

A Commentary on the Book of Romans – Volume 3



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Romans Lesson #21

Romans 4:1-5

Romans 4:1-2: “...but not before God.”

Verse 1: “...Abraham our Father...” Remember, Abraham was the first Hebrew. He was the first Jew. From him came Isaac, Jacob, and Judah all the way down to the line of Jesus Christ.

“What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?”

What did Abraham learn concerning the flesh?

He learned the flesh could not get him to heaven. The Bible says in **John 6:63**, **“The flesh profiteth nothing.”** That goes against the pride of man. You think the flesh profits a little bit? **“The flesh profiteth nothing.”**

Romans 7:18: “In my flesh dwelleth no good thing...” It says that the flesh profiteth nothing. It says that in the flesh dwelleth no good thing. Paul says in **Philippians 3:3** that he had no confidence in the flesh. You are not to trust the flesh. In your flesh dwelleth no good thing. Your flesh profiteth nothing.

Romans 4:1

1. The flesh profiteth nothing
2. In the flesh dwelleth no good thing.
3. Have no confidence in the flesh.

Romans 4:2: “For if Abraham were justified by works...” Do you know, brethren, the natural tendency for man is to believe you need to do something good to go to heaven? Before I was shown from the Bible, that is what I thought. I naturally thought I had to be good to merit eternal life, but there was a day I realized it was a free gift. I realized as I was studying this that my salvation is a free gift and there is not anything I can do to lose it. Brother, that thrilled my soul. I got saved thirty-two years ago. I am telling you it is still real to me. I have eternal life. He gave it to me; it was a gift.

Romans 4:2: “...but not before God.”

We may impress people with my good works. You might impress me, and I might impress you. However, God is not impressed. That is the point he is making.

Romans 4:2

That means, if Abraham was justified by works, he would have room to brag but not before God. We might fool others. I might be able to impress others with my spirituality. However, I am not going to heaven because of my good works. I am going to heaven because of my faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans 4:2: “glory”

That glory means bragging or boasting. **Romans 3:26**

God is the Justifier of them that believe in Jesus. God justified me; God declared me to be righteous. You say, “I have to do something,” but all you have to say is, “I believed

on the Lord Jesus Christ by faith.”

You say, “A harlot could get saved that way.” That is right. Anybody can get saved that way. God is not a respecter of persons.

Romans 3:27: He says that boasting is excluded.

Verse 28

It is not by good works. It is by the grace of God, and Him dying and taking our place becoming sin for us. No one in this room deserves to go to hell. Your sins have been atoned for.

Romans 3:27: Boasting is gone. If salvation is of a free gift.

1 Corinthians 1:29-30: *“That no flesh...”* You know what that means? That means people.

1 Corinthians 1:29-30: *“But in him are ye in Christ Jesus...”* That is salvation.

1 Corinthians 1:30

Christ is my redemption. He is my sanctification. Christ is my righteousness. *“There is none righteous, no, not one.” “Everyone at his best state is altogether vanity.” “All our righteousness is filthy rags.”*

Verse 3: *“He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”*

You cannot even brag that you have turned over a new leaf, changed your life, or turned around. No flesh shall

glory in his presence. If you are going to glory, you are going to have to glory in the Lord. We owe are all to him.

Romans 4:2-3: *"For what saith the scriptures..."*

He uses the scriptures to back him up. Does he ask, "Let's check the church constitution. What do our by-laws say?" No, he does not say that. He asks, "What sayeth the scripture.?"

The scriptures are the absolute final authority. Jesus said, ***"You do err not knowing the scriptures."***

Romans 4:3: *"Abraham believed God, and it was counted for righteousness."*

God gave Abraham God's righteousness the moment he put his faith in God. Abraham believed in his heart that God told the truth. His believing was not an act. It was an attitude. Have you ever heard somebody say, "He's got an attitude." Listen, if you got an attitude of faith in God, that is a good attitude. That is the right kind of attitude to have. His faith was not an act; it was an attitude.

Genesis 15:2-5

He is telling the stars, or in other words, he is going to count the stars.

Verse 5

Abraham is about ninety years old. He is past the age of having children, but God has been telling him and promising him for years. Thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. You go back and read that in **Genesis 12**, nothing has happened, and years go on. Abraham held

on to that promise, even though it was biologically and physically impossible naturally. Abraham said, "Somehow we are going to do it." Abraham believed that, and it happened. God said to Abraham, "Look up to the heaven at all those stars." There are some many stars, and it does not cease to amaze me.

Verse 6

God said, "When it is all said and done, you will have a son." They are going to have children. There is the nation of Israel, and that will form into a mass of people there in the millennium.

You say, "But it is physically impossible what Abraham did." He believed! God counted it to him for righteousness.

Galatians 3:6

God says, "I am going to give to you my righteousness." That impressed God, and God said, "I am going to give you my righteousness."

Verse 7-8: "God would justify the heathen through faith..."

Verse 9

So, if you trust the Lord by faith, you can go to heaven.

Verse 14: "...the promise of the spirit through baptism?" No, "through faith!!!"

Romans 4:4-5. Read verse 3. You say, "That is your

interpretation.” No! I believe it!!!!

“Now to him that worketh...” If you are working to go to heaven, you are trying to pay off a sin debt.

Romans 4:4

You cannot earn eternal life. Notice, ***“Now to him that worketh is the reward...”*** Remember, salvation is not a reward. Salvation is a free gift.

Romans 6:23: You can earn a reward. You do something to get a reward. A gift is something you have to receive.

He is not just talking about physical death. ***“As it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgement.”*** Death does not end all. We are held accountable—there is a judgment coming.

Revelation 20:14-15

Death does not end all. Eventually, death and hell are cast into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Romans 6:23

Romans 4:4: ***“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace...”***

Is salvation by grace? Yes. If you are trying to work for it, you do not have salvation because salvation is a free gift.

Romans 11: This is a hair-splitting verse. **Romans**

11:6

It is either by grace, or it is by works. It is not by both. You cannot mix them together.

Romans 11:6

You see, it is not a mixture of doing good for the grace of God. It is either grace or living a perfect sinless life and never sinning once time. I am not saying from now until you die. I am talking about your whole life. ***“Who can say I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin.”***

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

It is not works. People say it is not that easy. It is got to be more than that. When you say that: it is unbelief. When you think what God did on the cross was not good enough, you become able add to what He has done for us. However, you cannot improve on the atonement.

Romans 4:5: “...believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly...” Does it say a good person? That is shocking to a proud person.

Verse 5

God will count your faith as righteousness. That is what you need to get to heaven. You need God’s righteousness.

Verse 5

God will justify you, to declare you, even though you are not.

Romans 3:21-26

God will justify anyone who will believe on His Son.

Romans 4:5

God will justify and declare righteous an ungodly person. He will take a wicked, vile, lost sinner, justify him, and declare him righteous.

Let me show you how different it was in the Old Testament.

Psalms 143:2

Under the Old Testament economy, here is David's prayer. Nobody was justified in the Old Testament in the sense as you and I are in the New Testament.

Notice, ***"No man living be justified."***

Job 9:2: "...how should a man be just with God?"

Good question. If you are an honest person, and you are a sincere seeker, you might ask "How can I be just with God? I want to go to heaven when I die."

Job 25:4. They were not saved in the Old Testament the same as you and I are in the New Testament. How do you know? They had to offer animal sacrifices, and without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins. When they sinned, they had to offer another animal sacrifice. You say, "That is not works!" Well, you had to have money to buy the sacrifices, and you had to shed its blood. That is work. When you messed up again, there is another animal sacrifice. I do not have to offer animal sacrifices to God.

Jesus offered the animal sacrifice which is forever saves you.

Job 25:4

Are you not glad for Romans in the New Testament? You are justified without works; you are justified without doing works.

Job 25:4. You know what he needs? A new birth.

Exodus 23: Here is why there are so many religions. This is why there is so much confusion.

What is that? You have the Old Testament. How can a man be just with God? No man living can be justified. Offering sacrifices = do good. The New Testament says without works, freely, free gift. He justifies him who believeth in Jesus.

You know what a lot of churches do? When they see the Bible, they take a little bit of this and a little bit of this. They combine them together, and they say that you must believe in Christ and also live a good life. What they do is mix it together, yet they still do not get saved. Why?

Romans 11:6, “And if by grace, then is it no more 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.”

It is not a combination of the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Exodus 23:7: “...for I will not justify the wicked.”

Do you realize the importance of that statement? God said, "In the Old Testament, I will not justify the wicked."

Do you realize the difference in **Romans 4:5**?

An ungodly person is a wicked person. The only kind of person that God will justify now is a wicked person. The trouble is that people are too proud to admit, "I am wicked. I am ungodly."

Do you know what it means to be ungodly? Not like God.

Exodus 23:7: In the New Testament, God says that the only person God will justify is the ungodly. "Well, preacher, I am a pretty good person." You cannot be saved. "I am not that bad." You still will not get saved. You will get saved only if you realize you are in the category. You will get saved when you say, "I am ungodly..." It is very humbling to say, "That is in me; that is in my flesh dwelleth no good thing, and the flesh profiteth nothing." I am to have no confidence in the flesh. I am talking about real salvation—one that gets down in your soul, that you know you are going to heaven. You know your sins are forgiven. You know God has done something in your life.

The ungodly is the only one God will justify.

Romans 4:5

Are you willing to put yourself in that category? That you are ungodly? That is the only person God will justify.

Romans 5:6

He did not die for you when you were good; He died for you when you were bad. He did not die for you when you were strong; He did for you when you had total inability—you were utterly helpless.

Romans 5:6-8

Christ died for you when you were bad. He will take you as you are.

In the city of St. Louis, a preacher was holding a meeting in a century theatre. People would come in by the hundreds to listen to this preacher. He spoke on the verse **Romans 4:5**. After the audience had gone home, a middle-aged man approached the preacher. He had been sitting patiently in the seat waiting for him.

After the service, he introduced himself saying, “I am Captain G.” (a man very widely known in the city).

The preacher sat down while Captain G. said, “You are speaking to the most ungodly man in St. Louis.”

“Thank God!” said the preacher.

“What?!” the man yelled back, “You mean you are glad that I am bad?”

“No,” the preacher said, “but I am certainly glad to find a sinner who knows he is a sinner.”

“Woah!” replied Captain G., “You do not know the half. I have been absolutely ungodly for years. Listen, I own two steamboats. Everybody knows me, that I am the most ungodly man in town.”

The preacher could hardly get him quiet enough to ask him, "Did you hear me preach on ungodly people today?"

The man said, "I have been coming to these noon meetings for six weeks. I have not missed a meeting, but I cannot tell you a word of what you said today. I have not had any sleep for three weeks. I have gone to one man after another to find out what to do and do what they say. I have read the Bible. I have prayed. I have given money away. I am the most ungodly wretch in this town. Now, what should I do? I have waited here all day to ask you because I am so ungodly."

The preacher replied, "Turn to me and read the verse we preached on."

The captain started to read, "***But to him that worketh not...***" And he cried: "This must be for me because I am the most ungodly man in town."

The preacher said, "Wait, keep reading." He read the verse the preacher had indicated was about him. Then he asked, "Preacher, please, tell me what to do."

The preacher said, "There is something to do, but it has already been done."

Lesson 21 Questions

1. Who was the first Hebrew?
 - a. Adam
 - b. Abraham
 - c. David
 - d. Moses
2. Abraham's believing was an attitude.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. Romans 4:4-5: "But to him that worketh not, but _____..."
4. Whose blood had to be shed in the Old Testament?
 - a. People's
 - b. Animal's
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
5. Salvation is a combination of the Old Testament and New Testament.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. Offering sacrifices = Free gift
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. Who are the only people God will justify?
 - a. The righteous
 - b. The Godly
 - c. The ungodly
 - d. The religious
8. Why was the preacher glad about Captain G.'s sin?
 - a. The preacher was just glad Captain G sinned
 - b. The preacher wanted people to admit their sin

- c. The preacher thought the captain was a hypocrite
 - d. The preacher felt good he was not the only sinner
9. When Captain G. asked the preacher what to do, what was the reply?
- a. "Try to live better"
 - b. "Keep coming to church"
 - c. "It has already been done"
 - d. "I do not know"
10. Romans 4:4: "Now to him that worketh is the _____ not reckoned of grace..."
- a. Righteousness
 - b. Recompense
 - c. Resolve
 - d. Reward

Romans Lesson #22

Romans 4:6-8: Imputation

Read **Romans 4:3**.

Abraham believed God, and God gave Abraham his righteousness. God says, "You can have my righteousness for believing that."

Verse 4: If you are trying to get to heaven by good works, you are frustrating the grace of God. Here is this person is trying to pay off a sin debt. You can pay your sin debt only by two ways: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved or go to hell and pay for your sin debt in hell for all eternity. You cannot earn or merit eternal life. Salvation is not a reward. Salvation is a gift.

Romans 6:23

You know what you do for a wage? You have to work to get a wage. So, you cannot work your way to heaven, but you do work your way to hell. What do you mean? You will get paid for your sin. You can sin all you want. You will get paid, and the ship will come in.

Romans 6:23: Salvation is not a reward for being good; salvation is a free gift. If you go to hell, you pay your own way. If you go to heaven, it is on a free ticket. Hell is earned; heaven is free.

Romans 4:4

If you are trying to work for salvation, you cannot be saved. You have made void the grace of God. If you are

trying to mix grace and works, it will not work.

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

I glory in the simplicity of the gospel. I am so glad that I am going to heaven! This world is not my home: I am just a passing through.

Romans 4:5: “But to him that worketh not but believeth on him that justify the ungodly...”

God will not save a good person. God only saves ungodly people. The first step in salvation is humility. God resisted the proud but give grace to the humble. You have to come to God as a beggar. You must ask for salvation. You have got to admit you are going to hell, and you have got to ask God to save you because there is no hope. Without him, you can do nothing!

Romans 4:5

God counted my faith in Jesus Christ for righteousness. ***“There is none righteousness, no, not one.”***

Remember, the gospel put like this will offend a self-righteous person. This gospel of the free grace of God. It is shocking to the proud. The way people naturally believe to be saved is to be good. That is not the way.

Romans 4:6 Look at the next illustration. The first Illustration was Abraham. Next, ***“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of man, unto whom God imputed righteousness without works.”***

The cults do not hang around **Romans 4**. Why? They are self-righteous.

Romans 4:6-7: “*Blessed are they...*” That is present tense.

Blessed means happy. How do you know that?

Genesis 30:13

You are a blessed man if your saved and going to heaven. Notice, “***Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.***”

Three times the word “are” is used. Present tense. He says, “You are a blessed man.” You need to remember something else. If you read the book of Psalms, what are they? They are songs. Do you know songs are to make you happy? Songs we sing are expressions of joy.

Psalm 4:7

That means you can know for sure where you are going when you die. You can be blessed. You can be happy. Brother, I know I am going to heaven, and I know that I am saved. I know my sins are forgiven. The world says, “How do you know that? Who do you think you are?” Man, I am forgiven!

I am nothing Jesus Christ is everything. Who do you think you are? I am a sinner saved by the grace of God. I did not earn it, but I also do not think I am better than anybody else. I had to admit I was going to hell, and he gave me eternal life.

Romans 4:7

He has to know that he is going to heaven for this to be true.

Romans 4:8: “*Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*”

There are two kinds of imputation there. Imputation is God putting something to your account as well as God not putting something to your account. Thirty-two years ago, God gave me His righteousness. For the last thirty-two years, God has not committed to my account one sin I have committed.

You say, “I will get saved when I know I can live it.” Only Christ can live it in you and through you. Listen, you will sin after you get saved, but God does not impute that to my account. My standing in Jesus Christ is sinless perfection. I am pure. You see all my faults and sins, but God does not see it.

