good works.” It would make the offense of the cross. The offense of the cross.

The preaching of the cross offends our pride. When I preach against your sins, you might feel like a lowdown rascal; and you will know you need to get saved. You are a proud person. You say, “It is too good to be true. Certainly, I have got to do something.” *All your righteousness is filthy rags.* The best you can do will land you straight into hell. ***“Every man at his best state is all together vanity.”*** The best you can do is not good enough in the sight of God. He said, ***“Be ye perfect as my father in heaven is perfect.”*** ***“Whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point is guilty of all.”*** Well, I think you have got to do something.

If you want to go to heaven by good works, you can! You

have to live a perfect life and never sin once. Suppose you do for the next three days. The Bible says, God requires what is past. Suppose you turn over a new leaf and live a good life. You still have to pay for those sins back there, or Somebody can pay for them for you. I have a Savior that paid for my sins. I do not have to pay for my sins in hell.

Brothers and sisters, the preaching of the cross offends people's pride. It offends them because it is saying, "You do not have anything in you that God is interested in." If you want to go to heaven, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. That is a why he said, ***"It is finished."***

Acts 28:22. How do I know I am going to the right church? ***"But we desire to hear thee, what thou thinkest..."*** It does not matter what I think; it matters what the Bible says. Notice, ***"...concerning this sect..."*** You know what a sect is? It is a cult. Notice, ***"...everywhere it is spoken against."***

A self-righteous do-gooder, a proud person—does not like the gospel. When you have a free gospel, you would think people would want to flock to it. But people's pride gets in the way. The Bible says, ***"God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble."***

If you humble yourself and take it God's way, you can be saved.

Romans 1:15-16: ***"I am not ashamed..."*** That is a compound word. Notice a= means against. The prefix "a—" means "against." Paul says, "I am not against the shame of

preaching the gospel.” If you are against that shame, you are embarrassed to come to church. You are embarrassed to read your Bible. You are embarrassed to pray and thank God for your food. Paul says, “I am not against the shame. I do not care what anybody says, I do not care what anybody thinks.”

Romans 1:16

Plus nothing and minus nothing.

Romans 1:17: “*For therein is the righteousness of God is revealed...*”

Where is the righteousness of God revealed? In the Gospel. That is God’s righteousness he gave his only begotten son.

How is it revealed?

Romans 10:3

Whose righteousness do you need to go to heaven?

God’s righteousness. Will your righteousness get you there?

Romans 10:3

The righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel. They going to “***...establish their own righteousness...***” That is a religious do-gooder, a person trying to turn over a new leaf. They are trying to do the best they can. They are trying to make the

world a better place to live. All those things are secondary.

Romans 10:3: “...have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”

What does *sub* mean? It means *under*. Submarine— under the water; subterranean— under the ground. It tells you the reason: they are ignorant of God’s righteousness which is free. They try to go about establishing their own righteousness, a do-gooder. Because of that, they have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. They are too proud to get saved God’s way, and they concoct their own morals and ethics. Do you realize nobody can live by their own ethics? You can pick any commandment in this Bible and think it is the number one thing in this Bible. Think about this: what is the most important commandment in the Bible? Try to live that commandment for a week, and you will come out disappointed.

Romans 10:3-4: “Christ is the end of the law...”

Verse 9-13, 17

Faith is not something you work up. It is by hearing the Word of God.

Romans 1:17

I have got to give you the negative side of this:

Verse 18: “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven...” Verse 17: “...the righteousness of God revealed...”
Now, **verse 18: “...the wrath of God is revealed...”**

You can have the righteousness of God or the wrath of God. Both of them are revealed.

Romans 1:18: *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;”*

That means you are not going to get away with sin.

Hebrews 2:2: *“...every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward”*

You cannot get away with sin. How do I get out of this mess? ***“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.” “The wages of sin is death.” “Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of fire.” “The soul that sinneth, it shall die.”*** You say, “Am I dead?” Yes, but somebody died in your place. Jesus did not just suffer for my sins; He went all the way.

Romans 1:18

This English missionary gave a Chinese woman a Bible in the Chinese language. He had been witnessing to them. That Chinese woman gave that Bible back to him, and she said, “This is not an old book!” He says, “What do you mean? This New Testament is about two thousand years old.” She said, “No!” He said, “Well, what do you think?” She said, **“Romans 1.** You had to have come to China, lived amongst us Chinese, and saw how we were living, and then you wrote this after you got here.” She said, “You could not have known this about us.” The Bible has a way of searching us out.

Romans 1:18-20

Well, God, I did not have a chance.

Watch this. This is what this Chinese lady thought: **Verse 21-22.** You know I am pretty smart.

Verse 23: It is not evolution. It is de-evolution. That is evolution in reverse.

Verse 23: Man starts worshipping bugs. That Chinese lady thought the missionary came there and that he was making up the Bible as he went.

Verse 24-25

It is God, man, then His creation. Creation is to be used to our disposal.

Verse 25-27

That word meet means “it fits together.” That means they got what they had coming. Notice, “***...and receiving in themselves that recompense (pay back) of their error which was meet.***” In other words, it is proper; it is meet.

Verse 28: “***And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge...***” There are people out there that say, “We do not want to hear it.”

Verse 28: That is why you kill the babies and save the whales. It does not make sense. God has given them over to a

reprobate mind to do those things that are not convenient. Have you ever noticed people do not think right anymore? What is wrong with people? It is so simple to see. God has given them over to a reprobate mind. Why? Because they do not like to retain God in their knowledge. They are so proud.

Verse 21

There is a blackness that comes over their soul. They can see with their physical eye, but they are blind spiritually. They do not like to retain God in their knowledge.

Romans 1:32

They want to get somebody else involved to do that wickedness. Have you ever noticed that, when you sin, you want somebody else to do that sin also? You do not get drunk by yourself. So, you find somebody to get drunk with you.

Romans 1:32

They want somebody to say, "It is ok; everybody else is doing it. A little bit does not hurt." The Bible says, ***"Though hand join in hand, they shall not go unpunished."*** Suppose everybody is doing it. Is God going to say, "Because everybody is doing it, I will excuse it." NO!

Romans 1:18

If you have a Bible in your hands right now, you are holding the Truth. You can have a Bible, but you could be holding the Truth in unrighteousness. You could be holding a Bible and

go out the doors a lost person and have your heart darkened.

Romans 5:8

The Lord looked down and had pity on our wicked, sinful condition. God knew that we were sinners. He sent His only begotten Son to save our souls.

Lesson 6 Questions

1. What kind of gospel did Paul have?
 - a. Exclusive
 - b. Inclusive
2. What was the most important thing needed?
 - a. Preaching
 - b. Humanitarian Aid
 - c. The Gospel
 - d. A Ruler
3. Baptism is not part of the gospel.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. How do you pervert the gospel of Christ?
 - a. Add good works to it
 - b. Get baptized
 - c. Accept Christ
 - d. Continue sinning
5. The preaching of the cross offends our:
 - a. Love
 - b. Hatred
 - c. Pride
 - d. Humility
6. Whose righteousness do you need to go to Heaven?
 - a. Your righteousness
 - b. God's righteousness
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
7. In the story, why did the old woman think the Bible was not old?

