

Romans Unlocked

Romans is a New Testament book often misunderstood and misquoted by the Christian religion. Yet, it is a simple book and easy to understand. Why, then, do so many religions misunderstand Paul's letter to the church at Rome? This is easily explained when you consider the state of religion today.

FIRST: Let's first take a look at the problem behind religions inability to understand Romans, or better said, why religion has their own spin on the Bible in general, and on Paul's epistles, especially his letter to the Gentiles at Rome. With this as our foundation, we'll take a chapter-by-chapter look at the book of Romans itself, unlock its truths, and reveal the inconsistencies found in the Christian religion today.

It Began a Long Time Ago

Fifteen centuries ago, and four centuries after Paul pinned his letter to the church at Rome, (that would be the early fifth century), thanks to Augustine, a bishop of the early Roman Church, religion began to approach the Bible allegorically. Not that there were many Bibles in that day, or the people were literate and could read the Bible if they had one.

Allegorical, spiritual, symbolic interpretation means when the Church leaders of that day can't understand or explain the Bible, they resort to imagining what the Bible might mean: they allegorize and spiritualize what the Bible says. This leads to a lot of problems as people must keep the rest of the Bible consistent with all the imaginings they come up with. That's difficult to do. That is why today, modern pop religion is mostly a bunch of random Bible verses taken out of context, interpreted and applied to fit the need of the moment. Every piece of the Bible is its own franchise, disjointed and disconnected from the rest of scripture.

Fun Fact: The Christian religion, Protestant and Catholic, is found nowhere in the Bible. It is a made-up religion of many systems loosely defined by Bible verses taken out of context, and/or made-up traditions, superstitions, imaginations, mysticism, stories and fables, extra-biblical writings, errant beliefs and rituals, in a false religion of candles, statues, chanting, babbling, beads, costumes, empty practices and more, all wrapped in a form of liturgical pomp and show that has no biblical support, totally void of God's Spirit. Mormonism is the same type of religion created in the same way.

There is no way to chop the Bible up into little pieces and still maintain God's cohesive message to mankind. Problem verses that do not fit the popular religious narrative are explained away, redefined, allegorized, spiritualized, or simply omitted from the conversation. This "cafeteria style" approach to the Bible, a pick-and-choose exegesis, is the only possible way these religions can handle the tangle of verses they take out-of-context. They can't put two and two together because nothing ever adds up to anything.

Fun Fact: The problem with Christian religion could have been easily solved if they had focused on God's message to the world He sent through the Apostle Paul. This they did not do, and have not since the inception of their religion. Christianity focuses on anything and everything obsolete Jewish, ignoring God and His plan for mankind in this Age of Grace. Paul, God's ambassador to the world brought a simple message of salvation by grace through faith, and the abiding Spirit of God. The Spirit is the difference between the ineffectual religions of our world and the relationship with God. The former cannot work and doesn't work. The latter can't fail, and creates within an individual a new spiritual creation. No religion on the planet can do that.

The root of the problem is that theologians and professors in seminaries, pastors, preachers, and Sunday school teachers at the local church, do not understand the Bible. The reason they don't understand the Bible is they lack the Spirit of God. Without the Spirit of God, no one can understand the things of God. The Bible, God's Word to mankind, is one of those "things of God". Without God's Word there is no hope for, or possibility of, a firm foundation. This lack of foundational understanding is why there are so many variations of the Christian religion, if you ever wondered. After 2000 years of this confusion, it is doubtful anything will ever change. In fact, it has only gotten worse.

Fun Fact: Religion is the single greatest satanic deception ever perpetrated upon the people of this world. This includes every type, from idolatry, Confucianism, Islam, Christianity, and the rest.

The Body of Christ is not a religion, it is a relationship with God, and the indwelling Spirit of God. The indwelling Spirit is what differentiates the Body of Christ from the fortune cookie religions of our world.

Religion and the False Gospel

Religions abound that proclaim themselves "Christian", Biblical, "Gospel Believers", Followers of Christ, Spirit Filled, Four Square, and others, yet, their adherents have no part in the Body of Christ. Catholics, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Evangelicals, Presbyterians, Charismatics, Pentecostals, Baptists, Emergent, and many more, all claim the Bible as the inerrant Word of God and their singular, authoritative guide for life and living. They can all articulate precisely the Gospel message of salvation by God's grace through faith in Jesus. This only proves they can read. What they believe, preach, and teach betrays them as having nothing to do with the truth of the Bible, and many times their "Jesus" has no similarity to the real Jesus, and more importantly, Paul's Christ. The religious can rattle off Bible verses, but they redefine those words to suit their personal beliefs. Simply chanting "salvation through Jesus" does not legitimize a false religion full of false doctrines and false gods. It is a satanic trick designed to deceive the people.