Romans 4:8

That is us positionally in Jesus Christ. Are standing is sinless perfection? When you do sin do you lose your Salvation? No! You lose your fellowship. You lose your communion. I was born into the Hamilton family forty-four years ago. I will die a Hamilton. There have been times when my dad and I had a little friction between us. We were not on speaking terms some days or weeks, but I will still die a Hamilton. When you are on speaking terms with your father, it is good.

Romans 4:8: “...will not (future) *impute sin.*”

That is negative imputation. Brothers and sisters, the reason I stay saved God will not impute to my account my sin. If you get a hold of that it will be a great blessing.

Romans 4:8: It did not say he did not sin.

Let's look at an example of this:

Micah 6:5: God gives us an illustration.

He says, "Do not forget what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him." He says, "You can know the righteousness of God." What happened?

Numbers 23: God says, "Do not forget what Balak wanted and what Balaam answered." That ye may know the righteousness of the Lord.

There are some things God chooses not to see. He chooses not to see our sins. Blessed is the man whom the Lord will not impute sin. God chooses not to see our sins.

Here, Balak King of Moab once to hire Balaam a false prophet. In fact, Balaam is a man of divination. He has got spiritual powers. He hires Balaam to curse Israel. He goes to curse Israel and God says, "I will bless whom I will bless and curse whom I will curse." But he says, "Israel is not cursed; they are a blessed people." God intervened in Balaam's prophecy. God would not let Balaam curse Israel. He has been hired by Balak. Notice what Balaam a false prophet said in **verse 19**.

Numbers 23:19-20: *"I cannot reverse it."*

Balaam tells Balak that God interrupted. God says, "I received a commandment. He hath blessed them (Israel)." Balaam says, "I do not care how much you pay me; I cannot reverse it!"

I have been saved thirty-two years, and I will be saved five trillion years from now! Why? It cannot be reversed! The devil comes and says, "I want to curse him." God says, "Curse all you want, he has everlasting life."

Numbers 23:19-20

That means God is not going to change his mind about giving me eternal life.

Verse 21: "*He (God) hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob...*" Who is Jacob?

That is Israel.

That means you have a reason to shout as did Israel because you are going to heaven. God here nationally looks at Israel and says, "I do not see anything wrong."

"Blessed is the man whom the Lord will not impute sin."

I am a blessed man. ***"God hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel."***

Verses 21-23

Not all the demons in hell can change my standing with Jesus Christ.

My standing in Jesus Christ is my position. There is a difference between my standing and my state (or condition).

My Standing = eternal security. My State = my condition. Sometimes, my fellowship is broken, and I need

to get right with God.

1. My standing = my union in Christ is forever.
2. My state = my communion is sometimes broken.
3. My standing = child of God.

Romans 4:8

Romans 8:33. Who are God's elect? You are, if you are saved. Who shall lay a charge to God's elect? That is my account. The Bible says, ***"God hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob nor seen perverseness in Israel."***

Romans 8:33: "...It is God that justifieth."

Verse 34

2 Corinthians 5:19: ***"...not imputing their trespasses unto them..."*** All the sins that were on my account were taken away in the blood of Christ. It started out with a fresh slate a clean slate. I still got a clean slate.

2 Corinthians 5:19

I am a blessed man because God does not impute my iniquities to me.

John 3:18

"He that believeth on him is not condemned..." I have been acquitted. I have been set free. You cannot try a man for the same crime twice. ***"Who shall lay a charge to God's elect?"***

John 3:18: *"...he that believeth not is condemned already..."* If you are not saved, you are going to hell as you

sit there. You must repent, and God will impute His righteousness to you.

John 3:18

John 5:24: “...*hath everlasting life...*” That is present tense. God has given me salvation and I shall not come into condemnation but am passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

“Blessed is the man whom the Lord will not impute sin.”

Romans 4: My standing in Christ is sinless perfection.

Romans 4:6-8: Are you blessed today?

That is why I have eternal life and cannot lose salvation. You say, “Preacher, you believe once saved always saved? Yes, I do!”

Romans 8: If you believe, you can lose your salvation. They might not have it. Usually, if you believe you can lose it, you do not understand the grace of God. If you believe you lose your salvation, what are you trusting in for the salvation of your soul? They must be trusting in their good works. They do not know how they are going to be living tomorrow.

Romans 8:35-39

Lesson 22 Questions

1. If you are trying to get to heaven by good works, you are _____ the grace of God.
 - a. Frustrating
 - b. Furthering
 - c. Forgetting
 - d. Falsifying
2. The first step of salvation is:
 - a. Repentance
 - b. Justification
 - c. Love
 - d. Humility
3. You can have negative imputation.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. My standing = _____.
 - a. My eternal security
 - b. My communion with Christ
 - c. Being a child of God
 - d. Both a and c
5. My state =
 - a. My eternal security
 - b. My communion with Christ
 - c. Being a child of God
 - d. Both a and c
6. Who are God's elect?
 - a. Those God chose to be saved
 - b. Those who obeyed the law
 - c. Those who are saved
 - d. None of the above
7. Blessed is the man whom the Lord will not _____ sin.

8. You can lose your salvation.
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. Balaam was hired to _____ Israel.
 - a. Bless
 - b. Curse
 - c. Deceive
 - d. Entice
10. Balaam _____ Israel.
 - a. Blessed
 - b. Cursed
 - c. Deceived
 - d. Enticed

Romans Lesson #23

Romans 4:9-16

Let's read **verse 6**. God will give you His righteousness without works or merit on your part. **Verse 7**: My sins are dealt with; they are covered that is in the past. **Verse 8**: So, not only did God impute to my account His righteousness, but there is also a negative imputation wherein God did not charge to my account my sins after I got saved.

Romans 4:9: "*Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision (Jews) only, or upon the uncircumcision (Gentiles) also?*"

Is this salvation that is so good only for the Jews? No, it is for the Gentiles also. Look at the end of the verse, **"...for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness."**

God reckoned righteousness to Abraham because he put his faith in God.

Romans 4:10: "*How was in then reckoned?*" When it was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? He is being very specific. He wants to know.

Romans 4:3

Romans 4:10. Write this down: In **Genesis 15:6**, Abraham's faith was counted to him for righteousness.
Romans 4:10: What chapter in Genesis did Abraham get circumcised? **Genesis 17**. What does that prove? It proves that God gave Abraham His righteousness without works

before he got circumcised. Listen, Moses was not even born yet. The law came by Moses, but grace and truth by Jesus Christ. **Romans 4:10:** Notice the answer: ***“Not in circumcision (Genesis 17) but in uncircumcision (Genesis 15).”*** This proves circumcision has nothing to do with salvation. Why is this important? If you could see the battle that they were having back in **Acts 15**, you would realize it was a ridiculous situation.

Acts 15:1-2

Did circumcision come through Moses or Abraham?
Abraham.

Romans 4:11: ***“And he (Abraham) received the sign of circumcision...”***

1 Corinthians 1:22: ***“For the Jews require a sign...”***
Remember, signs are for the Jews. **1 Corinthians 14** says tongues are for a sign.

Go back to **Romans 4:10** and notice that Abraham received a sign. Signs are for the Jew.

Romans 4:10

He received the sign of circumcision. The Sabbath is also a sign. Tongues are a sign. **Romans 4:11:** ***“And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal...”*** A seal is something different. A seal is a token. When God instituted circumcision in **Genesis 17**, He said, “I am going to give you a token of the righteousness of faith.” This seal was given as an evidence that Abraham belonged to God. If you go all through the Old Testament when David is fighting the Philistines, you see how he fights Goliath. Goliath is called

the Uncircumcised. Circumcision is a sign and a seal. What is a seal?

The Bible says, ***“Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”***

There is a sense we are sealed by the Holy Spirit. How many times could a man get circumcised in the Old Testament? Once.

Romans 2:28

God says that the outward circumcision does not make the man. The Jews placed too much emphasis on the externals. What churches do today is make the Lord's Supper apart of salvation. They make church membership a part of salvation. They make baptism apart of salvation. They use all these externals, and that is the tendency of man do something like that. We place the importance on the outward and the visible. Circumcision did not add to Abraham's salvation. It attested to it.

We have another problem: the people knew that circumcision was for the Jews. So now we have a heresy. It is called “covenant theology.” In covenant theology, they sprinkle babies. The covenant said that circumcision was a part of salvation. “Now we do not do that today, so we sprinkle infants,” they say. They say that all babies who get sprinkled are saved.

Is baptism ever called a sign in the Bible? No, they say baptism takes the place of circumcision. Circumcision was called a sign. Baptism is never called a sign.

Circumcision is not the counterpart for baptism.

If baptism is the counterpart for circumcision, what is the command for females?

A child was circumcised before he put his faith in Jesus Christ. In the Bible you have to put faith in Christ and then follow the Lord in baptism.

Romans 4:12-13: ***"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world..."*** Who is your daddy? Well, I wonder what he will get as an inheritance? The world.

When you talk about the new heavens and new earth coming from God out of heaven, the church will be the new Jerusalem. The earth will be the Jews'.

Who will populate the out space? The Gentiles. That is after the millennium.

Romans 4:13; Genesis 17:4-6

Abraham is called the first Hebrew. You know what language the Jews speak? Hebrew. Abraham was the first Hebrew. You say, "That is kind of unusual." You know what Abraham was? He was a Gentile. You ask, "How's that?" God called out of Abraham a people for His name. He made a special nation.

Romans 4:13: ***"...through the law..."***

He is showing that Abraham was going to get the righteousness of God without circumcision. Now he is saying Abraham got the righteousness of God without the law. How do you know that? Moses was not born yet.

Romans 4:13

Romans 4:14

He says, “If you think you are going to heaven by doing good works, ***faith is made void...***”

Void means empty. It is like your faith does not count. The faith you had vanished. Works cancel faith. If you are trusting going to heaven by works, your faith does not count. Your works cancel out your faith.

Galatians 3:12: “*And the law is not of faith...*”

Well, “I think faith and works.” If you are trying to live by good works, you have to figure what the Lord requires. It requires absolute perfection and damnation for any imperfection. You say I do not believe it.

Galatians 3:10: “...Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things...”

Verses 11-13

You ask, “How can God save me and let me go Scott-free when I am guilty, and I know it.” Because Christ was made a curse for you, He took your place. You can walk scott-free and click your heels because you are going to heaven.

Verses 13-14: “...the Promise of the Spirit through baptism.” No! **“...through faith.”**

Verse 15

You cannot take away from the gospel or add to it. You are going to have to believe it as it stands. You cannot chip away at God’s gospel, and say, “I do not like this part,

and I do not like that part.” Brethren, it is God’s way or the highway. It is a highway to hell.

Verses 15-17

The law was given 430 years after Abraham got saved.

Verses 17-18

God gave Abraham His righteousness by faith. Four hundred thirty years later, the law was given. The law cannot change the fact that Abraham went to heaven.

Verses 19-21

He said, “If the law could have given you life, then righteousness should have been given by the law.” If you could go to heaven by good works, then why did Christ have to die? ***“...if righteousness came by the law Christ is dead in vain.”***

Galatians 2:21: What does frustrate mean? It makes God angry. If you could go to heaven by good works, then his death was unnecessary.

Galatians 3:21-23: The way they got saved in the Old Testament and the New Testament is two different things.

Verse 24

If you try to live by the law and do by the law, if you try to get saved by doing right, it will drive you to Jesus Christ.

Verses 25, 29: We are in on something we did not

even belong to.

Romans 4: He says, “You are Abraham’s seed.” Are you Abraham’s physical seed? No! He is talking about Abraham’s spiritual seed.

Romans 4:9: Is it for us, too? How do we get in on what was promised to Abraham?

Romans 4:14; 11:6

You are not saved by grace and works mixed together. Notice, ***“And if by grace, then it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace...”*** He said, ***“...your grace is made void.”*** He said that grace does not count.

Romans 11:6

You cannot be saved by grace and works. As soon as you believe that works has anything to do with it, grace is gone. You cannot have God’s grace unless you admit that it is grace and grace alone.

Romans 11:6

It is either grace, or it is works. They cannot be mixed together.

Romans 4:14-15: ***“The law worketh wrath...”*** He said, ***“I do not frustrate the grace of God if righteousness comes by the law then Christ is dead in vain.”*** ***“The law worketh wrath...”*** The law stirs up in your feelings of irritation that I just cannot be good enough. You, how good do you have to be to get to heaven by good works? Perfect.

The law will frustrate you. The law will make you upset, discouraged.

Romans 4:15: “Because the law worketh wrath...”

The law all it can do is condemn. The law cannot make perfect.

Look at some examples:

Romans 5:20: “Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound...” The law was added because of transgressions. That is like a huge magnifying glass on your sin. He gave the law to show how bad you were. Before you got saved, you did not think you were too bad a person. Somebody started witnessing to you; and, finally, you realized I am going to hell. I am bad! Did you not realize that?

Romans 5:20

Romans 7:5

Do you know what the law did for you? It killed you. The Bible says, **“The soul that sinneth, it shall die.”** The law did not say if you sinned a bunch, ye shall die.

Romans 7:5, 7

You come to church, and you want to feel better. It seems the more Bible you hear, the worse you feel. Why? The Bible reveals your sin.

Illustration:

A man at work was criticizing another man at work.

He said, "You Christians, all you have is you have trouble. I am not going to become a Christian or have trouble. Things are going smooth for us, but you Christians are having all kinds of problems."

The Christian went home, not knowing what to say. He felt bad. The next day, he went duck hunting. Another man with him shot two ducks which fell out of the air. One duck fell, and it was dead. The other duck fell and was still alive thrashing and wiggling around in the field.

This shooter said, "Go get the duck for me." So, the Christian went out to get the dead one first.

However, the shooter yelled after him, "Don't get the dead one; he is not going anywhere! Go, get the live one before he runs off."

You know who the devil is giving trouble? He gives trouble to the ones who are moving around and have some life. They might slip away and get away from him. You know why he is not giving some of you trouble? You are dead; he already has you.

Romans 7:10: "...the commandment..." God's Word is pure. **Verse 11**

The problem is not the law. The problem is our sin nature.

Romans 7:11-12

The problem is not with the law. The problem is we do not have the ability to keep it.

Romans 7:13

You say, "My sin is not that bad." Let's take the magnifying glass of God's Word and let me preach on it for about an hour. I can preach on any sin in the Bible that you can name. When I get done, you will say, "My sin actually is pretty bad."

Romans 7:13: *"...the sin by the commandment might become exceedingly sinful."*

Romans 7:14

The problem is not God's law. The problem is we have a sin nature. We are bent to sinning. Thank God Christ kept the law for us.

Romans 3:19-20

The more you know about the law, the worse you realize you are and that you are in need of a Savior.

Romans 4: The law can only condemn. The Law cannot justify. The law cannot give life. The law cannot make you perfect.

Romans 4:15

If we were a church that only believed in good works, it would only make a bunch of angry, bitter people. There are people out there by the thousands who are exposed to: "Do not do this; do not do that. Do this; do not do that." The law is the school master that brings us unto Christ. The law was not an end in itself.

Romans 4:15

If a person does not know good and evil, you cannot

accuse them of a transgression. That is why babies go to heaven when they die. I am talking about Mongoloids, still birth, morons, water-brains. They go to heaven because they do not know what sin is. I do not care if the parents go to church or do not go to church.

Romans 4:16: *“There it is of faith...”* Salvation is of faith.