- a. Its date
 - b. The way it looked
 - c. It came from America
 - d. It described their sins perfectly
8. In Romans 1:28, "God gave them over to a _____"
9. You can hold the Truth in unrighteousness.
- a. True
 - b. False
10. You can get away with sin.
- a. True
 - b. False

Romans Lesson #7

Romans 1:19-20

Verse 18: ***“For the wrath of God...”*** Everybody likes to start out with the love of God. Here it says ***“the wrath of God.”*** Notice again, ***“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against...”*** What? ***“...all ungodliness.”*** That makes it even worse. Every transgression and disobedience will receive a just recompense of reward.

Romans 1:18

So, the wrath of God will come someday against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. Notice, there is no period at the end of **verse 18**.

Romans 1:19: ***“Because that which may be known of God is manifest...”*** Where? ***“...in them: for God hath shown it unto them.”***

How does God show people that He is, and that He exists? If you get to talking to people long enough, they will say: “What about the heathen who have never heard? What about the people in some of these remote countries who have never seen a Bible?” Here is the answer.

Romans 1:19. (Mark in your margin- Conscience.) It is manifest in them. God gave them a conscience.

Romans 1:19: God shewed unto them. (In your margin,

write creation.) You can know there is a Creator because of everything that is here. We did not get here by random chance.

Romans 1:19-20: “For the invisible things of him...” Have you ever seen the invisible things? Well, show me, God; and I will believe there is a God. Look at the sun. If you cannot look at something God created, how could you look at God, and live?

Romans 1:20: “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world...” (Verse 20 proves verse 19 is talking about creation).

Romans 1:19

You have a sneaking suspicion inside of you there is a God.

Verse 20: “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen...” He says, “The things that are invisible are clearly seen.”

Have you ever clearly seen something invisible before?

Brother, I know there is a God in heaven, and that Jesus died on the cross, more than if I am standing here. When I think correctly about what God has done for my soul, I realize there is a God even more than I exist.

Romans 1:20: “...being understood by the things that are made...” We understand from creation. God speaks to man’s heart that He is God. If you do not believe in God, just go out in a flat area, lie on your back, look up, and see what God made.

We drink water; we throw it away; and it goes down, filtering through the rocks which cleans it back up so you can keep using it. God has a marvelous system that keeps cleansing itself.

Romans 1:20

In order for you to not believe in creation, you have to be educated out of that belief. There are some people whose lifestyles are in such a way that they are glad for an excuse to believe in something else. They look for something else. They say, “If there is a God, we are going to be accountable to stand before Him someday.” That is terrible thought to some people.

Romans 1:20: “...his eternal power and God head; so that they are without excuse...”

You say, “Preacher, are you telling me, that those in the darkest places in Africa or down in the Amazon, somebody that is never heard of a Bible—if they die—they go to hell?” I wish I could find something in this Bible to find that was not true. If there was any way I could prove there is not a hell, I would; but I cannot. The Bible (AV 1611) is very true: there is a heaven, a hell, and a soul that is eternal. If you die without Jesus Christ, you go to hell forever. What do we do about these people?

Romans 1:20

Everybody is born with the knowledge that there is a God. That He is the Creator. That we did not get here by chance, and we are going to run into Him some day.

Romans 2:14: “For when the Gentiles, (watch it) which

have not the law...” What does that mean? They do not have a copy of the Bible.

Romans 2:14: “Do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:”

Romans 2:15: “Which shew the work of the law written in their heart...” How did it get into their hearts?

Notice: **“there conscience also bearing witness...”**

God has written it on their hearts. God has built in you a mechanism telling you there is a God. You have to sear that thing, defile your conscience to get rid of the notion that there is no God.

Romans 2:15

So, there is a conscience when you do not have a copy of the Bible. You go to other countries that do not have a Bible. They do not have a gospel witness. There is a built-in, natural mechanism telling you there is a God.

Romans 2:16

There is coming a day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ. There is a day of judgment coming.

Romans 1:20-21: “Because that, when they knew God...”

Did they know him as Savior?

No, they knew there was a God. They knew God by creation. Notice, ***“They knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”***

The lights went out, they were steeped in paganism, idolatry.

Romans 1:21-23

Evolution in reverse: they are worshipping the animals, saving the whales, and saving the trees. Our world is wicked. When you see trees as more important than people, you have problems. The animals and trees were not made in the image of God.

Romans 1:23-25: *“They worshipped the creature more than the creator...”*

There are countries that worship cows.

The Bible says, ***“They are without excuse...”*** How can that be?

Psalm 19: Where do the heathen go that have never heard?

They will go to the marketplace tomorrow. They will ride a trolley bus. They will go to work on Pushkin Street. You see, anybody that is not a Christian is a heathen. The question is: Where do the heathen go who have not heard? When people ask, where do the heathen go who have never heard? Why are

they asking that? Where are you going who have heard?

Why are they asking that?

They have been presented with the chance to except Jesus Christ as Savior and go to heaven. All of the sudden they say, "Where do the heathen go who have never heard?" They are looking to back out with an excuse.

Psalm 19:1: "*The heavens declare (that talks about speaking; the heavens talk to you) *the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*"* You look at the stars and the planets.

Verse 2: "*Day unto day uttereth speech..."* That means, tomorrow, the sun is going to come up over there. **Psalm 19:2: "*Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night sheweth knowledge."*** How many of you have ever seen a sunset and say, "Boy, what a day! I feel good." What is that? It is talking to you. You know what that is? I am God, and there is none else.

Psalm 19:2-3

God does not have a language barrier.

Verse 4: "*Their line is gone out through all the earth...*"

It is not talking about a rope. It is describing a line on a page. "**Their (creation's) *line is gone out through all the earth...***" Creation speaks to the deepest of Africa, Congo. "***Their line is gone out thru the earth...***" Notice, "**...and their words (that shows you what *line* means) *their words till the end of the world.***

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun."

That means God has shown through His creation that He is God. He has given each of us a conscience. They do not have the law; it is written in their hearts, and we are without excuse.

When people ask, "Where do the heathen go who have never heard?" usually, it is asked to relieve the individual of any responsibility or accountability to God.

What about the poor, innocent native in Africa who has never heard of Christ? What is wrong with that? Nobody is innocent.

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Psalm 14:1

The fool. He does not say it with his brain. He says it with his heart. He knows there is a God. He just does not want there to be one. So, He says, ***"The fool hast said in his heart, there is no God."*** God tells you why he does not want to believe in God. Notice, ***"They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."***

You know why the fool hast said in his heart there is no God? Because he is corrupt and living a dirty life. He does not want there to be a God.

Psalm 14:1: "The fool." Is "the fool" singular or plural? Singular. Notice, ***"The fool hast said there is no God..."*** Notice, ***"they"*** (singular or plural?) Plural. Listen, ignorance is

contagious. Do you know, once a guy starts believing that, he wants everyone else to believe it, too, because he thinks, “Though hand join in hand, I shall not be punished.” That is not the case.