Fun Fact: If I told you that I was a great carpenter, and I came from a long line of carpenters going back many generations, and I used a lot of carpentry words and language, but didn't know which side of the hammer to use to hit which side of the nail, what kind of carpenter am I?

The Christian religion claims a long heritage dating back centuries as if that makes them smart. They use Bible words and say Bible things, but they don't have a hammer or nails, meaning they do not have God or the Spirit of God. It is little wonder, then, that their belief systems lack a solid foundation, and their religious structure has been condemned long ago.

When it comes to the book of Romans, to make a case for their religious views, religions will quote verses from Paul's letter, out of context, and none of their views contain the truth Paul explains in his letter.

See the articles on this website "[*This Gospel, That Gospel*](#)" and "[*Who's Your Jesus*](#)" and "[*It is Finished*](#)" and "[*All Scripture?*](#)" for a detailed explanation

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Romans, a Pauline Foundation

Paul's letter to the church at Rome contains more, and deeper theology than the rest of his letters to the churches of his day. That is why it appears first in the collection of Paul's epistles in the New Testament. It is a foundational book that sets the stage for what he says in his other letters, so, it is a good place to start your Bible study, and it is important to get this one right.

Paul covers a lot of territory in Romans, mostly explaining Christ: why He came and how He changed the landscape from law to grace. While he is writing to the Gentiles, he explains grace and salvation to the Jews who cannot get past the Jewish law, and will not accept Jesus as their Messiah. Paul counters the Jewish perspective with his Gospel of grace and the "mystery" given him by the ascended Christ to take to the Gentiles (nations).

Fun Fact: One reason God called the Jews to be his people was there tenacious, unwavering adherence to tradition and detail. From the Jews we have the Bible, preserved for us today, written and meticulously copied and maintained over the centuries. However, this is the very trait that prevents them from seeing Jesus as their Messiah, and the reason they will not accept the transition from law to grace. They really hate change.

Antisemitism / anti-Zionism

When reading Romans, it is important to know to whom Paul is referring, and not mistakenly take his words out of context. Also, one must avoid the pitfalls of modern religions that believe:

- God is finished with the Jews,
- **all** the Bible is **for** the Christian church
- **all** the Bible is written **to** the Christian Church, and
- every word of the Bible is **doctrine** for a Gentile Christian audience.

None of the points above are true or biblical, and believing them will lead the reader astray and prevent you from understanding Romans, the rest of the Pauline epistles, God's message to man through Paul, and the whole of the Bible. Indeed, approaching the Bible with this anti-Jew mindset is a formula guaranteed to cause confusion, produce errant doctrine, and get on the wrong side of God (which is what happened to religion long ago and why it is such a godless mess today).

This anti-Jew, "Replacement Theology" found in Covenant / Reformed religion today is why God does not bless the Christian religion and never has, any more than He blesses Mormonism or Buddhism, both anti-God non-biblical religions. Without God's blessing, there is no Spirit of God, meaning they cannot understand the Bible and so, they have no direction or unity in their churches. It is why religion ignores Paul. Paul is a Jew (so was Jesus for that matter), Paul was pro-Jew (so was Jesus for that matter) (so was God for that matter), so much of what Paul says contradicts the foundational theme of Christian religion anti-Jewish talking points.

For more information on this subject, see the articles on this site "[Why the Christian Religion Failed](#)". "[The Father of Modern Religion](#)", "[What's Wrong with the Church](#)", and many other titles. PPGpilot.com

Romans

The Book of Romans, written to the Gentile Church at Rome, was not Paul's first letter he penned to the Gentiles. Out of his 13 letters, Romans is his sixth epistle, written 20 years after his transformative conversion from Saul to Paul, and 10 years prior to his death. It is the longest of Paul's letters and contains the most theology. In it, Paul explains, among other things, the mechanics of salvation. Without the book of Romans, we would not understand numerous doctrines we take for granted today. A large part of the letter specifically addresses the Jews in their unbelief, their issues with law and grace, their obstinance and disobedience - past and present, and why they are put aside in blindness this entire 2000-year Age of Grace.

Fun Fact: Removing Romans from the Bible would eliminate 90% of what Paul had to say in his 13 epistles .

While all of Paul's letters offer valuable insight into life and living for the Body of Christ, if you could only have one of his letters, Romans would be the one to choose. In fact, if you could have only one book of the New Testament, you guessed it: Romans.

For more information on Paul and what he brings to the table, see the article on this site "[Without Paul](#)". PPGpilot.com

First Things First

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes to the Gentiles explaining the difference between the Jewish law and the faith of the Gentiles. Paul was passionate about his people, the Jews, and repeatedly tried to bring them to an understanding of faith (See the Book of Acts). He attempted to convince the

Jews that Christ was the end of the law, ushering in a new era of grace. However, God hardened the Jews, blinding them so they could neither hear, see, nor understand the truth of Paul's Gospel: God's grace and the mystery of the indwelling Spirit. This was Peter's condition and why he never understood Paul's message. Still, Paul continued his attempts to reach the Jews.

Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, [

:2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart (for the Jews).

:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren (the Jews), my kinsmen according to the flesh:

:4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

Romans 10:

1 ¶ Brethren (Gentiles), my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they (Jews) might be saved.

2 For I bear them (Jews) record that they (Jews) have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they (Jews) being ignorant of God's righteousness (Faith in Christ), and going about to establish their own righteousness (Through the Law and Works), have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God (Faith in Christ).

4 For Christ [is] the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. (Jew and Gentile)

9 That if thou (Jews) 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 (Jews).

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

:14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh (Jews), and might save some of them.

Throughout the book "The Acts of the Apostles" (aka Acts), Paul, in his journeys, repeatedly goes to the Jews and reasons with them of Christ and grace and faith, initially placing a higher priority on reaching the Jews than the Gentiles. His message, "God's Grace through our faith", is superior to the Jewish law, and the Jews must believe that Jesus is their promised Messiah. But, the Jews, being hardened and blinded, could never see, and Paul could never convince his brethren to faith. Finally, Paul turned to the Gentiles.

Acts 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

:6 And when they (Jews) opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook *his* raiment, and said unto them (Jews), Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

It is Paul's back-and-forth reasoning of the Jewish plight compared to God's plan that makes his letter to the Romans a treasure-trove of theological truth without equal. Here is a list of Paul's contribution to our understanding through Romans, given to us from God.

1. Our salvation by God's grace through our faith in Christ
2. Justification through faith
3. Sanctification
4. Reconciliation to God through Christ's death
5. Christ and his atoning sacrifice
6. Forgiveness of Sins
7. God's Grace
8. Peace with God
9. The Indwelling Spirit of God
10. No condemnation
11. Eternal life
12. Imputed righteousness,
13. Our walk in the spirit
14. Freedom from the law
15. Faith
16. A life Alive to God
17. JOY
18. Freedom from death and sin
19. Christ the Mediator between God and man
20. The Body of Christ made up of believers in Christ
21. Our position in Christ: seated in the heavenlies
22. Our Adoption into the family of God
23. Two peoples becoming one: the Jew and the Gentile
24. The end of the Law

Fun Fact: Removing Paul from the Bible, especially the book of Romans, would leave a lot of missing parts and pieces that are required to understand God and Christ, and our new life in the Spirit. This explains the disparity seen in Christianity, and the holes in their knowledge as they ignore Paul, and thereby ignore God. As a result, the Christian religion has neither God, His Spirit, the Bible, or the truth.

The Study

Let's quickly go through the book of Romans and hit the high points. This is by no means an exhaustive study, but the book is not difficult to understand if you

- follow the dialogue,
- know to whom Paul is speaking, and
- keep the verses in context.

Fun Fact: Many of the verses Paul writes in Romans are aimed at the Jews alone, not to the Gentiles at all, and not to all of mankind, and certainly Paul is not writing to the corrupt Roman pagan Christian religion, or its offshoot, Protestantism that would not even begin for 1500 years future.

Fun Fact: Christianity takes many of Paul's verses out of context, particularly those in Romans that specifically address the Jews in their unbelief. Christianity applies these verses directly - and inappropriately - to themselves, and to those they imagine are lost souls in our world that don't think as they do.

Romans 1

Chapter Highlights

- Paul, called of God
- Paul writes of himself in the plural
- Paul received grace and made an Apostle by God
- Gentiles are the called of Jesus Christ
- Paul writes Romans to the Gentiles
- Righteousness and Faith
- God's wrath
- The Created things show God so that they who do not believe are without excuse
- People knew God and chose to reject Him
- Sexual perversions

Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called [to be] an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

The first verse of Romans tells us that God chose Paul to proclaim the Gospel of God. Christ specifically sent Paul to the Gentiles with the "mystery" hidden in God from the foundation of the world, the ministry of reconciliation, and the word of reconciliation. These are impressive credentials held by no one else in the world then or since.

God sent Paul to us with the truth that God wants us to hear and understand. God did not send Peter, James, or any of the other apostles with their words that no longer applied to the world.

God did not send Paul to tell the Gentile world about the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews, the Gospel Jesus, or to be like Jesus, have the love of Jesus, be the love of Jesus, make disciples for Jesus, have the mission of Jesus, follow Jesus, conform to Jesus, or other silly things the modern day church ascribes to their version of a manufactured character they call Jesus that is found nowhere in the Bible.