Lesson 23 Questions

1. Is salvation only good for the Jews?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. Abraham's faith was counted to him for _____.
 - a. Salvation
 - b. Justification
 - c. Righteousness
 - d. Consecration
3. Whom did circumcision come through?
 - a. Abraham
 - b. Joseph
 - c. Aaron
 - d. Moses
4. What is the heresy called wherein people justify sprinkling babies?
 - a. Circumcision Theology
 - b. Covenant Theology
 - c. Baptismal Theology
 - d. Orthodox Theology
5. Whose does the new earth become?
 - a. The Gentiles'
 - b. The Church's
 - c. Jesus'
 - d. The Jews'
6. Your _____ cancel(s) out your faith.
 - a. Works
 - b. Baptism
 - c. Church
 - d. Pride

7. How many years after Abraham got saved was the law written?
8. The more Bible you hear, the worse you feel. Why?
 - a. Because the Bible reveals your feelings
 - b. Because the Bible reveals your sin
 - c. Because the Bible reveals God
 - d. Because the Bible reveals your heart
9. Our problem is the law.
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. Why does the devil not give some Christians trouble?
 - a. They are too strong for him
 - b. They have a close relationship with God
 - c. They do not have enough faith
 - d. They are already dead/ineffective

Romans Lesson #24

Romans 4:17-25

Read Romans 4:2

Let's suppose for a second that Abraham was justified by good works. Then, whereas he is the glory, but not before God. God is not going to let you earn eternal life by good works if it is free. How do we know that? **Romans 4:3-4**

That means you are trying to even off your sin debt. You are trying to balance it out.

Romans 4:5

You cannot get any plainer for New Testament salvation than that. **Romans 4:6**

The cults survive and exist because of the pride of man. ***"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked and who can know it."*** Man is naturally self-righteous, and he rejects the pure grace of God. Man wants to concoct and manufacture some way to get saved. ***"...and despiseth the grace of God."*** If I get saved that way, I have to get saved that way even if I am any prostitute, harlot, or murderer. That is exactly right. The thief on the cross got saved just by asking. He said, ***"Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."*** Jesus said, ***"Today thou shalt be with me in paradise."*** No baptism; no Lord's supper; no tithing; no church membership. Salvation is for the asking.

Romans 4:16

That tells me why I am saved and cannot lose my salvation. You know why? Because I am not trusting in good works to get me there.

Romans 4:16: “...to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham...”

How did Abraham get saved?

Abraham believed God and faith was counted unto him for righteousness.

Romans 4:16-17. There are four words you need to circle in **verse 17: “...before him...even God...”**

Romans 4:17: “...who quickeneth the dead...”

That means God can make alive the dead. That is why I have hope beyond the grave. This world is not my home; I am just passing through. Jesus said, **“I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”** Whosoever believeth in me shall never die. Job said, **“I know that my redeemer liveth and that he shall stand in the latter day upon the earth after my skin the worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God.”** I have a God that can quicken the dead. He can make me alive. You do not bury a Christian, you plant them, because I am coming back up.

Romans 4:17: “...and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”

You might say, “I lost my dad; I miss him.” If a loved one is saved, you did not lose them. If you lose them, you

do not know where they are.

Christians have a whole different language than you do. I will see my loved ones again.

If God can quicken the dead, He can call those things which be not as though they were. I am going to talk to my grandmother again. I am going to visit with my granddad and grandmother. I am going to see my friends; I have to hope beyond this world.

Romans 4:17

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me...”

God can call those things that be not. God can tell you about the future. God can take and write down. One day, he said Moses, “Write, In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Moses says, “I was not there.” God says, “I can call those things which be not as though they were.”

My God can do the impossible. ***“Faith is the substance of things hope for and the evidence of things not seen.”***

My God can ***“call those things which be not as we thought they were.”***

God made this world out of nothing. He can call those things which be not as though they were. Do you know you were made out of nothing? How do you know that?

Hebrews 11:3: “...the things which are seen were

not made of things which do appear.”

My God can quicken the dead and can ***“call those things which be not as though they were.”***

He made the earth. He made the planets. He called those things which be not as though they were.

Romans 4:18. We are now going to study Abraham’s faith.

Notice, ***“Who against hope believed in hope...”***
What was that thing he was believing in? Why did he have a hard time grasping the thing?

Romans 4:18: *“...so shall thy seed be.”*

Abraham is a one-hundred-year-old, and his body is dead. He is passed the age of childbearing, yet he said, ***“...so shall thy seed be.”***

Romans 4:19: *“And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead...”*

He was walking around, talking, sleeping, and eating food; but his body was dead reproductive wise. He was passed the age of childbearing.

Romans 4:19

So, in a sense Abraham and Sarah were dead in the way of having children. God said, “I am going to give you a seed. My seed and all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” He said, “I believe you God!” You do? “Yes.” Hey, nobody has kids in your age, “But God if you said it is going to happen because you quickeneth the dead. You calleth

those things which be not as though they were.”

He said, “God, I believe with you all things are possible.” Abraham believed that. If you believe that God said, “I am going to give you a seed.”

I want to show you the steps of Abraham’s faith:

Verse 18: “*Who against hope believed in hope...*”

There are two hopes in **verse 18**. The first hope is: human hope. The second hope has to do with God and hoping in God.

Why? With men it is impossible, but not with God. For, with God all things are possible.

He was dead. Remember the deadness of Sarah’s womb. He said, “***...who against hope believed in hope.***”

For example, having children at one hundred years old is contrary to medical science, nature, logic, common sense, reason, and experience.

Romans 4:18

Remember, the man in the book of Mark that said, “I believe”? Help thou, my unbelief. Sometimes, our faith is weak and small. That man came to Jesus Christ and said, “I believe. Help thou my unbelief.” He said, “A part of me is believing.” Lord, I want to believe.” Nature, logic, science, reason say, “It is not possible.” ***“Against hope believed in hope...”***

Write this down: Never have faith in your faith.

Why?

You cannot trust your heart. Your heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, and who can know it? The Bible says, ***“He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool.”*** Never have faith in your faith. Have faith in God. Faith is based on God’s Word.

Romans 4:18

Romans 4:18: ***“...according to that which is spoken...”***

The second thing is your faith is to be in is God’s Word.

“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” You have to have faith in the word—in what God said. Do not have faith in your faith.

From a reproductive point of view, both Abraham and Sarah—we are dead. You know what God did, and that God will do this on purpose. God will do this with you.

God waited and delayed to permit all natural strength to be completely declined.

God made it sure that they were old enough and incapable of having kids. Now we are going to have them. They said, “We could have done better at seventy years old, Lord.” The Lord said, “No! We are going to wait until everybody knows it is biologically impossible to have children.” So, God waited on purpose.

The rejuvenation of Abraham’s body is a picture of the resurrection of the dead.

Abraham believed in a Son. We must believe that God raised his Son.

You see, what Abraham had to believe. He considered not his body, now dead when he was one hundred years old, but God quickeneth the dead. The things which be not though they were. Abraham believed in a son. We must believe that God raised his Son from the dead.

The sinner is unable to help himself. Why? ***“For when we were yet without strength Christ in due time died for the ungodly.”***

You cannot save yourself. ***“For without me you can do nothing”*** As long as the sinner thinks he is strong enough to do anything, he cannot be saved. You know what God did?

“Well, Lord show me the way.” God will allow you to go through another accident and trial to let you hit bottom. So, you have nowhere else to look but to God. God will allow you to come to the end of yourself so that you realize you are nothing.

Romans 4:18-19: “And being not weak in faith, he considered not his body now dead...”

Remember, real faith does not consider the circumstances. Real faith does not think about the flesh. **Romans 4:19: “...neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb.”**

Sarah's womb was a tomb, but out of that womb came life.

Romans 4:19

“Whom he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

The third step of faith is found in **Verse 20**: ***“He (Abraham) staggered not...”***

First: ***“Who against hope believed in hope...”***

The second step: ***“And he being not weak in faith he considered not his own body...”*** His faith is increasing because he is going on serving the Lord.

Thirdly: ***“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief...”*** To stagger is like, “Preacher, you almost fell off the step there.” To falter. When you are dizzy. To stagger is to sway. Abraham did not falter in his faith. Are you staggering at the promises or standing on the promises?

The Bible says, ***“Let him ask in faith nothing wavering, for he that wavereth is like a wave driven with the wind tossed for let not him think he shall receive of the Lord he staggered at the promise of God through unbelief.”***

Romans 4:20: *“...he was strong in faith...”*

It picked up another step. Brother, start to live for God and start doing something. It says that he was not weak in faith but strong in faith. To what degree or end? To the glory of God.

When you want everybody to appreciate you, thank you, want you, and say good things to you, you are not

walking by faith. You are walking by sight. Abraham's faith was so strong that he said, "I recognize your faith in this. I was dead; you opened Sarah's womb for me." He said, "God, I give you the glory." God will bring you to nothing before He uses you. God will actually bring you the end of yourself. Then, God will use you when you think you are nothing.

Romans 4:20

Verse 21: "*And being fully persuaded...*" Notice that God is able to perform.

Philippians 1:6

You do not have to worry about performing. God will do the performing for us.

Luke 1:45

Can you imagine being a virgin and God coming down and saying, "Nine months from now, you are going to have a baby"? Mary probably thought, "Is that right? Hey, Joseph and I are not supposed to get married for three more months. Hey, this is not going to be his child. Lord, this does not sound right." It will be a child of the Holy Ghost. It says there in **Luke 1:45: "*And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.*"**

Your role is to just believe. It is God's part to perform. God will do the performing. You just believe what He said. God will bless you.

Psalms 57:2: "*...God performeth all things for me.*"

2 Timothy 1:12

Paul said in **Romans 4:21**: ***"I'm fully persuaded, that what he promised, he was able to perform."***

You know something about Abraham's faith? He did not even have the book of Genesis. Moses was not born yet. Abraham did not have a Bible. He was almost alone. He was a believer surrounded by the heathen. He was alone. He could not look back at a long record of faith. You know what we are doing? We are looking back at a long record of faith. We are encouraged from the life of Abraham. Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness. He could not look back at a long record of faith, and God said, "Abraham is my friend." Abraham was a friend of God. He was the Father of all them that believed.

Romans 4: Note now how God ties the next four verses in.

Verse 22. His faith was imputed to him for righteousness. His faith was charged to Abraham's account for righteousness. ***"Who against hope believed in hope...being not weak in faith considered not his body now dead he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but in faith giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that what he promised he was able to perform."***

Verse 22

You know what Abraham did? He took God at His Word.

Romans 4:23-24: ***"But for us also, to whom it shall***

be imputed, if we believe on him..."

God imputing righteousness to you is dependent upon your faith.

Romans 4:24: ***"But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if..."*** You see, salvation is not automatic. When Christ died on the cross two thousand years ago, did he die for everybody's sin that was ever born? Yes, he did. If he died for everybody, does that mean they are automatically saved? No, it is conditional upon you receiving and accepting it. You must receive eternal life, and you must accept God's gift of eternal life. God will impute righteousness to your account.

Romans 4:24-25: He was ***"...delivered for our offences."***

He did not die for his sins. He had no sin. He was ***"delivered for our offences."***

That means your behavior offended God. It was your sins that put Jesus Christ on the cross. He was delivered for our offenses. Christ was offered for our sins. Christ took your place. He was delivered.

Romans 8:32

You say, "God would not put me in hell." God put His own Son on a cross, plucked out His beard, and said, "Prophecy, who it is that smote thee..." Do you think God will spare you in the day of judgment? He did not spare the world spitting and laughing and beating His own Son.

Romans 8:32

If God put His Son on the cross to save you from hell, you do not think He would save you if you call upon Him and ask for eternal life?

Romans 4:25: “...and was raised for justification.”

Is Christ still dead to today? No. Christ died for our sins, but then God raised Jesus from the dead. That means God accepted the atonement that Christ made for us. You see, he is not still paying for our sins. God accepted the atonement. It is complete. The sin debt is paid. Remember, the gospel is not complete without the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1: “Therefore being justified by faith...”

There is pure salvation. Do you have a storm raging inside your heart? Things are troubling you? Things are eating at you? Are you worried, upset, or bothered? Here is the solution:

Romans 5:1

Lesson 24 Questions

1. Cults survive and exist because:
 - a. God's Blessing
 - b. Devil's Blessing
 - c. Man's Pride
 - d. Man's Achievement
2. If a Christian dies, we have lost them.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. What hope is referred to in Romans 4:16?
 - a. Human Hope
 - b. Hope in God
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
4. Never have your faith in _____.
Faith
5. We ought to have faith in:
 - a. Faith
 - b. Our Feelings
 - c. Our Intuition
 - d. None of the above
6. Real faith does not consider: (Multiple Answers)
 - a. God
 - b. The Flesh
 - c. Hardships
 - d. Circumstances
7. We are to be strong in faith to what?
 - a. To your ability
 - b. To the glory of God
 - c. To the end of your life
 - d. To the benefit of others

8. God will spare people at the day of judgment because He is loving.
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. You just have to believe, and God will do the performing.
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. The rejuvenation of Abraham's body is a picture of what?

Romans Lesson #25

Romans 5:1-2

Romans 5:1: ***“Therefore...”*** If you see “therefore,” you need to see the context. ***“Therefore being justified by faith...”*** It is amazing how the Bible is simple and to the point. People make a hard thing out of God and do not understand. If you do not have the Holy Spirit living inside of you, it will be a hard thing to understand. ***“Therefore being justified by faith...”*** Notice the result: ***“...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

Look at the context of ***“Therefore”*** in the previous verse: **Romans 4:25:** ***“Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”***

He is talking about the death, burial, and resurrection. **Romans 5:1:** ***“Therefore being justified...”*** How? ***“...by faith...”*** I want to simplify things.

Romans 5:9: ***“Much more then, being justified by his blood...”*** Verse 1 says that you justified by faith.

What is right?

You are justified by faith in His blood. It is simple; it is not works. You do not add works in **verse 9**. His works are what save us. **Romans 5:1:** He said the word “therefore.” The last two verses in **chapter 4** were about his death, burial, and resurrection. ***“And without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.”*** Romans 5:9.

Not only am I now justified, but I am also not going to hell. I am not going through the tribulation period.

Romans 5:1: “...we have peace...” What is the opposite of peace?

The world talks about peace treaties, peace corps, peace. The opposite of peace is WAR.

Before you become a Christian, there is a battle; there is a warfare. There is animosity—something going on inside of you that is turning and grinding. You are at odds with somebody or something, and you do not know what it is. So, Paul uses this terminology.

You say, “Well, I do not think it means we are at war with God.” **Romans 5:10:** “*For if when we were enemies...*”

Romans 5:10

Before getting saved, I did not know I was an enemy of God. I did not know that my situation was so severe. As the Bible said, I was an enemy of God, and I did not even know it. Jesus said, “He that is not with me is against me.” There is no such thing as fence straddling. You say, “I am not really against him.” He that is not with me is against me.

Romans 5:10: There has to be reconciliation. What does that mean?

Unconditional surrender.

I put up a white flag. You know, when someone starts to wave a white flag, it symbolizes unconditional surrender. Listen, if you really want to make peace with God, you have to surrender. “You know, God, I would like to be saved but...” “God, I want you to save me but...” No, you surrender to God unconditionally. You say, “Lord I am a

sinner. I need you and you only because I am going to hell. I want you to come into my heart: I am yours.”

Romans 5:10 Listen, if Christ died for His enemies, He would surely also save His friends.

Romans 5:1

Let’s do a refresher.

Romans 3:20: You know what the deeds of the law are? Doing good works. What is the flesh refer to? A person.

Romans 3:20

He said that by doing good works you cannot be justified.

Romans 3:24: “...*being justified freely...*”

1. He said you are justified by faith.
2. You are justified by faith in His blood.
3. You are justified freely.

It costs you nothing.