Psalm 14:1

It always spreads and affects somebody else. Brother, I want you to know there is a God, and I want that to affect somebody else.

The question is not, where do the heathen go who have not heard, but where do the heathen go who have heard?

Psalm 79:6: You say, “Well, God would not do that.” Notice: ***“Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee...”***

Some people would have trouble with God there. The Bible says that they are without excuse. The Bible talks about being willingly ignorant. That means being stupid on purpose. It says, ***“...they became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”*** They are willingly ignorant of the truth.

Job 12:7

God said, “If you will study nature, they will reveal to you there is a God.” If you took one creature—the bumble bee—there is enough information about that to see there has to be a God.

Job 12:7-9: “Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?”

The animals in creation knows Who the Creator is.

Verse 10

You study nature, and you will know there has to be a God. There is a God!

People ask, “Where do babies go when they die?” They go to heaven. The age of accountability is not written in the Bible. It has to do with the development of the mind.

Acts 14:17: “Nevertheless he left not himself without witness...” If a missionary leaves a place, God never leaves Himself without a witness.

Acts 14:17

You had better not look at yourself and say that you are a self-made man. God gave the rain that brought your crops up. God gave you the ability to drive a tractor. God gave you the ability to eat food and digest it. When they knew God, they glorified Him, not as God, but were not thankful.

People stop praying to God before a meal; and all of the sudden, their foolish heart is darkened.

Acts 17:24-30: “And the times of this ignorance God winked at...”

That is not something cute. That means they missed the whole picture.

Verse 30. God does not blink and miss a thing you do.

Verse 31

Does that include Africa or India? Yes.

Acts 8:26-27

So, this Jew goes down to tell this African how to be saved. This guy gets into a chariot and travels from Ethiopia to Jerusalem to worship.

Verse 28

As he is going, obviously, somebody is driving him, and he is reading the book of Isaiah.

Verse 29. Notice the Spirit tells Phillip to go. (That is like ***“Go into all the world and preach the gospel”!***)

Verses 30-31

You cannot understand the Bible unless somebody who has the Holy Spirit teaches you it.

Verses 32-35

He is telling this man how to be saved. Down in this man's heart, he knows there is a God. He is humble enough to find out.

He said, "I heard there is a God in Israel." He went up there to worship, but he did not understand it all. He got him a copy of one of the books of the Old Testament book of Isaiah. He went back down, and he was not saved. He wanted to be if only he knew how to do it.

Verses 35-38

Baptism does not save you, believing in Jesus Christ saves you. What is the point?

This man is seeking for God. God knows this man is seeking. God sent him a missionary. Listen, there is not one man on the planet who wants to know about God, who God does not get him a missionary to tell him how to get saved.

God will allow a tract to flow down a river, or he may hear it on a shortwave radio. Anybody in the Bible that wanted to know about God, God got the truth to him.

Acts 10: Everybody that seeks God, God sends them a missionary or a messenger who can guide.

When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God.

Acts 10:1: Here is an Italian.

Verses 2-4

He is trying to do all these things to get eternal life. So, God sends somebody to tell Cornelius how to get saved. This man is seeking me, he is trying to do right. He has never been

presented with the gospel. It says, ***“...Thy prayers and alms are come up for a memorial before God.”***

Verses 5-6

Acts 11: Peter tells the story later.

Acts 11:13: ***“And he (Cornelius) showed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter.”***

That is exactly what he said in **chapter 10**.

Verse 14

Cornelius was as religious as you can get. He was lost. God said, “His prayers and alms have come up to Me as a memorial. Send Peter to him so he can be saved.” Cornelius got saved just like that.

He was a sincere seeker.

Acts 16:8-10

Verse 9: ***“Come over into Macedonia, and help us.”***

He said, “Something is missing in my life. Send somebody show me what is right.” He said, “Come over into Macedonia.” He is talking to God. God just takes back the certain, and says, “You want to see what sinners are thinking about there? What is on people's heart and mind? They are looking for somebody to help them.” David said, ***“Nobody cared for my soul...”***

Do we care for people's souls? There is a spiritual hunger and thirst in men and women's hearts. He says, ***"Come over into Macedonia and helps us."***

There was a story when the natives would be on the ocean. They would climb up on the palm trees and sway with the wind and go over the water. They turned to the north and said, "God, send somebody and show us." They were swaying in those palm trees, crying out. They would go up in that tree and say, "God, I know there is a God. Send us somebody who will tell us what is right." All of the sudden, somebody came in and told them to get saved. They get to talking to that guy, and he told them, "God told me to come and tell you the message from God." Those natives said we were up in the tree praying that God would send them somebody.

Acts 16:9-10: "...that the Lord hast called us to preach the gospel unto them."

This is not a social gospel, not to feed people. Not good works, but to preach the gospel that Christ died for your sins. This is not a white man religion. Jesus Christ was a Jew; He was a Shemite.

He said, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." God sent somebody to him.

Every time somebody on the globe is interested in knowing the truth, God gets the truth to them somehow. People ask, "Where do the heathen go who have never heard?" They go to hell. The question is, "Where do the heathen go who have

heard?" God always gets the message to a person that is interested.

Romans 3: The Bible says, ***"He that believeth not is condemned already..."***

Romans 3:9: ***"...that they are all under sin."***

Verses 10-11 & 23

Romans 10:9-11

If you get saved, you are no longer embarrassed to proclaim the Name of Jesus Christ. You will not be embarrassed to tell them what He has done for you.

Verses 11-14

How can they hear without a Preacher? What is the answer? They cannot hear without a preacher.

Verse 15: ***"And how shall they preach, except they be sent..."***

They cannot hear unless we send missionaries out.

Verses 16-18

In the early first century, the gospel circled the globe. It actually took place. You ask, "Why are there so many heathen countries?" They rejected the light.

Let me show you something in the 10 commandments that may surprise you.

Exodus 20: The Bible says, ***“Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins.” “Christ is the propitiation for our sins, but not for our sins only, but the sins of the whole world.”*** He is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Christ tasted death for every man.

Exodus 20 (Look at this thing about idolatry.)

Exodus 20:3-5

God says an idol-worshipper is a God-hater. In **Romans 1**, if you are worshipping idols, that is your flight from God. The Bible says, God visits ***“the iniquity of the fathers unto the third and fourth generation...”*** That means there in a spiral. Their sins are passed from father to son. They are steeped in paganism. They have rejected the gospel. I have clearly shown you, if a person wants the gospel, He will clearly get you the gospel.

Ezekiel 18:4: ***“Behold, all souls are mine...”***

If you have a soul, you belong to God. You better worship and honor and praise him.

Ezekiel 18:4

“The wages of sin is death.” It is talking about eternal death and separation from God. You go to hell.

Ezekiel 18:29: ***“The way of the Lord is not equal...”***

How many have said, “That is not fair, God?” That is saying God is not equal. We are the ones who are not equal. We are the ones not right. He is sinless; he is perfect. He has devised the plan that anybody can be saved. Everybody has a chance to hear.