Romans 5:1. Can I show you some more about war and peace?

Ephesian 2:12: “*That at that time ye were...*” He says, “Now that you Ephesians are saved...” Do you know who you Ephesians use to be? When you get saved, you find all kinds of things out about yourself. “*That at that time ye were without Christ...*” You were empty.

Ephesians 2:12: “...*having no hope without God in this world.*”

Do you know people who are not saved are without hope without God in this world? That leaves you a pauper. I do not care if you have a huge bank account. He says, "You are without hope without God in this world."

Ephesians 2:13: ***"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."***

Verse 14: ***"For he is our peace..." Christ is our peace. How? He **"...hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."*****

How terrible for God's creation to be separated from the Creator.

Is there a wall between you and God?

Colossians 1:20: ***"Having made peace through the blood..."*** He does not mean the Lord's Supper. Because, when you take that cup, that is not the blood of Christ. It has nothing to do with your salvation.

This here means you ask God to save you and wash you by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:20-21

Before I got saved, I was at war. I was at enmity with God. I was an enemy of God. I had wicked works. I was alienated from the life of God which is in Christ Jesus my Lord. When I got justified by faith in the blood, when I unconditionally surrendered, God broke down the middle wall of partition.

Do you have the peace of God?

If you are not saved, there is a war that goes on and rages inside of you.

Is it not good to be on God's side?

Isaiah 48:22: “There is no peace...” Who is wicked? Anybody that is not a Christian. I did not look at myself that way. I knew I was sinful. I knew I was wrong. I knew I was unholy, but I had to look at myself as God looks at me. My righteousness is as filthy rags. **“Every man at his best state is altogether vanity.” “There is no peace sayeth my God to the wicked.”**

Peace is an emotion. Peace is rest of soul. You can have peace on the outside, but there is a turmoil, storm raging on the inside. Peace is calm. Peace is satisfaction. Peace is tranquility. Peace is freedom from disturbance, freedom from agitation. Freedom from fear. Freedom from terror. Freedom from anxiety.

“Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...”

John 14:27: The first word: **“Peace.”** Notice, **“Peace I leave unto you, my peace I sell unto you...”** Listen, that is not what he said to you. It is not an indulgence like the Catholics sell.

John 14:27: “Not as the world giveth, give I unto you...”

The world gives temporary peace. **“Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful, and the end of that mirth is heaviness.”** You can obtain peace in this world through drugs. All the different things they do to calm your soul. If

you do it to get calm, why do you have to do it again? You know how many times I got saved? Once. It is still lasting. It is the real thing.

John 14:27: Jesus said, ***“Peace I leave with you, my peace...”***

So, there is a false peace.

John 14:27

You can have the peace of God. Not the world’s peace—that is hollow and empty. Not temporary peace, Jesus wants to give you real peace.

John 16:22: ***“And ye now therefore have sorrow...”***

You may go through things in this life.

John 16:22: ***“...I will see you again...your joy no man taketh from you.”***

When he gives you real peace, not the world’s peace, no man can take it from you. Notice, ***“...your joy no man taketh from you.”***

What is joy?

It is an emotion.

You know what you can do with Jesus Christ? Come and get your guilt complex removed. It is your fault you have a guilt complex. Come to the blood of Christ and get it fixed.

Romans 15:13, ***“Now the God of dread?”*** No! ***“...the God of hope...”***

“Now the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace...” How?

Believing precedes joy and peace. Everybody in this room wants joy and peace. You know how you get it? You have to humble yourself. Jesus said, ***“...my peace I give unto you not as the world giveth give I unto you.”***

Jesus says, “If you get the right kind no man taketh it from you.” Why? It is on the inside. God puts it on the inside.

Romans 15:13

If you want joy and peace, you have to get it the way God offers it.

We are talking about peace and war. You are also reconciled to God by the death of his Son.

Matthew 11:28: “Come unto me...” Did he say join the church? Be confirmed? Be baptized? He says, ***“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden...”***

Laden means there is a burden laid on you. Before you became a Christian, you were loaded down with a burden. It is guilt. Guilt is a load to carry. You can take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Matthew 11:28: *“Come unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”*

That is peace in the soul—the calm in the storm.

Verse 30: *“For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

Listen, if you are at the crossroads: "Well, I do not like me life. Christianity, that is hard," the Bible says, ***"Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil..."*** You must realize that ***"the way of a transgressor is hard."***

Matthew 11:30: Christ's yoke is easy.

You say, if I get saved, God is going to expect me to do this and this and that.

Do you want tranquility and calmness freedom from disturbance and agitation?

Romans 5:1-2

You not only have peace, but you also have access: ***"By whom also we have access..."***

I not only have peace now, but I also have access. Why? Because the middle wall of partition has been broken down. Before you got saved, you prayed and nothing happened.

You know what he is talking about now that you have gotten saved? Now you have a prayer life.

When you get into a jam you can talk to God.
Romans 5:2.

Verse 1 talked about peace. Now, He talks about access. Now it says you have joy.

Paul says you can have a prayer life and get into the holy of holies.

Jesus said, ***"I am the door: by me if any man shall***

enter in he shall go in and out and find pasture.” That means he goes in and out of the holy of holies.

John 10: The Christian life is not only easy. The burden is light, and the commandments are not grievous. I want you to see the life He has promised is better than the life you had before.

John 10:9-10

Before salvation, your life was miserable. Jesus promises when you get born again, He will give you the abundant life.

John 10:10

If you do not have that abundant life, something is wrong between you and God. You might be saved, but brick by brick, you have built up that wall because of sin. You have life, but you do not have that abundant life anymore. **1 John 1:9**

We have abundant life in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Read **Luke 14**. It gives excuses as to why people do not get saved. Let me ask you: What sin is worth going to hell for?

My pride. That will put you there. What will people think? The fear of man bringeth a snare. A snare is a trap. **Proverbs 29:25**. There is not one sin worth going to hell for.

Romans 5:1-2

I want to show you how rich God is.

Ephesians 1:6

He makes us acceptable before God. **Verse 7:**
“...according to the riches of his grace.”

When you get saved you get:

1. Peace
2. A prayer Life
3. The Riches of His Grace

Philippians 4:19

He did not say “supply all your greed.” Or
“everything you want.” ***“...everything you need...”***

We have so much in Christ:

1. We can have peace.
2. We can rejoice.
3. We have access into this grace wherein we stand.

Lesson 25 Questions

1. The opposite of peace is war.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. Before we are saved, we are _____ God.
 - a. Friends
 - b. Acquaintances
 - c. Enemies
 - d. Haters
3. Can you be for and against God at the same time?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. If you want peace with God, you have to:
 - a. Sacrifice
 - b. Surrender
 - c. Service
 - d. Sanctification
5. How much does justification cost?
 - a. Sacrifices
 - b. Everything
 - c. Nothing
 - d. Fighting
6. Is peace an emotion?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
7. The way of a transgressor is _____.
 - a. Easy
 - b. Hard
 - c. Complicated
 - d. Simple
8. Christ's yoke is _____.

- a. Easy
 - b. Hard
 - c. Complicated
 - d. Simple
9. According to Romans 5, in addition to peace, we get _____.
- a. Faith
 - b. Access
 - c. Love
 - d. Joy
10. List the three things you get when you get saved:

Romans Lesson #26

Romans 5:3-11

Last time we learned what we have by salvation. We have peace, we have access, we can come to the riches of his grace.

Romans 5:2: “... we rejoice in hope...” In there is a preposition. Hope is not a verb. It is not “I hope.” It is, “I am saved.” Do you realize Christians should rejoice more than anyone?

Romans 5:2

1. We have peace
2. We have access
3. We can rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

The hope we have is the anchor of the soul both steadfast and sure. Do you know when God’s glory will be shone? In the second coming, every eye shall see Him. We will rejoice in hope. Our future is bright.

Romans 5:3: “Not only so...” He said, “There is more.” Notice, “...we glory in tribulations...” As believers, Paul says that we can have a different attitude towards tribulations. We do not have to let that thing bother us. We can glory in tribulations.

“...knowing tribulation worketh patience;” You do not have to get down and let it get under your skin. How does it work patience?

You do not have to let bad news bother you. The Bible says, ***“I shall not be afraid of evil tidings my heart is fixed trusting in the Lord.”***

James 1:2

He says, “When things go bad, you should praise the Lord.” God is going to get glory out of this somehow. He is testing me; he is proving me; he is trying me. He is able to get me through it.

James 1:2-3: “...the trying of your faith worketh patience.” Just like it said in Romans. What did it say in Romans 5?

James 1:3-4

The Bible says in everything give thanks. Are you a thankful Christian? The Bible says, ***“The joy of the Lord is our strength.”*** In Nehemiah, those people got holy, but they got happy. Do you know how many people are holy clean separated, and they are miserable? You have other Christians, though, and they are happy living a dirty, rotten, filthy ungodly wicked life.

We not only have peace with God, and access, a bright future.

We can have triumph in troubles.

Romans 5:3-5

- I have peace with God.
- I have access in prayer.
- I rejoice in the grace wherein I stand.

- I can triumph in troubles.

Romans 8:18, 28, 37

Notice the natural outline.

Romans 5:2: “...we rejoice in hope...” Verse 3: “...we glory in tribulations...”

In **verse 3: “And Not only so...”** There is only one other phrase like that in the whole Bible. **Verse 11: “And not only so...we also glory in God...”**

There are three things I want you to see:

1. Verse 2: We rejoice in hope.

2. “We glory in tribulations” verse 3. That is the Christian life.

3. We joy in God: verse 11.

You cannot rejoice in the Lord too much:

I want to show you two places. You cannot go overboard. I do not know anybody in this room that gives God too much praise and glory.

Philippians 3:1

He said: “I am not going to ever get tired of praising the Lord.”

Galatians 5:22 This is the Holy Spirit’s fruit. **Verse 23**

Romans 5:3-5

Verse 1: We have peace.

Verse 2: We have access.

Verse 3: We have hope.

Verse 4: Triumph in troubles.

Verse 5: ***“The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given unto us.”***

That means not only are we loved, but we are also not alone anymore. Before you got saved, have you ever felt that nobody cares? David said, “No man cared for my soul.” Did you ever feel like you were out there alone, and something is wrong? You had friends, you had acquaintances. It was all high and smiles, but something down deep inside you felt alone? The Bible says, ***“The Love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Ghost which is given unto me.”***

1. So, I am loved.

2. You have a friend.

Brother, when you get saved, God gives you the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost sheds that love in your heart. It helps you glory in tribulation and tells you Jesus Christ is coming back to the earth. The Holy Ghost prods your heart to pray in the grace wherein ye stand.

Romans 8:9

God says, “If you do not have the Spirit of Christ, you are not saved.” You cannot have Somebody living inside and not know it. You know whether or not the love of God is shed abroad in your heart. Brethren, you get the Holy Ghost the moment you get saved.

Ephesians 1:6-8, 12, 13

The moment you received the gospel, you heard and got saved. God sealed you with the Holy Spirit of promise. That shows you when you got saved. God gave you the Holy Ghost. You get the Holy Ghost the split second you got saved.

Ephesians 1:13

Ephesians 4:30

What if I open the lid? You cannot open it after I got sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5: We have peace. We have access. We have a bright future. We rejoice in the hope and glory of God and rejoice in troubles. I am loved. I am not alone; I have a friend.

Romans 5:6: *“Christ died for the ungodly...”* You say, “I thought He died for the sins of the whole world.” He did. **Verse 6** says the whole world is ungodly. Before I got saved, I was without strength. I was unable to save myself, unable to help myself.

Romans 4:5

The only person God will justify is a person who is ungodly. What is ungodly? God, I am not like you. You say, “Nobody is perfect.” Well, you are ungodly. God is perfect, and you have got to say. I am ungodly.

Romans 4:5

The only kind of person God will justify is an ungodly

person. Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5 You say, "I know some good people, and they are not ungodly." The Bible says, ***"Every man at his best state is altogether vanity."*** **Isaiah 64:6** says that all our righteousness is filthy rags.

Romans 5:6-7. What is scarcely? It means barely.

He is using a worldly illustration. For example, the fox hole. There are guys in there, and they are shooting around. A grenade falls in the hole. You yell, "Grenade!" The old movies show one man putting his helmet over it, and one man falling upon it to save his whole platoon. If you do that, you will get a medal. But, you will die. You know what they do in military training? They have a grenade, pull the pin which has a lever over it, which would then cause smoke to come out of the grenade. That is how the old grenades were designed. In training, the ones in charge would take these fake grenades, fumble with them, and then let it fall to the ground where they were training. Then, one man was to fall on the grenade.

But in training, sergeants said that none of their recruits would jump on it because of fear of dying.

Romans 5:7-8: "But God..."

He let them strip his clothes, spit on His face, beat Him with their fists, and put a crown of thorns on His head until the blood ran down on his face. His throat was so swollen and dry. He said, "I thirst."

Romans 5:8: Christ died for us when we were bad. You say, "Maybe if I get a little better, He will save me." He

did not die for you when you were good. He died for you when you were bad. He will take you just as you are.

He died for me when I was bad. **Romans 5:8**. He died for me he took my place. He did not die for me because He had sin. He had none.

Romans 5:9: “Much more...” You ask, “What are you going to say?” He says, “Keep your fork.” Notice, “***Much more then, being now justified*** (present tense) ***by his blood, we shall be saved*** (future) ***wrath through him.***”

I am not going to hell. I am not going into the tribulation period. I can glory in tribulations, and I got the peace of God that passeth all understanding. I am loved. I have a friend, and I have been delivered from future wrath. These are all the benefits of salvation.

Romans 5:9

I got justified without works.

I will be saved from wrath without works. It is all about him.

Romans 5:10: “For if we were enemies...” When I talked about the peace of God in **verse 1**, God describes what I used to be. “***For if when we were enemies...***”

Romans 5:10: “*For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled...*”

If you are saved, you do not have to feel like you are an enemy anymore if you have yielded and trusted his provision.

Romans 5:10: “...we shall be saved by his life.”

He is in heaven right now. The Bible says that He ever liveth to make intercession for us. You know what the Lord is doing right now? He is praying for me right now. You say, “Nobody cares.” Listen, the Lord is praying for you right now.

Romans 5:10

Romans 8:33

You ask, “What if somebody rats on me?” Who is God’s elect? You see, the devil voted against me, God voted for me. Listen, nobody can disannul what God has done. Nobody can take that away from you.

Romans 8:34

Romans 5:10-11: “...we joy in God...” How? through our flesh? No, “...***through our Lord Jesus Christ.***”

Notice, you must receive the atonement. Atonement is a compound word: at-one. You see, before you got saved, you were at odds with God, separated from God. There was a middle wall of partition between you and God.

Romans 5:10: I was brought to God by the death of His Son. Now, I am One with God. The atonement = at-one-ment. I have been reconciled to God.

Romans 5:11: “...we have...” You have to accept the gift of God which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. You have to receive it.

Romans 5:17: You have to ***“...receive the abundance of grace...”*** Mark the word receive.

Listen, salvation is not automatic. You have to receive the atonement. In **verse 17**, it says you have to ***“receive the abundance of grace.”*** **1 Corinthians 15:3** says that you have to receive the gospel. You can receive mercy. **1 Corinthians 4:1.**

Acts 26: You have to accept it; you have to receive it. You are not saved automatically.

Acts 26:18: ***“...to open their eyes...”*** Before you are saved, you are blinded. Notice, ***“...that they may receive forgiveness of sins...”***

You have to receive it. You have to accept it. You have to want to go to heaven. You must receive the atonement. You must receive the abundance of grace. You must receive the gospel, you must receive forgiveness of sins.

John 1: Have you received the atonement, to have peace and access to the riches of his grace? And have a bright future. Can you triumph in troubles? Can you say you are loved by God? Can you say you are no longer lonely? Can you say I am delivered from future wrath? Can you say I am joying in God? The only way you can do that is by receiving the atonement.

John 1:10: ***“...the world knew him not...”***

Verse 11: ***“...his own received him not.”***

1. Knew him not = Ignorance.

2. Received him not = Rejection. That is worse than just ignorance.

3. John 1:12: But = Repentance. ***“But as many as received him...”***

John 1:12. You do not birth yourself into the family of God. You have to receive him. You have to ask Him to come into your heart. You receive Him by believing on His name.

John 1:13

Lesson 26 Questions

1. We have to hope to be saved.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. "The joy of the Lord is our _____."
 - a. Knowledge
 - b. Wisdom
 - c. Joy
 - d. Strength
3. The three things Christians rejoice in are:
 - a. Hope, Ourselves, Blessings
 - b. Hope, Tribulation, God
 - c. Blessings, God, Salvation
4. We need to be careful of giving God too much glory.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. The only people God will justify are:
 - a. The Godly
 - b. The Ungodly
 - c. The Righteous
 - d. Everyone
6. Atonement means you are
 - a. Sanctified
 - b. Saved from sin
 - c. At one with God
 - d. All of these
7. Salvation is automatic
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. According to John 1:10-12, how do people react to Jesus?

- a. In Ignorance
 - b. With Rejection
 - c. With Repentance
 - d. All of the above
9. At the moment of salvation, God _____ you with the Holy Spirit of promise.
- a. Sealed
 - b. Endowed
 - c. Cursed
 - d. None of these
10. David said, "No man cared for my _____."
- a. Spirit
 - b. Feelings
 - c. Soul
 - d. Heart

Romans Lesson #27

Romans 5:12-21

Romans 5:12: “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin...” You know what that tells me? Evolution teaches there is much death and more death. It teaches that there are all kinds of decaying and fossils evolving and finally man shows up. However, that is not true. According to this, man was here and because of his sin, the first death occurred. What was the first thing in the Bible that died physically? A lamb. Over there in Genesis, a lamb died and was a substitute atonement for Adam and Eve.

Romans 5:12: “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin...”

What came first sin or death? Sin did. Death is a result of sin.

Romans 5:12: “For that all have sinned...”

You say, “Preacher, I do not think it is fair with all the suffering that we have today that we have to suffer because of Adam’s sin.” Listen, we are accountable for our own sin. We made up our own mind and sinned ourselves. That is why it said, **“For that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”**

Romans 5:12

Every person is responsible for their own sin. Death is not the problem. Sin is the problem. If you go back there and read **Genesis 5**, it says, **“this is the book of the**

generations of Adam.” It says that Adam lived to be so many years old and died. Seth lived to be so many years old and died. Enos lived to be so many years old and died. **Genesis 5** says ***“and he died, and he died, and he died, and he died...”*** It is called the book of the generations of Adam. In **Matthew 1** it says, ***“...this is the Books of the generations of Jesus Christ.”*** In **Matthew 1** nobody dies. Why? Because everybody in Christ is made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:21: ***“For since by Man (Adam) came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.”***

Verse 22: ***“For as in Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”***

In **Genesis 5**, this is the generations of Adam: “and he died, and he died, and he died...” **Matthew 1:1:** This in the generation of Jesus Christ: **nobody dies.**

1 Corinthians 5:22

The key is how do I get out of Adam, and how do I get into Jesus Christ?

Because I do not want “and he died, and he died, and he died...”

Jesus said, ***“I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live.”*** John 14:6

1 Corinthians 15:45: ***“...the first man...”*** Does it say the first neanderthal? It says, ***“...the first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening***

spirit.”

You know what he is doing there? He is using Adam as a typology of Jesus Christ. The first Adam people die. You ask, “How could they both be Adam?” Because Adam was called the Son of God. Do you know who the next Son of God was that showed up? Jesus Christ. He was born the Son of God.

1 Corinthians 15:45-46

In **verse 46** he is talking about the new birth.

1 Corinthians 15:46

So, if you have never been saved, you are not spiritual.

The first birth was a natural, physical birth.

Verse 47

That verse tells us Jesus is God. Who is the second man?

Verse 45

So, Adam represents man. Also, Adam has some similarities to Jesus Christ.

Romans 5: So far, I have talked about sin and death, but I have also talked about Jesus Christ and life.

Hebrews 2:9

When Christ died on the cross, when He hung upon that cross and became sin for us, He tasted death for every

man.

1 Corinthians 15:22: *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”*

He became sin for us. He tasted death for every man.

1 Corinthians 15:22

How many in here want to taste death?

Nobody. So, what you have to do, is believe on the Lord Jesus Christ because He tasted death for every man. I do not have to die since Christ died. Because Christ was raised from the dead. Because I live, ye shall live also. Listen, you do not have to die and go to hell. You can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

Romans 5:13: *“...sin is not imputed when there is no law.”* That means it is not charged to your account when there is no law.

Romans 5:13: *“(For until the law sin was in the world...”*

Who gave the law in the Old Testament?

Moses. So, from Adam to Moses, did people die? Yes, people died, but the law was not officially given.

Romans 5:13-14. Notice the first word in **verse 14:** *“Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses...”* Adam was a figure in typology, in symbolism. The first Adam has a lot of characteristics and symbolism to the last Adam which is Christ.

Romans 5:14: “...death reigned...”

You know what death is? It is a king. Do you know anybody on this earth one-hundred-fifty years old? Do you know how many people would like to live to be one-hundred-fifty years old? Do you know what science is trying to do? Science is trying to make people live longer. Do you realize there is a king they cannot conquer? There is a problem: man will not quit sinning. Man just cannot. Their trouble is that man keeps sinning.

Romans 5:14

Who lived between Adam and Moses that did not sin like Adam? Do you know who? Babies. How do you know? Do you realize how many babies drowned in the flood? When you read **Genesis 6, 7, 8**, the only one that was not destroyed was Noah, his three sons, their wives, and Mrs. Noah.

Romans 5:13: A little baby who is two years old, does she know that there is a law? Thou shalt not murder? Does the little baby know thou shalt not commit adultery? So, when a baby dies, it goes right to be with God. Babies go to heaven. It does not matter whether their parents are into voodoo. Every baby that dies goes to heaven.

You say how do you know? For a baby, salvation automatic because when the baby died, did it sin? Yes or no? Then it was not the babies' fault.

So, it is not the babies' effort to go to heaven. Listen, if heaven is by good works, how does a baby go to heaven? Do not you know the angels behold the face of the Father

which is in heaven? Every child has an angel that takes care of them. Where is that? Back there in the book of **Matthew 18, 19**. So, a baby goes to heaven.

Romans 4:15

A little baby has not been exposed to the Law. A baby comes to the age of accountability. You say, "I know what that is." For some it is twelve years old. You ask, "How do you know when a baby reaches the age of accountability?" For some it is six, seven, or eight; but you know when a baby reaches the age of accountability when they do not run into a room with people naked anymore. How many have had people over, and their kids run into the room with no clothes, laughing? Maybe you tell them to get the kids out of the room, but the child is all rested and ready to go, asking what happened or what he did wrong. The mom says, "You do not know? You know what has happened?" That kid has not reached the age of accountability yet. What does that mean? They are innocent.

Adam and Eve in the garden were naked, but they were not ashamed. After they sinned, though, they put some clothes on. Before Adam and Eve sinned, they were innocent. They were not ashamed. You know why people like babies? Because they look you in the eyes and their son or daughter are clean. They are innocent and fresh.

Do you know that teenagers can lie to you and look you in the face and lie to you? Have you ever seen that happen? I am not saying all teenagers are like that. Why do they do that? Because they got hardened. That sin nature is

there, but it has become a professional sin nature. They have a sin nature that has been educated. You cannot tell by looking at them anymore.

Romans 4:14

Deuteronomy 1:39

Romans 7: You say what about and imbecile? What about a moron? What about a Mongoloid? What about a water brain?

Romans 7:9

Everybody in this room that is above the age of accountability is dead. They are dead spiritually. ***"You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins."*** Jesus said, ***"Ye must be born again."*** That is when I get saved.

Romans 7:9: ***"For I was alive without the law once..."*** That is before the age of accountability, but notice, ***"...but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died."***

How can he be dead and talking about it at the same time?

Romans 7:9. What part of Paul died? His spirit. Nobody is born into the world spiritually dead. Adam and Eve, when they were back there in the garden, had a body, soul, and spirit. All three were alive. God said, ***"In the day that thou eatest, ye shall surely die."*** Adam and Eve did not die physically that day. How did they die? Spiritually. The day Adam and Eve ate that fruit in the garden they died spiritually because they were naked and ashamed. That is

what he is talking about in **Romans 7:9**

What part of Paul died? His spirit. That is why Jesus said, ***“Ye must be born of the Spirit.”***

What about somebody who never gets the law?

I want to show you everybody is exposed to the law.
“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law...”
(Romans 2:14-15.)

If you go to a heathen jungle or a remote part of the world, they have a conscience. They can hit the age of accountability having never heard a message, never having been in a church, never having read a Bible because God has written it in their heart.

Romans 5:13

Sin is not charged to the babies' accounts if they do not know the law. When that baby dies innocent, that baby goes to heaven.

Romans 5:14: So, Adam is a figure or a type of somebody that will show up and that is Jesus Christ.

Remember, what Adam did was imputed to others.

What Christ did on the cross was also imputed to others.

Adam sinned, so death passed upon all men for all have sinned.

Question: When I was born into this world, was I born sinning or was I born a sinner?

I was born as a sinner, with a nature capable of sinning. When baby ducks are born, they are born swimmers. However, were ducks born swimming? No.

I was born a sinner, but I was not born sinning.

Romans 5:14: Is Adam a type of Jesus Christ? Yes. But not in every single point.

Verse 15: ***“But not as the offence, so also is the free gift...”*** He is saying they are similar, but there are some dissimilarities. There are some comparisons, but there are also some contrasts. What is the opposite of up? Down. They are opposites, but what are the similar things? They are directions. What is the opposite of black? White. What is similar? They are both colors.

That is the same thing with Adam and Jesus Christ. There are some things that are similar, but there are some things which are opposites.

Romans 5:15: ***“But not as the offence, so also is the free gift...”*** Salvation is a free gift. ***“...For through the offence of one...”*** (Whose is the offense of one? Adam)”

Romans 5:15-16

Verse 16. How many times did Adam have to sin for the human race to fall? One time. How many sins did Jesus Christ take upon Himself to die for men? He took all the sins you ever committed, and the ones you have not even committed yet

Romans 5:16-17: Notice the word “receive.” I want to say salvation is not automatic. You must receive Jesus as

your personal Savior. You must receive what He did on the cross for your sins.

Salvation is a free gift. **Romans 6:23:** You get paid for what you did. Hell is earned; heaven is free.

Romans 5:17 What kind of gift? A gift of righteousness.

Romans 5:17-19

Whose obedience makes you righteous? Is it your obedience that makes you righteous? Or is it the obedience of Jesus Christ? He lived the sinless perfect life that I could not live. **Verse 20**

How many knows what an x-ray machine is for? The x-ray shows what you do not see that is already there. The law does not make you sin. The law reveals how bad a sinner that we are. The Bible makes you look worse than you think you are. The law is a spotlight on sin.

Romans 5:20-21; 7:13

Lesson 27 Questions

1. Death came into the world by:
 - a. Chemicals
 - b. Man
 - c. Animals
 - d. A Lamb
2. The first thing to die in the world:
 - a. Chemicals
 - b. Man
 - c. Animals
 - d. A Lamb
3. Who was the only other man called the Son of God?
 - a. Joseph
 - b. Moses
 - c. Enoch
 - d. Adam
4. When there is no _____, sin cannot be charged to your account.
 - a. Salvation
 - b. Law
 - c. Sin
 - d. Death
5. Death is described as being:
 - a. A slave
 - b. A prophet
 - c. A murderer
 - d. A king
6. Every child has an angel that takes care of them.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. In Romans 7, what part of Paul died?

- a. Body
 - b. Soul
 - c. Spirit
8. What Adam did was imputed to others' accounts.
- a. True
 - b. False
9. The law makes you sin.
- a. True
 - b. False
10. Can heathens, who have never heard the Bible hit the age of accountability?
- a. Yes
 - b. No

Romans Lesson #28

Romans 5:9-21 *"Much More..."*

When I read this over, I want to emphasize the phrase ***"Much more..."*** "Much more" is found five times in **Romans 5**. I want to speak to you about those five "much mores."

Romans 5:8-9: *"Much more..."*

Are you saying much more than Christ dying for us?

Verse 10: *"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more..."*

Are you telling me it is much more than what Christ did on the cross?

Verses 11-12

Every one of us is responsible for our own sins. Jesus Christ is the only One who has never sinned.

Verses 13-14: Adam, in a strange way, is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. Adam was made the Son of God, and the second he showed up on the scene, he was the son of God. Not one person in this room showed up on the scene as a child of God. Nobody is a child of God automatically. That is why Jesus said, ***"Ye must be born again."***

Verse 15: *"But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more..."*

We think of the terrible results of what Adam did,

and that is true. I agree. There are much greater results accomplished by Christ on the cross. But we have much more. With all the dying going on in the world, we have much more. We are going to see are dying loved ones again.

Romans 5:16-17

“For if by one man's offence death reigned by one much more...”

Notice, ***“much more they receive.”*** Salvation is not automatic. You must receive salvation. You must accept what Jesus Christ has done for you. He says, “free gift,” a “gift by grace.” He also calls it the gift of righteousness. God will give you the righteousness you need to get to heaven.

Romans 5:17, 11

You do not have to die to know you are going to heaven. You must receive the atonement.

Romans 5:19

Whose obedience makes you righteous? It is not your obedience. It is not you doing good works to become righteous. It is the obedience of ONE.

Romans 5:20: “But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.”

Are you thankful the mountain of grace is taller than the mountain of sin?

Romans 5:21

We are more saved in Christ than we were lost in

Adam. How do you know? The five “much mores.” If one man, Adam, by one act of disobedience could get me in sin, then one man Christ by one act of obedience can get me out.

God will do more for me through Christ than Adam did. I am more saved in Christ than lost in Adam.

1. By Adam, many are dead – By Christ, a free gift abounds to many
2. Adam brought judgment to condemnation – Christ brought justification
3. Under Adam, the ruined dominion reigns – Under Christ the saints reign in newness of life.
4. By Adam’s disobedience his offspring were made sinners – By Christ obedience His offspring were made righteous.
5. By Adam came death – By Christ came the resurrection from the dead.
6. The first Adam was a living soul that came out of the earth – Christ was made a quickening spirit, the Lord from heaven

When God made Adam, where was Adam when he was made?

He was in a garden. In **John 20** when Mary (not Jesus’ mother, Mary Magdalene) went to anoint the body of Jesus in the tomb. She goes to the tomb, though, and the stone was already rolled away from the door. As She looks around, she sees a man. The Bible says, “she supposing he

to be the gardener...”

The first Adam was in the garden. Remember, Mary asked, “Where hast thou laid him?” He said, ***“Mary...”*** She said, ***“Raboni.”*** The Bible says, ***“My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish...”***

The first man is made of the earth, the second Adam is the Lord from heaven.