Ezekiel 18:29

Do not you point the finger and blame God. God is not unequal—we are unequal.

Verses 30-31: He asks, “Why will you die turn and get saved?”

Verse 32

God does not want anybody to go to hell.

Ezekiel 33: *“Who can say I have made my heart clean I am pure from my sins?”*

Ezekiel 33: It is your own fault if you go to hell.

Ezekiel 33:8-9

It is not our responsibility to make someone believe. You can tell them the solution. You can give them the answer. If you do not tell them, their blood is required at your hands. Christians have a responsibility for getting the gospel out. God is love, but God is also light. The Bible says that our God is a consuming fire. Behold, the goodness and severity of God.

Salvation is a free gift. There is nothing you can do to earn it.

Matthew 28:19

Because of everything I have shown you, ***“Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost.”***

Lesson 7 Questions

1. Romans 1:18: "For the _____ of God..."
 - a. Love
 - b. Wisdom
 - c. Kindness
 - d. Wrath
2. In what way(s) does God show He exists to the lost world?
 - a. Creation
 - b. Conscience
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
3. In order for you to not believe in Creation...
 - a. You have to be educated out of it.
 - b. You have to see a mistake in it.
 - c. You have to sense it.
 - d. None of the above
4. Where do the heathen go who have never heard?
 - a. Heaven
 - b. Hell
5. The animals and trees were made in the image of God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. Who are the heathens?
 - a. Pagans
 - b. Anyone not saved
 - c. Africans
 - d. Environmentalists
7. Where do babies go when they die?

- a. Heaven
 - b. Hell
8. God gets the truth to everyone who wants it.
- a. True
 - b. False
9. How can people hear without a preacher?
10. What is a Christian's responsibility?
- a. Make people believe
 - b. Get the gospel out
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b

Romans Lesson #8

Romans 1:21-25

Romans 1:19

Quick review: He is saying that everybody that has been born on this planet, whether he has ever been in church or not, whether he has ever seen a copy of the Word of God or not, knows there is a God. I do not care if he has never heard the word *church*, or if he has never heard the name, Jesus. He knows there is a God. Remember, you have to be educated out of not knowing there is a God. Education without salvation is damnation.

Romans 1:19

How did God show it?

Verse 20: “*For the invisible things of him...*” You see, God is invisible. Notice, “***The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen...***” In other words, you can clearly realize there is a God by the creation of the world: because this world did not get here by chance. This world did not get here by accident. I do not believe in the eternity of matter—that is impossible. The second law of thermodynamics proves that.

Romans 1:20: “*...so they are without excuse.*”

God says that everybody born on this planet knows there is a God. Every person in the Bible that wanted to know more, God always brought them a missionary to show them more.

Where?

Acts 8 (Ethiopian Eunuch), **Acts 10** (Cornelius), **Acts 16** (the man from Macedonia).

When somebody wanted to know more about God, God made sure they found out. They got that ray of light; they got that door of opportunity.

Romans 1:20

Somebody in a remote continent may have never heard about Jesus Christ or have never seen a Bible. God has somebody a preacher who wanted the truth—to get the truth to them.

Here comes the rough part:

At the end of **verse 20**, is there a period? No.

Romans 1:21: “*Because that, when they knew God...*”

Did they know Him savingly? No, they knew God because of the creation.

When they knew God:

1. Intelligence.

Romans 1:21: “*...when they knew God...*” That is intelligence. Why? God puts it in the heart of every person.

Romans 1:21: “*...they glorified him not as God...*”

What is the trouble? Indifference.

2. Indifference

They had intelligence, and when they had intelligence, they were indifferent. ***“Because when they knew God (intelligence), they glorified him not as God... (indifference)”*** They glorified Him not. It seems so innocent, but it turns out so tragic. That is the first step downward.

Romans 1:21: “...neither were they thankful...”

3. Ingratitude

Romans 1:21: “Because when they knew God (1. Intelligence), they glorified him not as God... (2. Indifference)” If you do not glorify God, you do not worship Him. ***“...neither were they thankful.”***

It started out with intelligence; they knew there was a God.

Let me give you an example:

Before you eat a meal, if there is nobody else is around, if you are by yourself in the public place wanting to eat and you know you need to pray, but you do not pray; if you are embarrassed to pray in public, shame on you! Every time Jesus ate, He prayed. In **1 Timothy 4**, we are supposed to eat and thank the Lord.

“...neither were they thankful...”

Romans 1:21: “Became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”

What happened? The light went out.

Romans 1:22: “Professing themselves to be wise they became fools” They became fools in reality. A fool is ignorant. Have you ever met an educated idiot?

It starts out with intelligence because everybody knows there is a Creator.

The first step downward: it was not even you stealing or cussing or committing adultery. It was not disobeying your parents.

It was indifference towards a Creator. You are indifferent toward life. You are living for self; God is out of the picture.

“They glorified him not as God neither were they thankful...”

They did not worship Him. They did not stand in awe of and fear of God in gratitude.

Romans 1:21: “...they became vain...” “Vain” is when you are stuck on yourself. If their foolish heart was darkened, it originally had some light. Not salvation, but they had some truth there.

Romans 1:22

4. Ignorance

The worshipper became the philosopher.

Notice what they do next:

Romans 1:23: *“And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into the image made like corruptible man...”*

You know what that just said about us? Everybody in this world is a man or a woman. Do you realize every one of us one hundred years from now will be corrupting? We are corruptible. I do not know anyone who is a hundred-and-fifty years old.

God is everlasting to everlasting. He is the eternal God. He is incorruptible.

Look at the next step downward. **Verse 23: *“And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image...”***

Back there in the ten commandments, you are not to have any images. You are not to make any images likened unto man. Why? Because we worship God by faith, not by sight—that bugs man. ***“Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.”***

So, when you trust in an eternal God, you are putting your faith in something never seen. There has to be a Creator. Look at everything around us— man does not like to walk by faith. Man has to have something he can see.

Romans 1:23

Man has to have something to worship; something physical to look at.

Romans 1:23: “...and to birds, and forefooted beasts, and creeping things.”

What is that?

Evolution in reverse!

Man is not moving upward. Man is not making progress. Man is not moving closer to God.

Romans 1:22-23. That is de-evolution.

5. Idolatry

Let me say something about idolatry. Idolatry does not represent man's search for God but man's flight from God. He is going away from God. He knows there is a God, but his foolish heart is darkened because he does not glorify him as God and thank HIM. Guess what? The light goes out.

What does man do?

He gets a man-made religion. Do you realize everybody worships something? There are people who worship themselves, the T.V., or worship their education.

It goes from intelligence to indifference to ingratitude to ignorance to idolatry.

Romans 1:23-24: “Wherefore God also gave them up...”

That is the same God of **John 3:16**. **Verse 24** is God abandoning man because man first abandoned God.

“Because that, when he knew God (Intelligence), they glorified him not as God (Indifference), neither was thankful (Ingratitude); but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened (Ignorance)... And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, fourfooted beast, and creeping things (Idolatry).”

Romans 1:24: “God also gave them up...”

They gave up God first, then God gives them up. I do not know how you think, but sometimes I think: *How does the world get in such a mess?*

Romans 1:24: “...to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:”

6. Immorality

Romans 1:24-25: “They changed the truth into a lie.”

These people changed into a manmade religion.

Romans 1:24-25: There is an incredible outline. God also gave them up. Mark the word “bodies.”

Verse 25

They know there is a Creator. But they put God on the backburner. They put something ahead of God. They put God on the last place.

Mark the words, ***“God gave them up.” Verse 26.***

Circle the word ***“Affection”*** Right next to affection write “soul.”

God gave them up to the point where they dishonored their own bodies.

Romans 1:26-28. They did not like to retain God in their knowledge.

To retain something, that is your retention. It means how much someone can remember. They did not want to think about God. They wanted to dismiss God from their thoughts. Brothers and sisters, when you hear the Bible preached, God’s Word ought to be a spear with a barb on it. The Word of God ought to go into your heart and hook you. The Lord cares about you. He wants you to worship Him. He sent his only begotten Son so you would not have to go to hell.

Romans 1:28: *“God gave them over...”*

- God gave them up in **verse 24.**
- God gave them up in **verse 26.**
- God gave them over in **verse 28.**

Notice: ***“God gave them over to a reprobate mind.”***

Notice: ***“He gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those***

things which are not convenient..."

Do you ever wonder why certain people do certain things without thinking clearly? I always ask myself what is in them that they cannot see this.

Romans 1:28. Mark the word mind. In your margin mark the word Spirit.

You know what God is doing here? He is giving up man's soul and spirit—that of the person that does not want anything to do with him.

You ask, "What am I going to get from this as a Christian?"

There is a God, so I am to be thankful.

Romans 1:24: "*God gave them up...*" Verse 26: "*God gave them up unto vile affections...*" That has to do with their soul.

Romans 1:28: "*And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind...*"

They cannot think right. When God gives you over to a reprobate mind, you are not thinking right anymore. Your decisions are irrational; you are in a tailspin; you have turned your back on God. Notice the description in **verse 26-27**.

How do people get to a low moral state?

Did they steal anything? No. Did they take God's name in vain? Did they kill anybody? No. They got indifferent toward the Word of God, indifferent towards worshipping God. Neither were they thankful. They became vain in their imaginations; their heart was darkened. They professed themselves to be wise, and they became fools. They changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made unto corruptible man. Birds, and four-footed beasts, and creepy things. Wherefore, God gave them up to vile affections.

Remember: "Rotten religion leads to a rotten lifestyle." It is manmade religion. It is not man's search for God, it is man's flight from God. Rotten religion leads to a rotten life.

Deuteronomy 4:15: He said take heed to me you did not see me when I spoke out of the midst of the fire.

Why?

Verse 16-18

He says, "Be careful not to worship any fish. No birds or a statue of a man—that is idolatry." These people in **Romans 1** are giving credit to nature and refuse to acknowledge God.

Romans 1: Immorality, or in other words, indulgence.

7. Fullness of Iniquity
8. Impenitence (They will not repent.)

How do you know it goes from immorality to fullness of iniquity?

Romans 1:28-29: “Fullness of envy.” The implication is: full of murder, full of deceit, full of malignity, full of whispering, full.

That is why I call it the fullness of iniquity.

How do people get to a state of debauchery? It begins with indifference, ingratitude, ignorance, idolatry, immorality, fullness of iniquity, impenitence. You ask, “How do you know?”

Verses 30-31

When man cannot get his own way, he makes up his own way. That is where all religions come from.

Verses 30-31. “Implacable” means “stubborn, unwilling to except an apology.”

Verses 31-32. “Who knowing the judgment of God...” These people have a sneaking suspicion that what they are doing is wrong. They will stand and give account of their actions one day.

Verse 32

They get recruits. They try to get your kids and turn them into **verses 26-27.**

Verse 32

The Bible says, **“Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life everlasting and few that be that**

find it. Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many that be that go in threat.” You have to realize many are not going to heaven because they are too proud, and they want to do it their own way.

Romans 1:32. That is impenitence.

The first step is indifference. It is such an innocent beginning. It is neglect. It is the sin of omission. It is where people get to a low state. It is steps down to an impenitent heart. They are given over to a reprobate mind.

Man is not moving upward and onward. Man is not improving.

We are inventing new ways to sin.

Romans 1:23-25: ***“...served the creature more than the creator...”***

All of the sudden, animals become more important than humans when they serve the creature more than the creator. That is, the first and second commandments reversed. ***“...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God without all the heart soul strength and mind. The second is thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”***

Romans 1:25: When God gives you up, that means God has given you a chance to get saved, believe on Him, and go to heaven. When you turn your back on that chance, there is a chance the light can go out and your foolish heart be darkened.

Romans 10:3-5 & 17

Verse 13

You know what God did? He produced in my heart the right kind of faith. He gave me enough faith to save my soul.

Lesson 8 Questions

1. God is visible.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. Who did God send missionaries to after they had sought God themselves?
 - a. Ethiopian Eunuch
 - b. Cornelius
 - c. Man from Macedonia
 - d. All of the above
3. _____ leads to indifference.
 - a. Ingratitude
 - b. Ignorance
 - c. Intelligence
 - d. Idolatry
4. We are to worship God by _____ not by _____.
 - a. Sight; Faith
 - b. Faith; Sight
5. Idolatry and religion represent man's search for God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. How do people get to a low moral state?
 - a. By stealing something
 - b. By taking God's name in vain
 - c. By killing someone
 - d. By becoming indifferent
7. Man is improving according to the laws of evolution.
 - a. True
 - b. False

8. Other religions come from:
 - a. Angels' messages
 - b. Man making his own way
 - c. The devil's revealing
 - d. None of the above
9. Everyone on this planet knows there is a God.
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. What are the eight steps of man going down into debauchery?

Romans Lesson #9

Romans 1:24-28

Proverbs 12:15: “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes...”

Romans 1:24: “Wherefore God also gave them up...”

They gave up God first. The same God Who gave His only begotten Son. That same God gave these people up. He does that three times: body, soul and spirit.

Romans 1:24: “...to dishonor their own bodies...”

God gave them up in body. They committed atrocities.

Romans 1:26: “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections...”

Notice *affections* (in your margin write down “soul”). That is their longing and desires. God gave them up in body. God gave them up in affections which has to do with the soul.

Romans 1:28: “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind...” That has to do with Spirit. The spirit of your mind. God gave them up in their bodies, their souls, their spirits.

Let’s talk about that.

It becomes progressively worse. He gives you over to a

reprobate mind. You cannot think right anymore. You are not making proper decisions.

Psalm 81:11

He was not talking about the Babylonians or the Philistines. He is talking to his own people.

Verse 12: “So I gave them up unto their own hearts lust.”

Sometimes, God lets you just have your way. Every person has an old nature that wants its way. You have something fighting in you. If God takes off His restraining grace, or God removes the bridle, that thing will get loose, and you will be in trouble. “Well, I wish God would leave me alone.” Do not ever get mad and say that.