7. The first Adam is the king of the old creation – the second Adam is the Lord of the New creation.
8. The first Adam was tested in a perfect garden — the last Adam was tested in a wilderness. Where was the wilderness? The temptation was to turn rocks to bread.
9. The first Adam is sin, death, and condemnation – the second Adam is righteousness and justification
10. With the first Adam, death reigned – with the second Adam, believers reigned
11. The first Adam: many were made sinners – the second Adam: believers are made righteous
12. We got in Adam through physical birth – we get in Christ through spiritual birth
13. The first Adam was guilty – the second Adam knew no guilt
14. First Adam there was condemnation – the second Adam had no condemnation

15. In Adam, your future is death and hell – In Christ, you have life in heaven

Romans 5:8: Some Christians believe backsliding is stronger than the promises in the grace of God. We make a lot of Jesus Christ dying and atoning for our sins. The last thing He said on the cross was, “It is finished!”

Romans 5:9

I am not waiting to get saved. Eternal life already began when I got saved. **Romans 5:9: “We shall be saved from wrath through him.”**

Not only are we saved present tense, having done the greater thing for undeserved sinners, will He do the lesser thing to bless those that have been saved?

Romans 8:32: “He that spared not his own Son...”

God did not spare His own son but had Him slaughtered on the cross for our sins. **Romans 8:32: “...but delivered him up for us all...”** Christ did not die a martyr’s death. He was delivered up for you and me.

Romans 8:32

If God would take His own son, nailed to a cross, spit upon, thorns on His head, a spear jabbed in his side, murdered for us. If God would go to that extreme because He loved us, do you not think He will take care of you after you are saved?

If God would do the greater, would He not do the lesser?

Romans 8:32

If you asked for eternal life and He gave it to you, do you not think He will give you more now that you are saved? We are talking MUCH MORE.

Romans 5:9: “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

In Adam, we lost a perfect body; in Christ, we gain a glorified body. You say, “If Adam would have never sinned in the garden there would be paradise all over this earth.” In Adam we lost innocence; in Christ we gain righteousness. Adam was innocent, but he was not righteous. You cannot find in all the Bible that Adam was righteous. He was innocent, and he had a perfect body. However, I am more saved in Christ than I was lost in Adam. In Adam we lost Eden. In Christ we gain heaven. Adam was not walking on streets of gold.

“Much more...” Romans 5:8: Do you know what kind of blood that was shed to get forgiveness in the Old Testament?

Animals’ blood. Do you know what kind of blood was shed so we could get to heaven? The blood of God.

In the Old Testament, you messed up animal sacrifice. It was not a one-time thing. The blood of animals, the blood of animals. In the the New Testament, the blood of the lamb was a one-time thing. **“Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.”** Much more.

Were people in the Old Testament justified: Yes or No?

No, they were not. Because it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin.

Romans 5:9

I am more saved in Christ than I was lost in Adam.

If man found favor with God when we were sinners, how much more reasonable is it that we will continue in that justifying Blood.

Romans 5:8-9

God died for us when we were Bad.

Romans 5:10

“...much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”

That is not talking about his earthly life or being a good example. Look at the order. He died, and we are saved by his life. That is not his earthly ministry. The Bible says, ***“Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.”*** He is talking about his resurrected, glorified body interceding for us in heaven. He forever liveth to make intercession for us.

Romans 5:10

We are saved by his life in heaven. If God reconciled us to Himself when we were His enemies, how much more reasonable we should remain reconcilable now as His friends. God saved us when we were His enemies. He was willing to take us in. How much more now that we are His friends?

I am more saved in Christ than lost in Adam.

Romans 8:34: *“yea rather...”* In other words, “more importantly.” Listen, he died for me when I was bad, and he is praying for me now that I am His child. God the Lord Jesus Christ is praying for me right now.

Romans 5:12

Remember you were not born sinning. You were born a sinner. Where were you when Adam sinned? You know where you were? You were in Adam. You were in his genetic make-up.

Hebrews 7:7-10: *“And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Abraham.”*

Levi was one of the twelve sons of Jacob. It says before Levi was born, before Jacob was born, before Isaac was born...

Verse 10: *“For he (Levi) was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.”*

Levi paid tithes to Melchisedec and yet was in the loins of his Father Abraham. We are talking before a couple generations were not born yet. Where were you when Adam sinned? You were in Adam.

When Adam lived, he begat a son after his own likeness. Adam was made in the image of God. Are we Adam’s children made in the image of God? No. Adam lost that image when he sinned. Seth, Abel, and Cain were born in the image of Adam.

Genesis 5:3

David said, ***“When I was shapen in iniquity, in sin did my mother did conceive me.”***

We fell in Adam, and we fell with Adam. Because in Adam all die, even then all in Christ shall be made alive.

Let me give some more comparisons:

- Both are called the Son of God.
- Both have their brides.
- Where did Eve come from? God took a rib from Adam’s side.
The spear was stuck in Christ side and he got the church.
- Both are the heads of the respected races.
- Adam was of the ruin race while Christ the redeemed race of saints.
- Both affected all men by one act. One by the act of disobedience, One by the act of Obedience.

Romans 5:15

The results of Adam’s sin can be changed. The results of Adam’s sin can be reversed. Get saved. If you are in Christ, can that be changed? Listen, I am more saved in Christ than I was lost in Adam. I can get out of Adam, but I cannot get out of Christ.

Sins that result from Adam brought me into sin and death but could not make me personally sin.

Did I receive a sin nature from Adam? Yes. Did Adam make me sin? No, it was my choice. Christ can make me

personally righteous? Yes. I much more saved in Christ than I was lost in Adam.

Christ died for me. Adam died for himself. Adam did not die for me. Adam gave me the potential to sin, and I did. Christ did not give me the potential to be righteous; I cannot. He made me righteous. I gain much more in Christ than I lost in Adam.

The fourth one: **Romans 5:17**

You have to receive the gift of righteousness, or you have to go to hell and pay for your sins.

Romans 5:17

Death will conquer us. You see, there is no discharge in war. Death is the controlling power. Death has an end it reigns over us. Much more (watch the difference). He says, "Death reigned and then you reign in life." What do you want? You want death to reign over you, you die, and go to hell. Or would you like to reign in life and never die?

You see, we reign over death, and my soul and spirit will never die. Death reigned over me, but now I reign over it in life.

The fifth much more: **Romans 5:20.**

Lesson 28 Questions

1. The phrase “Much more” is found how many times in Romans 5?
 - a. 1 time
 - b. 5 times
 - c. 10 times
 - d. 15 times
2. Salvation is automatic
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. The obedience of _____ can make you righteous.
 - a. One
 - b. Few
 - c. Many
4. I am more saved in Christ than _____ in Adam.
 - a. Saved
 - b. Lost
5. Who thought Jesus was a gardener?
 - a. Mary, mother of Jesus
 - b. Mary, Martha’s sister
 - c. Mary Magdalene
 - d. Another Mary
6. What kind of blood was shed for forgiveness in the Old Testament?
 - a. God’s
 - b. Man’s
 - c. Animals’
 - d. Priests’
7. You were born sinning.
 - a. True
 - b. False

8. The first Adam was tested in the _____ while the last Adam was tested in the _____.
- a. Spirit, Body
 - b. Body, Spirit
 - c. Wilderness, Garden
 - d. Garden, Wilderness
9. The first Adam was a _____ while the last Adam was a _____.
- a. Living soul, quickening spirit
 - b. Quickenning spirit, living soul
 - c. Living spirit, quickening soul
 - d. Quickenning soul, living spirit
10. What was the last thing Christ said on the cross?

Romans Lesson #29

Romans 6:1-5

Romans 5:20

Such an illogical way to think. The more sin you have, the more grace you have. “Well,” people think, “I need grace, so if I just sin, God will give me some more grace.” Do you see where somebody may get that idea?

Romans 5:20: “...where sin abounded grace did much more abound.”

We want more grace. Is the way we get more grace to sin more? No! That is not the way to go about it. If you want more grace you need to ask for it. The Bible says that you are to go to the throne of grace to obtain mercy in time of need. You can get it from the word of his grace. Which is able to build you up. The Bible says, “**Ye have not because you ask not.**”

They Paul knew people would think that. I am teaching **Romans 6**, but I have to remind you of the context.

Romans 5:21: “...sin reigned unto death...”

That is where sin is going to get you. If you just sin some more, you will get more grace. Sin reigns unto death. “**Even so might grace reign through wickedness...**” No! Grace reigns through righteousness. He did not say grace reigns through dirty, devilish living! Where do you get more grace? He says grace reigns (supreme in

righteousness).

So, anytime we talk about being saved by grace, you have to keep in mind that grace reigns through righteousness.

Titus 2:11-12: He says, *“teaching us...”* What is it teaching us? **Verse 12.** Grace does not just bring salvation. Grace does not just save you. The right grace reigns through righteousness.

Titus 2:11-12

The same grace that saves you. You ought to live pure and holy and godly. The same grace that says, “you,” is the same grace that will keep.

Romans 5:20-21

Romans 6:1: *“Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?”* **Romans 5:20:** *“...But where sin abounded grace did much more abound.”*

Romans 6:1: “Abound” shows up twice. Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Paul knew that some people would take advantage of the grace of God.

Jude 3

The Pastor’s job is to point out false error. To show you what is right and what is wrong. He says we are to earnestly contend for the faith.

Verse 4: *“...they turn the grace of God into lasciviousness...”*

They will take the free grace of God. Remember, grace is the opposite of what? Works.

Yeah! I'm saved by grace I'm kept by grace. But I don't have to do any good works. The grace of God teaches us that denying ungodliness, and worldly lust that we would live soberly, truthfully and godly in this present world.

Remember grace reigns through righteousness.

People will turn the grace of God into lasciviousness. Back some time ago, there was a word “antinomianism”. That means you take the grace of God and says, “I am saved, I have assurance, I have everlasting life. I will live as I please, and I am going to heaven.” And you are. But you are going to have a bumpy ride.

Romans 6:1-2: “...*Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid...*”

That is the answer. The answer is not, “Hey, I am saved; I have everlasting life; I have the gift of God; it is not by works—Can I live anyway you want and still go to heaven?” Yes, but do not do it!!!

He said, “***God forbid!!!***” He asked, “***How that we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?***”

You cannot

Romans 6:2: “*God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*”

Have ever seen a dead man sit up in a coffin and say I need a cigarette. I need a drink. a dead man does not

talk. dead man does not get up and say a dirty joke. a dead man is dead. If you saved you are dead to sin.

Romans 6:2

If you are dead to sin, how can you live any longer therein? You cannot!!!

Let me tell you why:

There are only two ways to die:

You can either die in your sin, or you can die in Christ. If you die in your sins, you go to hell. If you die in Christ, you will go to heaven.

Romans 6:2: "God forbid. *How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein? in sin.*"

Have you ever heard somebody talking about a Christian maybe that is not coming to church, and not doing right, living in sin? We understand what you mean, but doctrinally a Christian cannot live in sin. If you are in your sins, you are going to hell. If you are in Christ, you are going to heaven.

A Christian might be sinning or living in sin.

There is a difference:

That is why it says: ***"Whoremongers and adulterers..."*** All those people in **Revelation 21:8**. It says all liars will have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone.

Can a Christian lie? Yes. Is a Christian a liar? No.

Can a Christian commit adultery? Yes, is a Christian an adulterer?

A Christian can commit those sins, whether or not he or she is that person. Listen, a Christian can commit those sins.

Romans 6:2

You cannot live in sin. If you cannot live in sin, why are you sinning?

You see, that is his argument. You cannot live in sin anymore. What are you doing fooling around with a corpse? Some of you are just a servant to a a corpse. How much of what you do is flesh, and how much of what you do is Spirit? Why are you pampering your flesh? Why are you listening to it?

Romans 6:2

You cannot live anymore in your sin. You are alive in Christ.

Remember: We were dead in sin. Listen, if you die in your sins, you will go to hell.

John 8:21

If you die in your sins, you cannot go to heaven. The Bible says, ***“The dead in Christ shall arise...”*** If you die in the Lord, you are saved. If you die in your sins, you go to hell.

Not only are you presently dead, but you feel the sting of death. You do not have to fear death. The sting

has been removed.

Colossians 3:1-3

Listen, I have already arisen from the dead. What do you think of a Christian who is already sitting in heaven with Christ Jesus sinning? Does sin fit being up in heaven and risen with Christ? It does not fit!

Galatians 5: Do not use the grace of God and eternal security as an excuse to sin. Do not use everlasting life as a license to live like you want. God will chasten you and take away your joy.

Galatians 5:13

Can a Christian live any way he wants too and still go to heaven? Yes, he can. That is liberty.

Galatians 5:13: ***“...use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love...”*** What? ***serve one another.”***

Real liberty serves the Lord and does not use it as an excuse to sin. You had better get that. Do not use liberty as an occasion to the flesh or a license to do wrong and sin.

When I was a new Christian, I was so excited about the grace of God and for eternal security. I was so thankful that God saved me and that He would not take away my salvation no matter what.

When I saw these verses, they gave me a proper balance.

1 Peter 2:15

He says this is the will of God with well doing.

1 Peter 2:16: ***“As free...”*** Can you live any way you want to and still go to heaven? Yes, but here is the balance:

“...not using your liberty for a cloak of...” What?
“...maliciousness...”

People think, “Yes, I have everlasting life I will just throw on my everlasting life. It is paid for. I am blood bought.” Notice again, ***“As free and not using your liberty for a cloak of Maliciousness but as the servants of God.”***

Are you free to sin or free to serve? God does not free you so you can sin. He frees you to do right by the Bible. He frees you from sin so you can do right and serve.

1 Corinthians 8:9: ***“But take heed lest by any means this liberty...”*** That is freedom. ***“But take heed lest by any means this liberty become a stumbling block to them that are weak.”***

Your life does affect other people. You say, “I am not hurting anybody but myself.” Listen, there is no man that liveth to himself, and no man dieth unto himself.

1 Corinthians 8:9

Your loose living and turning the grace of God into lasciviousness does not help another Christian read his Bible, or a lost person to want to get saved. Listen, your dirty life is a shame to the Lord. You need to repent.

Romans 6:1-2: He hammers this thing. **Verse 14:** What is dominion? It is like a king, a reign. You do not have

to let sin control you anymore. Why? You are dead. How can we being dead to sin live any longer therein? You see, you are not living in sin anymore.

Romans 6:14

Well, preacher I do not have to do the law; I do not have to obey it; I am not under the law but under grace.

He knew what you were going to think.

Verse 15

Paul has you figured out. He knows the human mind and heart how it is always trying to manipulate, turn, and twist. Turn the grace of God into lasciviousness.

Romans 6:15

Romans 6:2-3: “*Know ye not, that so many that were baptized in water were baptized into his death...*” Is that what it says? Let’s read it right: **“*Know ye not, that so many were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*”** It did not say water.

Romans 6:3: Write in the margin of your Bible, “There is no water in the book of Romans.”

What kind of baptism do have in **verse 3**?

Holy Spirit baptism. Remember, everywhere you see baptism it is not necessarily talking about water.

“...were baptized into his...” What? **“...death.”**

Romans 6:4: “Therefore we are (present tense) **buried with him by baptism...”**

Question: How many are buried right now in the water? It cannot mean water baptism. You “are,” present tense.

Verse 4: Even though this teaches Holy Spirit baptism, it also shows you the proper mode of water baptism.

Romans 6:4: *“Therefore we are buried...”*

When you bury a guy, you dig a hole, throw the body in there, and cover them up with dirt. You do not sprinkle dirt on them.

Romans 6:4: When I baptize you in water, and you come out of the water, you are to walk in newness of life. There is a change—what is it? You are wet. When I baptized you, you got baptized into water. It is a picture of Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. It has nothing to do with you being saved. It does not help you stay saved.

Romans 6:4: Do we always live like were supposed to?

Romans 6:6: *“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified (present tense) **that henceforth we should not sin.**”* That is not what it says. It says we should not serve sin.