Psalm 81:11: They were not getting drunk. They were not worshiping idols. It says, ***“But my people would not hearken to my voice.”***

They wanted to run their own lives and call their own shots. So, God gave them up unto their own hearts’ lust. If God ever takes the bridle off and says, “Go ahead!”

I would not do that if I were you.

Look at God’s heart in **verse 13**.

God says, “I wish they would have done what I said and walked in my ways and did what I wanted them to do.” **Verse 12.** God gave them what they wanted. That is the worse judgement

that God could do besides the Lake of Fire.

When God gives you up, it is over. You need to pray, "God, take the reins of my life. Help me to be willing to be shod." You need to say, "God, bridle me; control me; take the reins."

Hosea 4:17: "...let him alone..."

What if God said, "Vanya is joined to idols. Let him alone." You know what that is? God giving you up. If God gave you up and said, "Ok, I have tried to get him to listen to me. I have tried to get him to walk in my ways." But Ephraim wanted to do things their own way. **"Let him alone."**

When God lets you alone and quits messing with you. There is reason you go forward in a church service:

1. God spoke to you.
2. God did not speak to you.

Proverbs 14:14: "*The backslider in heart...*" You do not have to be out of church to be backslidden in your heart. You could be sitting in this room, and your heart can be far from God. Notice, **"*The backslider in his heart is filled with his own ways...*"** A backslider is filled with his own ways. God says, "If you want to love money and not be content, and do your own thing, I will give you your way." Notice, **"...*a good man is satisfied from himself*."**

A good man does not need what the world and the devil have to offer to be happy. He does not have satisfy, gratify, and appease the flesh to have peace. A good man shall be satisfied from himself.

Proverbs 1:24: “Because I have called, and ye refused...”

That is not the refusing to receive Christ. That is refusing to hearken (to submit) and listen to God.

***“I stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;*”**

You did not take it seriously.

Verse 25: “But ye have set at naught my counsel,” That is a person that did not like to retain God in their knowledge. They did not want to think about God.

Verse 25

He said you would not take a rebuke.

Verse 25-28: “Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer;”

God wants you to call upon Him now. “There will come a time when you will call, and I will not answer.” This is basically talking to a lost person but wait a minute.

Verse 28-29: “They hated knowledge...”

They do not want the Bible. “We will get rid of our preacher; we will get somebody who has more compassion, who agrees with us.”

Verse 29-31

God says, “Let them have what they want. You reap more

than you sow. If you sow to the wind, you reap the whirlwind.”

Verse 31: They are ***“...filled with their own devices.”*** He gives them up to their own heart’s lust. He turns you over to a reprobate mind. He will let you have your own way.

Verse 32: ***“...the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.”***

You say, “God is blessing me. I have a nice apartment. I have good health.” Just because you are being blessed does not mean God is on your side. ***“What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”*** We have the idea that if we got this good health, and we got a job and our life has no problems. That God is blessing us and is on our side.

The prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

Verse 33

All you have to do is listen to the voice of God. You keep turning your back on God, and you refuse to hear what God has to say. God gives you up to your own heart’s lust. He gives you up to your own desires; you are filled with your own devices.

Jeremiah 6:19: ***“...even the fruit of their thoughts...”*** He is going to let them have their own way. When God lets you have your own way, He just takes the bridle off.

Jeremiah 6:19: Why does God do it? ***“...because they have not hearkened unto my words...”*** That seems kind of innocent. You would not listen to me. God said, “You call upon me and I will not hear.” If you will not listen to God, God will not

listen to you. ***“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law even his prayers shall be an abomination.”***

Jeremiah 6:19: They rejected it.

They said, “No, I do not want it. I do not want to retain God in my knowledge.” So, God gives them over to a reprobate mind. You do not want to think like God; you do not want to think like the Book! You do not want to receive the preaching. You want to have your own way. To think worldly thoughts, philosophical thoughts, go ahead and have the wisdom of the world.

Isaiah 19:4. Context: ***“The burden of Egypt...”*** Verse 3: ***“And the Spirit of Egypt shall fail...”***

Verse 4: ***“And the Egyptians*** (type of worldly person)***...will I give over...”*** That matches **Romans 1**. God gave them up; God gave them up; God gave them over.

Verse 4

You know, sometimes God will give you over. You say, “It is not interesting. I do not want to serve Him. I like my music. I like my friends. I like to watch that on T.V. I do not want to serve the Lord.” So, the Lord says, “Ok, you do not want to serve, I will give you over to a cruel Lord.” I do not want that. Do you? It would be better for you to hearken to God.

Acts 7:41: Steven is preaching, and he is giving the history of Israel before they stone him.

Verse 42: “Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven...”

God let them have their own religion, to believe what they want. He let them invent their own way of damnation.

Verse 42

Go ahead and check out your astrology.

Romans 1:24

God abandoned man because man first abandons God. When Christians say, “I do not see anything wrong with it.” Guess what? They do not. They are past feeling. Their consciences have been seared with a hot iron.

Romans 1:24

When you start living dirty, you start getting a religion that will back up how you are living. If you want to find a verse to justify how you live, it is in here. This Book is a dangerous Book if you approach this Book honestly and sincerely.

Romans 1:24-25: “*They changed the truth into a lie...*”

They had to find a religion to back up their lifestyle.

Romans 1:26: God gave them up to “*vile affections...*”

Vile means filthy. Notice, “even...” Notice, “*against nature:*” It is not normal. God calls it vile.

Verse 27: This is a moral issue.

Genesis 19 & Jude 6-7

Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

1 Corinthians 6:9: *“Nor effeminate...”* A woman is feminine. This is talking about a man that is effeminate. He is a pervert, homo, queer. This is a real fruit. Notice, *“...nor abusers of themselves with mankind.”* **Verses 10-11**

“And such were some of you...”

People say, “Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic.” That is not true.

Verse 11

1 Timothy 1:9. If what I am preaching here bothers you, it means you are not living right.

Verse 10: *“...them that defile themselves with mankind...”*

2 Timothy 3:1: These people go to church. They carry their Bible.

Verse 5

Notice, *“...without natural affection...”* Romans says, *“...the women did change their natural use to that which is against nature.”* Without natural affection. Husbands not loving

their wives. Wives not loving their husbands. Parents not loving their kids. Notice, ***“Trucebreakers...”*** Marriage breaking up, getting a divorce. Notice, ***“...despisers of those that are good...”*** You know, if you have people in the church trying to live right, people do not like the people trying to do right.

Verse 4-5

He talks about God giving us up. We need to pray God does not give them up.

Romans 1:28: *“Reprobate...”*

Do you know what probate is? It is a testing time. Reprobation means he broke his probation. He has broken his testing. You say, “I will live like I want.” You will be incarcerated in your own sins. You will be a slave to your own sin.

Romans 1:28

A reprobate mind means they were tested, and they failed twice. They can think right. This willful hardness becomes judicial. They did not like to retain God in their knowledge. God gives them over to a reprobate mind. If God takes the bridle off, you are in trouble.

Before we are through, I have to give you four positive verses.

We talked about God’s constraining grace. That means God keeping you from evil.

Genesis 20:6

Here, Abraham lied and said his wife is his sister. So, the heathen king took in Abraham's wife in this place, and he took her into his house; but he did not do anything yet. Look at what happens in **verse 3**.

God says, "Abimelech, you are dead. That is adultery, to take another man's wife." **Verses 4-5:** Abimelech says, "I did not know." God says, "I put circumstances around your life so you would not mess up."

He said, "God, in the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands, I did not do it."

Look at the real reason he did not commit adultery.

Verse 6

GOD CAN KEEP YOU FROM SIN.

You need to ask God for his constraining grace to withhold you from sinning against Him.

Numbers 24:11: "...the Lord hath kept me back from honour."

Do not blame your situation on human instrumentality. God is behind it.

Do not pat yourself on the back that you are a victorious Christian.

1 Samuel 25:39: *“He kept his servant from evil...”*

He realized if God would not have intervened, he would have messed up really badly. That is God's restraining grace. David was going to kill Nabal. Abigail came down, and she brought food and meat, and said, “Please, have mercy on him.” David was kept from doing what he planned on doing.

2 Thessalonians 3:3: That is God's restraining grace.

Lesson 9 Questions

1. How many times does God give them up in Romans 1? (Type a number)
2. We should never ask God to leave us alone.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. What is/are the reason(s) you go forward in a church service?
 - a. God spoke to you
 - b. God did not speak to you
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
4. You have to be out of church to be backslidden.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. God lets people have their own way because:
 - a. People do not love Him
 - b. People do not obey Him
 - c. People do not hear Him
 - d. People do not respect Him
6. Romans 1:24-25: "They changed the truth of God into a _____"
 - a. Belief
 - b. Sin
 - c. Compromise
 - d. Lie

7. What will God's constraining grace do?
 - a. Keep you from sin
 - b. Choke the life out of you
 - c. Draw you to Him
 - d. Save you
8. Who convinced David not to kill Nabal?
 - a. Ahithophel
 - b. Nathan
 - c. Abigail
 - d. Absalom
9. Vile affections are natural to man.
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. The way of a fool is right in whose eyes?
 - a. Other fools'
 - b. God's
 - c. His own
 - d. No one's

Romans Lesson #10

Romans 1:29-32

He is going to list the things we do that are not convenient.

God names twenty-three sins in **verses 29-31**

If a girl loses her purity, she is not satisfied until another girl loses hers also. That is a true statement. Some of you might balk at that. If a girl loses her purity, she is not satisfied until another girl does also. It makes her feel better if another falls. People do not get drunk by themselves. It is no fun to get drunk by yourselves. So, you always try to recruit and to get others involved in your sin.

Romans 1:32

Now he lists these sins. Do you mean you are going to preach on sin? Yes.

“Well, I want to hear from God.” So, the best chances for you to hear from God on sin, righteousness, and the judgement to come. Righteousness is not just imputed righteousness, but how you are living. Are you living holy, purely, and cleanly? The judgment to come. You are either going to hit the Great White Throne Judgment or the Judgment Seat of Christ.

John 16:7-8: “...he will reprove...” Will that be the warm fuzzies? No.

Verses 9-11.

The Holy Ghost will speak of: sin, righteousness, and judgment to come. Here, we ran into a list of sins.

Every one of you (saved and lost) are in the list in **Romans 1**. I want you to know I am not just preaching to lost people. I am preaching to Christians. God will touch your heart when you preach on sin.

Mark 7:20-21: “*Evil thoughts*” That is where sin begins: in our thoughts. Our imaginations. We start creating a scenario and start building. Then, our heart says, “I want to do that, and your body carries it out.”

Verses 21-23

There is another one of these lists of sins. There are different places in the Bible where it lists groups of sins.

Galatians 5:19: “...*the works of the flesh...*” How many of us still have flesh? The Bible says, “*In our flesh dwelleth no good thing.*”

Verse 19

The flesh is not capable of anything spiritual. The Bible says, “*Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*” In my flesh dwelleth no good thing, not even Bible reading and prayer. You can witness in the flesh and tithe in the flesh.

Verse 19

All the flesh is capable is sin. Adultery, fornication... You must die to self. ***“Except a man deny himself and take up his cross daily...”*** You have to deny yourself. I am crucified with Christ.

Galatians 5:19-20: Variance means being at odds with somebody. Emulations is like envy or jealousy.

Verse 21: Revellings = partying. ***“...and such like...”*** In other words, it is a partial list. Does he say, “Those that do such things shall not go to heaven”? No. Notice, ***“...shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.”***

That means you will not get a Millennial Reign at the one-thousand-year reign of Christ. If it meant go to heaven, that would mean you could lose your salvation. ***“They that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”***

Salvation is a free gift, and an inheritance is an earned reward. A Christian that commits these sins shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Romans 1:29: ***“Being filled with all unrighteousness...”***

If it is not right, it is wrong. It is unholy. Wrong things filling the mind. Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication. Adultery is illicit sex between two people who are not married. Fornication includes them all. All kinds of sexual immorality. You can even commit fornication in your heart. Jesus said, ***“Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”*** That can take

place so subtly, and the devil can be right there and say, “You committed the sin; go ahead and carry it out physically.” According to that, the devil will lie to you. “If you committed adultery already with her in your heart, then go ahead and finish it off.”

Romans 1:29: *“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness...”*

Impure. What is it God says is wicked? What would the Holy Spirit put a finger on that you are doing that is wicked? One of satan’s names is, “the wicked one.” Notice, ***“Covetousness”*** Covetous is all over the Bible. It is in Peter, James, Hebrews, and Luke. Covetousness is a love for money. You want more. You are greedy for selfish gain. It is a hankering for more. That hits every one of us. That will eat at you. It can hit you like a canker. It will eat you out from the inside.

Romans 1:29: *“Maliciousness”* That is a revengeful attitude. Someone that is malicious toward you not only have a bad attitude, but they are also looking for an actual way to get back at you. Malicious means bad, like malignant. It means a bad attitude. The Bible says, ***“Vengeance is mine. I will repay...”*** If you are malicious, that thing is working on you. Do you have a bad attitude toward somebody in here? The Bible says, ***“Husbands love your wives and be not bitter towards them.”*** A wife can be malicious towards her husband.

“Full of envy”

“Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able

to stand before envy?" If envy gets in you, and you are wanting a different position, you will do terrible things to get what you want. That envy will make you think incorrectly. It will make you make the wrong decisions. Envy is wanting what somebody else has—desiring what does not belong to you. ***"Full of Envy"***

"Murder" "Not in here." "Well, I never killed anybody."

1 John 3: If you hate me, you have already committed the act. I would rather you have that attitude toward me rather than carry it through with a baseball bat.

1 John 3:15: Who is my brother? Anybody you come in contact with. You do not have to be brothers in the flesh or brothers in the Lord.

1 John 3:15

People say, "If I hate somebody, am I am a murder?" Do you know a Christian can have murder in his heart? How many have seen that verse where it says, ***"All liars shall have their part that burneth with fire and brimstone"***?