We should not do it, but sometimes we do.

Lesson 29 Questions

1. The more sin you have, the more grace you have.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. If we want more grace, we need to:
 - a. Sin more
 - b. Ask for it
 - c. Take it
 - d. Give it
3. Grace reigns through:
 - a. Wickedness
 - b. Righteousness
 - c. Forgetfulness
 - d. None of the above
4. Grace is the opposite of:
 - a. Hope
 - b. Righteousness
 - c. Wickedness
 - d. Works
5. Antinomianism means:
 - a. I am saved
 - b. I am going to Heaven
 - c. I will live as I please
 - d. All of the above
6. There is a difference between sinning and living in sin.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. We do not fear death anymore because the _____ has been removed.
 - a. Simplicity
 - b. Sting

- c. Satisfaction
 - d. Sickness
8. Can you live any way you want to and still go to Heaven?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
9. There is no water in the book of Romans.
- a. True
 - b. False
10. What changes after your baptism?
- a. Your salvation
 - b. Your standing with God
 - c. Your liberty
 - d. Your being wet

Romans Lesson #30

Romans 6:6-14

If you are having trouble sinning, start memorizing **verses 6-8:39**. Really? Because the three greatest chapters when it comes to victory over sin is **Romans 6:6-8:39**. If you memorize one a day you will find yourself getting victory over sin in your life.

Romans 6:2: “How shall we, that are...” (mark the word are in your Bible)” Is the “are” past, present, or future? It is present tense. What part of Paul was dead?

The body was physically dead. Before I got saved, I had a body, soul, and spirit. Before I got saved, my body was alive, my soul was alive, but my spirit was spiritually dead. When I got saved, though, my body died; my soul is still alive; and my spirit was born again.

You see that? “Well, preacher, I thought I was whole now.” God killed your body. “Well, it does not feel like it is dead.” The hardest thing to get an unsaved person to do is to call on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved by faith alone.

The hardest thing to get a saved person to do is to believe that their body is dead. You know who is keeping the Christian alive?

Romans 6:2, 4: “...we are buried with him by baptism...” That is Holy Spirit baptism. Notice, I am dead with Him. I am buried; or, in other words, I am in the tomb.

Romans 6:6: “Knowing this...” Paul says, **“I would**

not have you to be ignorant.” Paul expects the Christian to know this. **Verse 9:** it shows up again.

He says that Christians need to know some things. Listen, being saved is not enough. He says you are to know somethings.

Romans 6:6: “*Knowing this that our old man is...*” (circles the word “is”)” Is that past, present, or future? It is present.

Romans 6:6: “*...our old man is crucified with him...*”

He says I am buried; I am dead; I am crucified. You and I are on the cross. ***“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”***

Verse 7: “*For he that is dead is freed from sin.*”

Are you dead? Not spiritually, but dead physically. That is death to self. ***“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”***

Verse 7: “*...freed from sin.*”

You see that liberty we have in Jesus Christ is not freedom and liberty to sin but freedom from sin.

Romans 6:8-10

“Knowing this that are old man is crucified...” I am on the cross. I am in the tomb. I am risen again from the dead. I am supposed to be living unto God.

Romans 6:11: “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin...”

If you reckon it to be so. You add it up to be so. It is a reckoning. Even on a ship, they have a reckoning for direction.

What part is to be dead? That the body of sin might be destroyed.

Romans 6:11: “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin but alive...” Alive unto God. Are you supposed to be alive unto sin, filth, and wickedness? You are supposed to be dead and alive at the same time.

Romans 6:12: “Let not sin therefore reign...”

Sin is not to be a king to you. Sin is not to have dominion over you. Sin will captivate you. Sin will put you under bondage. Sin is controlling. You know it is. You start messing with sin, and sin will not leave you any better than it found you. Sin always takes you further than you want to go. Sin is deceitful. Sin always makes you great promises: “I will be happy. I will feel better.” The devil will never show you the consequences of sin. He hides that from you. He puts the hook in there. The devil has a whole tackle box to get you if you are not careful.

Romans 6:12: “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body...” You know what rigor mortis is? That means you are a stiff. *Mortis* meaning mortuary. He compares your body to death. One day, I will get an immortal body.

Romans 6:12: “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it...”

Do not obey sin, do not listen to sin. **Romans 6:12-13: “Neither yield ye your members...”** He is not talking about the members of the church. He is talking about members of your body. Your fingers are members of your hand. Your arm is a member of your body. Your toes are a member of your foot.

Romans 6:13: “Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive...” Circle the word “are” and underline alive.

You know what you just ran into? You are dead; you are on the cross; you are alive; you are up in heaven.

Romans 6:13

You are not just alive. You are dead. You are in the tomb. If I was to draw a timeline, here, we would have Christ on the cross. We would have the tomb. Then, the stone rolled in front of the tomb, and after that, we would have Christ alive, then ascending back to heaven. According to that, there is a stream of eternal life. Jesus came down; He goes into the tomb. We come back with Christ.

We are in the stream of eternal life.

Romans 6:4: “...we are buried with him...” (present tense) **Romans 6:6: “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him...”** **Romans 6:11: “...alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord...”** **Romans 6:13: “...we are alive with him...”**

Right now, we are on this earth in this body. We go up with Him in the air, then after seven years of tribulation,

we come back with Him. (Resurrection, ascension into heaven, tribulation, then the battle of Armageddon).

Christ did not have a beginning.

Though Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem, He existed before He was born in the manger. He existed before he was conceived in Mary's womb.

Romans 8: "Knowing this..." In other words, we are supposed to know some things.

Romans 8:11: "*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you...*"

That means the same Holy Ghost Who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

Romans 8:11: Do you realize what kind of power you have in you?

Ephesians 1:16: Paul is praying.

Verses 17-19: "*And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe...*"

He is praying that the Ephesians get the power of God on their life.

Verses 19-20

You have the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. You will get to heaven and might say, "Well, I could not live it." "Lord, I could not help sinning." "I had this besetting sin, and I could not get victory over it." You have the power, and you have no excuse.

God fill me with the Holy Ghost help me walk in the Holy Ghost, helping me not to quench the Holy Ghost.

Colossians 3: The same spirit that raised Christ from the dead shall raise you someday.

Colossians 3:1: ***"If ye then be risen..."***

Colossians 3:1-3: ***"...your life is hid with Christ in God..."***

Verses 3-4: ***"When Christ, who is our life..."*** Do not take your life for granted.

Colossians 3:5: ***"Mortify therefore your members..."***

That means you are to tell your finger "no." It means to tell your eyes "no." That means I am going to be spirit-led and spirit-controlled.

Colossians 3:5

Ephesians 2: Is it not something to be in the stream of eternal life!

Ephesians 2:4-6: ***"And hath raised us (past tense) from the dead to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"***

Is Christ in me? Yes! The Bible says, ***"Christ in you the hope of glory."*** (Colossians 1:27)

Am I in Christ? You see I am in Christ, and He is in me. The Bible says, ***"If any man be in Christ old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new."*** I am a new creature, and I am in Him. He is seated at the right hand

of the father making intercession for us. (**Romans 8** calls it the spirit of Christ).

Ephesians 2:6

I am already in Heaven. I am there!

Galatians 2:20: “I am crucified...” That is present tense. You see I am right now on the cross. A person who has their hands nailed to the cross cannot do with they want with their hands. My feet are nailed there. I cannot go wherever I want to go. “But, preacher, there are some things in me that wants to do those things.” ***“I am crucified...”*** My hands are nailed to the cross. I cannot do that now that I am dead. My old life is dead. My life is hid with Christ in God. I am seated at the right hand of the Father. I am buried with Him. How can I do those things and please Him? How can I get involved in that stuff? You need to think about that.

“Jesus keep near the cross...”

“God forbid that I should glory saving the cross of Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world.” (Galatians 6:14)

I am crucified to the world, and the world is crucified unto me.

When you want to sin, you need to say, “God, may the blood flow. My mind is thinking about this, Lord, ‘as a man thinketh in his heart so is he.’” “God, help me to do the right thing; to crucify the flesh and help me to believe it is dead. Help me not to serve my old nature.

Help not to rob and steal from you.

Galatians 2:20: *“Nevertheless I live...”* There is that stream of eternal life. Present tense. I am there in heaven now. Brother, he is the high and lofty one that inhabits eternity.

Psalm 90:2: *“...from everlasting to everlasting thou art God!”* He said, *“Before Abraham I AM.”*

Galatians 2:20: *“Yet not I...”* It is not I who is alive! I am dead. Christ in me is alive.

Galatians 2:20: *“Christ liveth in me...”*

You are dead! He is alive.

Romans 6:4: We are buried with him. **Verse 6:** our old man is crucified with Him.

Romans 6:6

The Bible says, *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...”* You will not automatically live right after you get saved. You have the potential to live right. You want to. He will not make you it is up to you.

Romans 6:11

In your mind, you need to tell yourself, “I am dead unto sin, but alive unto God.”

Verses 12-13

“To yield” means to let somebody else go first. You see, we want to be first. You are to yield yourself unto God. “To yield” means to be humble. It is living for somebody

else. You do not have to live right, but God is given you the potential.

There are too many Christians living between the cross and the resurrection. We have a whole lot of Christians who believe Christ died for them and shed his blood, who are dead to sin but not alive unto God. There are a whole bunch of us living between the cross. You need to come out of the tomb.

Romans 6:11

- I am dead
- I am buried
- I am risen
- I am in heaven

All at the same time.

Romans 12: It is easier to die for the Lord than it is to live for the Lord.

Romans 12:1: “...*living sacrifice*...”

The problem with the living sacrifice is that it tries to crawl off the altar. Remember, crucifixion is never instantaneous. It is a long, drawn out, excruciating punishment. He can keep us ignorant or keep us impotent.

Lesson 30 Questions

1. What are the greatest chapters in Romans that help us overcome sin?
2. After you got saved, what part of you did God kill?
 - a. Body
 - b. Soul
 - c. Spirit
3. What part of you is dead before salvation?
 - a. Body
 - b. Soul
 - c. Spirit
4. You do not have the power to overcome your besetting sin.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. Christ in you, the hope of _____.
 - a. Happiness
 - b. Glory
 - c. The Future
 - d. All of the above
6. I am in Heaven with Jesus now (present tense).
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. "To yield" means to:
 - a. Let someone go first
 - b. Be humble
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
8. Too many Christians living between the _____ and the _____.
 - a. Life, Death

- b. Cross, Resurrection
 - c. Salvation, Baptism
 - d. Blessing, Curse
9. Crucifixion is instantaneous.
- a. True
 - b. False
10. I am:
- a. Dead
 - b. Risen
 - c. Alive
 - d. All of the above

Romans Lesson #31

Romans 6:12-23

“Who Is on the Throne?”

“You can map out a fight plan or a life plan but when the action starts your down to reflex’s and that’s where your road work shows. If you cheated on that in the dark of the morning you are getting found out now under the bright lights.” –Joe Frazier, Heavy Weight Boxing Champion.

The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian, empowering him to say “no” to sin. The bondage and power of our sin nature has been broken. We do not have to do wrong if we do not want to.

I. THE PERTINENT PRECEPT FOR VICTORY—Romans 6:12

We are not to let sin reign in our bodies. This word “reign” means “to exercise kingly power or control.” Stop allowing your sin nature to reign as king in your mortal body. We are responsible to keep sin off the throne of our hearts and not obey our lust. The word “obey” is an interesting word. This word means “an answer or knock at the door; or of the door-keeper, whose duty it is to listen for the signals of those who wish to enter, and to admit them if they are entitled to do so.” It was also used to describe the actions of a judge, who listened to a complainant. We are not to answer the door when sin knocks and give it a hearing where it can sway us into carnality.

1 Peter 2:9: “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:”

1 Peter 2:11: “Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;”

Who is on the throne of your heart? **Romans 6:12** indicates that sin can reign in our bodies if we let it. Our body is the remaining beachhead where sin can attack us. Our soul and our spirit belong to the Lord. Paul talked about the battlefield of the body in **Romans 7**.

Romans 7:18: “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.”

Romans 7:22-25: “For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: [23] But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. [24] O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? [25] I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

Christ enables and empowers us to keep Him on the throne of our hearts.

II. THE PRESENTATION OF OUR BODIES—Romans

6:13

Because sin's power is broken, we are to yield our body to God, not to our sinful desires. In this situation, the Christian is to be constantly on guard against yielding any part of his body to sinful activities.

We are not to yield our members. What does this mean? The word "members" indicates the parts of our bodies such as our hands, feet, eyes, ears, etc. We are not to yield our bodies to sin. The word "yield" means "to prefer, to present or put at one's disposal." We are to stop putting our bodies at sin's disposal. We are to stop presenting our bodies to sinful activity. The idea of struggling. It is a struggle to fight against sin and to have self-control over our bodies. It is a constant battle. We are not to yield our bodies as "instruments" of unrighteousness. Notice the word, "instrument." This was a weapon of a soldier. Our body is a weapon for spiritual warfare. This idea is reflected in the Psalms when a man's children are compared to arrows. Blessed is the man who has his quiver full. Your hands, feet, tongue, eyes, ears, and appearance can be used to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ or be used by Satan to lead others into sinful living or destroy their lives. That is a sobering thought, isn't it? Gossip, sensuality, immorality, lying, cheating, stealing, drunkenness, drug usage, etc. are activities performed by people who have yielded their bodies as weapons for Satan's use. They are not only hurting themselves when they do this, they also are hurting other people.

Stop yielding the throne of your heart to Satan! We are constantly challenged in this area. God's commands are balanced. They are both positive and negative. God tells us what to do and what not to do. Do not yield to sin; yield to righteousness.

- A. This word "yield" means to "present" in **Romans 12:1**.

Romans 12:1: *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."*

- B. We are to submit to the Lord.

James 4:7, 8: *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."*

- C. God is the potter, and we are the clay that is to be molded by Him.

Isaiah 64:8: *"But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."*

- D. We are to deny ourselves and take up our cross.

Mark 8:33-35: *"But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee*

behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men. [34] And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. [35] For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

E. We are not to fight against the Lord.

Isaiah 45:9: "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?"

Why are we to yield to the Lord? Reason one is sin affects the entire body. David shows us in **Psalm 51** the effects of sin on our bodies.

Sin's effects on the body from **Psalm 51**:

The Eyes—Psalm 51:3: "*For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.*" This could apply to one's memories, too.

The Mind—Psalm 51:6: "*Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.*"

The Ears—Psalm 51:8: “*Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*”

The Heart—Psalm 51:10: “*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*”

The Mouth—Psalm 51:14, 15: “*Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*”

Secondly, we are to yield to the Lord because our bodies belong to the Lord. We should live our lives for Him.

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20: “*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*”

Philippians 1:20, 21: “*According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*”

We are not to yield ourselves to sin, but instead, we are to yield ourselves to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:18: “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”

Proverbs 16:32: “He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.”

Who is on the throne of your heart?

III. OUR POSITION IN CHRIST—Romans 6:14

God makes it clear that we are not to be dominated by sin.

1 Corinthians 6:12: “All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.”

Psalms 19:13: “Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.”

Psalms 119:133: “Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.”

Sin has the upper hand over a person who is under the Law. Why? The law tells a person what to do and not do, but will fail without God, to give the person the power to do what is right. The grace of God, on the other hand, produces holiness. It is not restraint, but the power of the Holy Spirit that liberates from sin; it is not Mt. Sinai, but Mt.

Calvary that leads to us becoming saints of God through the faith we put in Jesus Christ. Under God's grace, sin is no longer our master.