How many have lied since you have been saved? How could you go to heaven according to that verse?

1 John 3:15: ***"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer..."***

Do you know I am no longer a sinner? A sinner is a nature. Do you still sin? Yes. By my nature now, I am a saint.

A Christian is capable of murder in their heart. I lie, but I am not a liar.

Romans 1:29: “Debate”

Do you know somebody with an argumentative spirit? You cannot even discuss things with people. Because they are going to argue with you and fight with you. It will be a fight over words. That is strife and contention. It is an argumentative spirit to make yourself look good instead of helping somebody out. It is OK to argue. Are you arguing to help someone, though, or are you arguing to make yourself look good and right? The Bible says, ***“Let all things be done unto edifying...”*** The servant of the Lord must not strive but be ***“gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, instructing those who oppose themselves.”*** We are to earnestly contend for the faith.

Romans 1:29: “Deceit”

Crooked dealings. Lying for dishonest gain. Look and notice, ***“Malignity”*** If you went to the doctor, and he said to call in a week and to give you a report and he tells you the tumor is malignant, malignant means the thing is starting to spread. The cancer is starting to feed and take nutrients that are supposed to go for cells and parts of your body. It feeds itself.

Malignity is a bad attitude that spreads such as if you have a revengeful heart or a lustful heart.

If you regard iniquity in your heart, the Lord will not hear you. If we are going through this, and God sticks you, you need

to confess it so you can have a prayer life and be filled with the Holy Spirit so you can be effective.

Romans 1:29-30: “Whisperers...Backbiters.” Whisperers can take place in the same room with somebody. You are keeping it toned down so that you do not get caught. A backbiter is cowardly bad-mouthing somebody behind their back. It could be a kilometer away or a town away. A backbiter is afraid to face them in real life, and you backbite. God said, “If you backbite and devour one another, take heed that you are not consumed one with another.”

Whisperers are gossiping and slandering. It is almost like doing it to their face, but you cannot hear them.

Notice: **“Haters of God”**

Have you ever noticed the strange things God conglomerates together? He puts together things like deceit, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, and murder. Do you realize if backbiting was the only sin you committed, and you died without getting saved, you would go to hell? Why? **“Whosoever keepeth the whole law and yet offend in one point is guilty of all.”** We like to put a premium on sin or a price tag. We say, “This is really bad. These are not so bad, so I will do these.” You get to judgement and say, “Lord, I have not gotten drunk. I have not committed adultery. I have not murdered anybody.” But you might whisper. You might be full of envy; you might have a malicious attitude toward somebody. You might have debates.

God looks at sin as sin. Every sin we have committed, Jesus Christ felt that lash or that prick in His brow, or the slap in the Face. Our sins were placed on Jesus Christ. The sins you commit tomorrow, Jesus Christ paid for two thousand years ago. Our sins put Him on that cross. God looks at it as capital punishment for these things. Some people say, “I do not think it is that bad.” The three main ways the Holy Spirit deals with our heart: sin, righteousness, judgment to come.

There are sins in this passage that are sins of the flesh and sins of the spirit. Is a Christian ever capable of hating God?

Jesus says, “He who is not with me is against me.” ***“No man can serve two masters: either he will love the one and hate the other, he will hold to the one and despise the other.”***

Sin will rob you of your joy. Preaching on sin, if it eradicates it out of your life, if God gives you humility and you confess it, will bring joy.

Psalm 81:15

Do you realize a person that is proud, obstinate, rebellious, and stubborn, refusing to do what God says—God looks at our disobedience as hatred? The Bible says, ***“Stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.”***

Psalm 81:15

These people hated God because they would not be obedient or submit to Him. The Bible says, ***“The carnal mind is***

enmity against God.” Is it possible for a Christian to have a carnal mind? So, we as Christians, in our attitude of pride, are haters of God.

Romans 1:30: “Backbiters, haters of God” I want to say you can be on this list more than once. **“Backbiters, haters of God” “...for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?”**

If we are backbiting on God's people, that is like slapping the Father.

Notice, **“despiteful...”**

Do some of you despise this message? Turning up your nose at it? I will sleep. Despiseful is doing something for the wrong motive. Notice, **“Proud...”** That means arrogant, heady, high-minded—that you are above this message. You do not need this message tonight. If you do not think you need this message, you are a proud person. If I was sitting there, and the Holy Ghost was taking this message and drilling it in my heart, it would hurt! It hurts get it right!!!

“I do not need this!” That is pride. Your problem is you do not like getting your sins preached against. Notice, **“boasters...”** Bragging that you do not need the message. Notice: **“Inventors of evil things”** That is you imagining ways to do wrong. **“Disobedient to parents.”** Rebellion against authority. **Ephesians 6: “Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment of promise.”** The very first commandment God attached to promise was honoring your father and mother.

“Honor thy father and thy mother which the first commandment of promise...that thou mayest live long upon the earth.” You know why some die young? Disobedience to parents. You could be taken out early.

Romans 1:31: *“Without understanding”* That is being willingly ignorant. The Bible says, “Through faith we understand.” So many times, when a person is without understanding, he is not walking by faith. When a person is without understanding, they are not departing from evil.

Notice, ***“Covenant breakers”*** Breaking your promises. You do not pay your bills. That means divorce is a sin.

Notice, ***“Without natural affections”***

“Implacable” That means being stubborn, holding a grudge. They cannot be satisfied; unwilling to change: “I am not going to do it like you say, I know how to do it.” Refusing to get right.

The last one out of twenty-three sins: ***“Unmerciful”***

Do you know it is easy to not forgive somebody? You can hold a grudge and be not willing to forgive them. A merciful God, and we, unmerciful creatures. Unwilling to accept an apology.

Romans 1:32

Lesson 10 Questions

1. How many sins does God list in Romans 1:29-32?
 - a. 3
 - b. 15
 - c. 23
 - d. 46
2. If a girl loses her purity, she is not satisfied until another girl loses hers as well.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. In this context, what three things will the Holy Ghost speak of?
 - a. Love, joy, peace, etc.
 - b. Sin, iniquity, and transgression
 - c. Doctrine, reproof, and instruction
 - d. Sin, righteousness, and judgment
4. Where does sin begin?
 - a. In our actions
 - b. In our thoughts
 - c. In our attitudes
 - d. In our relationships
5. Does any good thing dwell in our flesh?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
6. What sin is just as bad as murder according to 1 John?
 - a. Fornication
 - b. Hatred
 - c. Pride
 - d. Dishonesty

7. After salvation, by nature we become:
 - a. Sinners
 - b. Saints
 - c. Sinless
 - d. Spirits
8. What sin will send us to Hell?
 - a. Murder
 - b. Backbiting
 - c. Hatred
 - d. Any of the above
9. God looks on disobedience as:
 - a. Murder
 - b. Backbiting
 - c. Hatred
 - d. Any of the above
10. What was the first commandment(s) God attached a promise to?
 - a. The ten commandments
 - b. "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart"
 - c. The Golden Rule
 - d. Honor thy father and mother