IV. A PREPOSTEROUS PROPOSAL—Romans 6:15

This verse is similar to verse one, yet it is different. **Verse 1** refers to a habitual, continuous lifestyle of sin. This verse refers to an occasional act of sin. Is it OK to dabble once in a while in sin since we are under grace? No! Paul says, “God forbid,” or more accurately, “May it never be so!” We are not to open the door to sinful domination in our lives. God's grace does not give us a license to sin and live as we please. We are freed from sin, not to sin. When the Lord is on the throne of our lives, we will live to please Him, and not ourselves.

V. THE PRINCIPLES OF LIFE—Romans 6:16

Whomever we yield ourselves to, becomes our master. No one is his own master. We are not independent. If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, then your master is Satan. You are not free from sin's bondage.

John 8:44: “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

The prodigal son sought freedom from his father to do as he pleased. He ended up as a slave and traveled the

“Hog-Pen Trail.” True freedom came when he returned to his father. This story is a fitting illustration of a person without Christ, and also what happens when they are saved.

Samson was another man who sought to do what he wanted. He disobeyed his parents and God and ended up in bondage. He lost his freedom, and his life was suddenly cut short because of the consequences of his sin and disobedience.

Proverbs 29:1: “He, that being often reprov’d hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.”

God does not want us to be defeated, but overcomers and victorious in Christ. So how does a Christian become a victorious Christian in his daily life? How do we master this flesh? How do we become an overcomer? The Bible gives us a number of insights.

How to Become an Overcomer:

1. The SUBJECTION of Our Body is Essential. Control yourself!

1 Corinthians 9:27: “But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”

Romans 6:13: “Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield

yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

Proverbs 16:32: *"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."*

2. SATANIC Temptation must be Resisted.

1 Peter 5:8, 9: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."*
Resist temptations.

3. Be STEADFAST in SPIRIT & Attitude.

1 Corinthians 15:58: *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

Philippians 3:13, 14: *"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

Hebrews 12:1: *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily*

beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,”

Galatians 6:9: *“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”*

4. SUPPLICATIONS Should Be Made to the Lord Consistently. We are to have an active prayer life.

Matthew 7:7, 8: *“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:17: *“Pray without ceasing.”*

5. SPIRITUAL STRENGTH and Growth is Vital.

2 Peter 1:5-8: *“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; [6] And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; [7] And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. [8] For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Hebrews 10:25: *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*

6. STUDY THE SCRIPTURES Daily.

1 Peter 2:2: “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”

John 15:3: “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”

Acts 17:11: “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

7. A STRONG Resolve for Purity is Needed.

Daniel 1:8: “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”

Colossians 3:5: “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:”

Galatians 5:16: “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

8. There must be a SWEET, STABLE Love for the Lord.

Revelation 2:4: “Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” The church at Ephesus lost their sweet, first love for the Lord.

James 1:8: “A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” We will not be overcomers if we cannot make up our mind whom we are going to serve.

John 15:4, 5: “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

John 15:9: “As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.”

9. SENSE the Importance of our Responsibility.

2 Corinthians 5:20: “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”

If you were an ambassador to an enemy nation, you would not be able to isolate yourself or hide. You would have to communicate with them and relate to them if you were going to fulfill your responsibilities. What would happen to your effectiveness if you became comfortable in the country of your enemies, loving it so much that you preferred their country above your own nation? Your effectiveness would change because your love would have

changed. You would be like the enemy instead of representing your homeland. Christians fall into this rut. They are so rooted in this world and love it so much that they become like the world in their lifestyles. They end up hindering the work of God by their sinfulness instead of being ambassadors for Christ and acting like citizens of Heaven. Do not forget your mission, beloved!

10. The SENSUAL, SINFUL Lifestyle & Crowd Should be Avoided.

Proverbs 4:14, 15: *“Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.”*

1 Corinthians 15:33: *“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”*

11. SHINE for Jesus Christ & SHARE the Gospel with the Lost.

Matthew 5:16: *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify; your Father which is in heaven.”*

Daniel 12:3: *“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”*

12. SHUT your Mouth. Our tongue creates many problems for us sometimes when it is not kept in check. Learn to be quiet.

Psalm 39:1, 2: “I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.”

13. SUPPORT & STRENGTHEN Others. Helping others will motivate you to get close to the Lord and find solutions to their problems.

Hebrews 3:13: “But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

14. SUBMIT to the Lord & Make Him Your Master.

Matthew 6:24: “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

James 4:7, 8: “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.”

We become servants to whom we yield. Yield to righteousness and watch God use you beyond your dreams. Yield to sin and it will destroy your life. For example, Sinclair Lewis received the Nobel Prize in literature in 1930. To make fun of and ridicule what he considered the hypocrisy of Christianity, he wrote *Elmer Gantry*, the fictitious story of a Bible-pounding evangelist who was secretly and alcoholic,

thief, and fornicator. Few people know, however, that Lewis himself died an alcoholic in a third-rate clinic outside the city of Rome. He was a devastated victim of his own sinful way of living. Let me ask again, “Who is on the throne of your heart?”

Paul says we are the servants to whom we yield. This word “servant” means *“one whose will is swallowed up in the will of another.”* Before we were saved, we were swallowed in Satan's will. When we are saved, God gives us grace, which is the power and the desire to do God's will in our lives.

1 Corinthians 15:10: “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

Traits of the Servant of the Lord:

1. He RESPECTS AND REJOICES in the Lord.

Psalm 40:8—*I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*

Psalm 2:11—*Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.*

God's servants have a reverent fear of the Lord. They rejoice in His love and respect God's holiness.

2. He is REGENERATED & RIGHTEOUS.

The servant of the Lord is a new person in Christ because he has been born again. As a new creature in Christ, we are pardoned from sin, but not excused from service.

Romans 7:6: “But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.”

Psalms 101:6: “Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.” The servant of the Lord lives a godly life.

3. He is RESOLUTE.

He has resolved to serve the Lord and only Him. The Lord is the focus of his life. Nobody really lives until he finds something big enough to give himself to. The servant of God gives himself to Christ.

Matthew 6:24: “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

Acts 5:29: “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.” The servant of the God has made up his mind to serve Jesus Christ.

4. He is RESERVED & RESTRAINED.

God's servant is a person of humility.

Acts 20:19: “Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:”

D.L. Moody said, “The measure of a man is not how many servants he has, but how many men he serves.”

5. He has a **REGARD** for Others.

The servant of the Lord loves people. True love sees service as a privilege. True greatness lies not in trying to be somebody, but in trying to help somebody. The servant of the Lord loves others and God. He does not indulge in a love of self that caters to sinful temptations.

Galatians 5:13: “For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”

6. He is **RESPECTABLE & REFRAINED** toward Others.

2 Timothy 2:24: “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, He is patient and gentle with others, especially those who are immature. God's servants must not be quarrelsome and argumentative. They must be kind to others.”

7. He is to be **RESPONSIBLE**.

God's servant is faithful and dependable, especially in little, insignificant matters. Do not despise little things—a lantern can do what the sun can never do...shine in the night.

Colossians 3:22: “Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:”

Matthew 25:23: “His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

8. He is RESPONSIVE & RESPECTS his master.

God's servant is obedient to the Lord and to the authorities in his life.

Ephesians 6:5: “Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;”

1 Timothy 6:1: “Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.”

9. He is REFRESHING.

He not only obeys the Lord, but his desire is to please the Lord and serve others.

Proverbs 25:13: “As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.”

Titus 2:9: “Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;”

A pastor dreamed he had been given the opportunity to see both Heaven and Hell. He was ushered to a closed door and was informed that Hell was on the other side of the door. As he entered the door, he was surprised to see a banquet hall set for a feast. Everything was beautiful, but all the diners moaned and wailed in agony. The center of the table had a succulent, tasty dish of food. At the side of each person was a very long spoon. The food was long enough to dish out the food, but too long to put it in one's own mouth. Thus, the people were unable to eat and were starving and shrieking with hunger pains. The terror was more than the pastor could bear, so he asked to leave. When he opened the door to Heaven, he was terrified to see the same scene. Everything was the same, only languishing had been replaced with laughter and joy. Those in Heaven did not moan because they could not feed themselves. Instead, they used their long spoons to feed one another. There is joy in serving others.

10. He is REPEATEDLY REGULAR.

The servant of the Lord is characterized by consistency in his life. He serves his master whether he is harsh or gentle. We are to serve the Lord in good and in bad

times. Servanthood is not difficult to define; it is only difficult to achieve because it goes against our grain.

1 Peter 2:18: ***“Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.”***

11. The servant of the Lord **RELINQUISHES** his will to Christ.

He is following the Lord and doing His will. God measures our service, not by our ability, but by our willingness.

John 12:26: ***“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.”***

Ephesians 6:6, 7: ***“Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:”***

12. The servant of the Lord is **READY** to serve.

He is prepared. He looks for opportunities to serve God.

A. He is ready to **Serve....**

2 Timothy 2:21: ***“If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified,***

and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

Titus 3:1: *"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,"*

B. He is ready to Satisfy Questions...

1 Peter 3:15: *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"*

C. He is ready to Speak for the Lord...

Romans 1:15: *"So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."*

D. He is ready to Stand before the Lord...

2 Timothy 4:6: *"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand."*

E. He is ready for the Second Coming of Christ—

Matthew 24:44: *"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."*

13. He RAISES Up the Lord in his life.

He exalts and magnifies the Lord and tells those who are lost about the Savior.

John 3:30: “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Matthew 5:16: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

1 Corinthians 6:20: “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Acts 1:8: “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

14. He is REACHABLE and has a REASON for Living.

Availability then is the ability to add strength or worth to another person. It is the quality of one who stands ready to contribute of his or her own strength and talent to another. Availability is recognizing that it is by making others successful that I myself am successful. Availability is not always a matter of duty. It is a voluntary attitude. Do not think of availability as “something I have to do,” or you will destroy the spirit of it. Availability is something I am happy and willing to do because I am committed to the success or needs of the person I am serving. God wants us not only to have this attitude toward others, but also toward Him. The Bible teaches we are to be available and

ready to serve the Lord. It is tragic when God's people are unavailable to the Lord. Isaiah said: **Isaiah 63:5a**: ***"And I looked, and there was none to help..."***

God help us to always be ready to serve Him.

Hebrews 11:24, 25: ***"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;"***

Joshua 24:15: ***"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."***

15. He RELIEVES the load of others.

You will find that God does not comfort His people to make them comfortable, but to make them comforters.

2 Corinthians 1:4: ***"Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."***

Isaiah 50:4: ***"The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a***

word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.”

1 Corinthians 16:15: “I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)”

Galatians 6:2, 10: “Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

When you dig another out of his troubles, you will find a place to bury your own.

We have seen in this section the pertinent precept for victory: the presentation of our bodies, our position in Christ, a preposterous proposal, and the principles of life. The next point is in **verses 17** and **18**.

VI. OUR PRISON BREAK FROM SIN— Romans 6:17, 18

Paul praises and thanks the Lord for the salvation of the Romans. Have you thanked the Lord for your salvation? Paul says they “obeyed from the heart” the message that was delivered to them. True obedience comes from the heart of a person.

Matthew 22:37: “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

Romans 10:9, 10: “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

When we are half-hearted Christians, we get into trouble, do we not? How would you rate your heart-obedience right now? Paul rejoiced because they obeyed the form of doctrine delivered to them.

When the Lord Jesus saves a person, that person becomes a new spiritual creation in Christ. He is cast into the mold of divine truth and the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. When you trusted Christ as your Savior, you were poured into a new mold, God's mold of truth and righteousness. Like a sculptor shaping a statue, the Spirit of God molds, makes, and shapes our lives. The Gospel shapes our character into a new mold.

Romans 12:1, 2: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Paul says, “Be not conformed to this world,” or do not let the world squeeze you into its mold. We are to be “transformed by the renewing our minds.” We are to let the Lord remold our lives from within. Do not let Satan try to fit you back into the old sinful mold from which God delivered you.

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. The word “free” means a once-and-for-all action or an action in the past that has present results. Moreover; *“having been freed from sin...”* This means we have freedom from sin's power in our lives. We have the power to say “no” to sin. The reason we do sin is because we choose to do so, when in reality, we do not have to. We can be servants of righteousness.

VII. THE PRODUCT OF SIN & SALVATION—6:19-23

Before we were saved, we yielded to sin. In Christ, we can yield to righteousness. When we were in bondage to sin, we were free from the control of righteousness in our lives. One of the true marks of salvation is being ashamed of one's life before salvation. Impropriety, iniquity, immorality, idolatry, indifference, influence that is abused, and inflicting pain upon others are things that do not instill pride in people. We have nothing to be proud about concerning our sin. Thank God, that in Christ, we have been made free from sin's power.

God says that the wages of sin is death. This word “wages” is a military term. It was used for a soldier's wages

or money to buy food rations. If we got the pay we earned, it would be death.

God's gift is eternal life. It was given to them out of the goodness of the emperor's heart. Eternal life is not earned, it is given freely to us by the grace of God when we believe in Him. ***"The wages of sin is death..."*** Sinners need to beware of the path of sin and its final destination.

1 John 5:17: ***"All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death."***

1 Corinthians 11:30: ***"For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."***

Do not forget about Samson and how his carnal life ended in destruction.

When it comes to the matter of our salvation, it is essential that we realize there are several things God cannot do.

1. He cannot forgive sin without the penalty being paid. The wage is death, and it must be paid. If it had been possible to provide salvation without Jesus paying the penalty demanded by God's holiness and justice, God the Father would have allowed Jesus to escape the death of the cross.

2. God cannot and will not force His gift upon anyone. We are not robots. We must choose to accept or reject His offer of salvation.

3. God cannot or will not force anyone to love Him or accept His love. Force perverts the transaction. To claim love for someone when they are forced to love that person is no love at all. It is fake. True love does not force. For this reason, mankind must have a free will to choose or reject the Lord. If men choose the Lord, they do it because their choice is genuine.

Lesson 31 Questions

1. Sin can still reign in our bodies after we are saved.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. We are not to yield our bodies as _____ of unrighteousness.
 - a. Generations
 - b. Members
 - c. Instruments
 - d. Forms
3. Why are we to yield to the Lord?
 - a. We will die otherwise
 - b. We will receive grace
 - c. Sin affects the entire body
 - d. Sin affects part of us
4. What five parts of our bodies are affected by sin?
5. Romans 6:14 talks about our _____ in Christ.
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Precept
 - c. Proposal
 - d. Position
6. As Christians, we are citizens of _____.
 - a. Righteousness
 - b. Heaven
 - c. Hell
 - d. The Earth
7. Who wrote a book which ridiculed hypocritical Christianity?
 - a. Charles Dickens
 - b. Upton Sinclair
 - c. Sinclair Lewis

- d. Karl Marx
- 8. Who said, "The measure of a man is not how many servants he has, but how many men he serves"?
 - a. George Whitefield
 - b. Jonathan Edwards
 - c. Sinclair Lewis
 - d. D. L. Moody
- 9. In the illustration, the difference between Heaven and hell was:
 - a. The way people were eating
 - b. What people were eating
 - c. With whom people were eating
 - d. The amount people were eating
- 10. The servant of the Lord is characterized by the _____ in his life.
 - a. Consistency
 - b. Complaints
 - c. Charity
 - d. Contributions
- 11. Availability is a matter of duty.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 12. Why does God comfort His people?
 - a. To make them comfortable
 - b. To make them secure
 - c. To make them comforters
 - d. To make them thankful
- 13. When we get saved, we became:
 - a. A new god
 - b. A new creator
 - c. A new creation
 - d. None of the above

14. One of the true marks of salvation is being _____ of one's life before salvation.
- a. Prideful
 - b. Ashamed
 - c. Thankful
 - d. Fearful
15. Who is an example in the Bible of a carnal, Christian life?