Paul, and the importance of his message, has been all but forgotten by the Christian religious since the close of the Apostolic age nearly 2000 years ago. Instead, religion took a wicked left turn to bring us to where we are today: a religious system that majors on Jewish anthology that no longer matters in this new Age of Grace, having nothing to do with the Gentiles.

Fun Fact: Christianity ignores Paul to focus exclusively on a Jewish Jesus, ascribing non-existent attributes to a non-existent, fictitious Jesus. In this, the Christian religion creates a false god they call Jesus, just as other religions created the false goddess Mary. Satan's express purpose in each of these phony deities, and every religion in the world, is displacing our worship of the one true almighty God with something else, anything else.

Fun Fact: Christianity focuses exclusively on their idea and concept of Jesus, and ignores Paul and his message. This is odd since Jesus came to His own and had nothing to say to the Gentiles, and had no dealings with the Gentiles, and did not come to the Gentiles. He did call the Gentiles dogs.

Jesus is Jewish and is for His people, the Jews. Jesus reigns on earth in the millennium over the Jews. The Gentile Body of Christ is in Heaven, not on earth. The Jews have no place in Heaven and nowhere in the Bible does it say otherwise.

Instead, post ascension, the ascended Christ sent Paul to the Gentiles with the message God has for the Nations. Paul's epistles are ignored because they contradict Christianities made-up message and there errant emphasis on missions. Christians use out of context Bible verses from Paul's epistles to support their made-up beliefs and agenda, particularly those verses in Romans that specifically address the Jews in their unbelief and say nothing to the Gentiles. They apply these misinterpreted verses directly - and inappropriately - to themselves and their religion.

Paul in the Plural

As in many of Paul's letters, Romans contains an important distinction present in a writing style that everyone overlooks: Paul often refers to himself in the plural. This is almost entirely the case in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Failing to recognize this feature has created many problems and misunderstandings for the unaware.

For more information of the plural Paul, see "[The Reconciliation Conundrum](#)", or the express version of the article "[The False Ministry of Reconciliation](#)" on this site .

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Romans 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

In Romans 1:5, Paul proclaims he received grace from God and apostleship to the Gentiles (this is Paul's conversion experience that occurred on the road to Damascus). In II Corinthians 4:1 and 5:18-20, he states this same idea (in the plural) saying he received his ministry of reconciliation and the word of reconciliation, and that he is an ambassador for Christ, speaking in the place of Christ to the Corinthians. Only the Apostle Paul has these unique qualifications for his position of ambassador: no one else in the New Testament is ever given such a title, and Paul does not refer to anyone else as an ambassador for Christ, and never assigns this title to anyone, not even Paul's protégé, Timothy, to whom Paul passes his ministerial baton.

Note that an apostle is one who has seen Jesus, Paul being the last to see the ascended Christ. So, the "we" in the above verse can only be Paul and this is the same in II Corinthians. (Read II Corinthians with this in mind and it will completely change your understanding of that letter.)

Paul's Audience

Paul writes Romans to a Gentile audience, but also addresses the Jews as we will see.

Romans 1:13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

What if They Never Hear?

This is the proverbial ax to the root of modern-day Evangelicalism.

Paul answers the question of the "man in the wilderness" who never hears about Christ or sees a Bible: what becomes of such a person? The modern Christian religion, especially the Evangelical, Berean, and Grace derivatives, believes everyone must hear the good news for salvation, and not hearing, they are eternally lost. Hence their misplaced, non-biblical focus on missions and evangelism. We will see this position is the result of taking many verses from Paul's epistles out of context, particularly those in Paul's letter to the Romans.

It is Christianities view that people are going to Hell because they are dying without Christ, because they do not hear the Gospel. They present an urgent appeal to their followers that "we must reach these people through missions and evangelism". "Time is short." This makes no sense on several levels and has led to the problems Evangelicalism has experienced throughout the years. Their view comes from passages in Romans they take out of context.

Fun Fact: One preacher of the Grace movement, part of the “King James Only” persuasion (KJO), goes so far as to say that Bible translations in other languages are not acceptable, and we must teach everyone in the world English so they can read the King James Bible in the Elizabethan dialect, for only in this way can people understand God’s Word and be saved. **This is beyond ludicrous**, of course, and completely overlooks the fact that the King James Bible itself is just one in a line of many linguistic translations. **NOTE:** The Roman Church said the same thing about the Latin Bible translation for 1200 years. Positions such as these completely overlook the role of the indwelling Spirit of God in revealing the truth of Scripture to the mind of the child of God, and prove an embarrassment to these religious zealots.

Fun Fact: The misinterpretation of the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews is the reason behind the Protestant’s misplaced emphasis on missions, the artificial mandate on evangelism, and, since the mid 1900’s, the false concept of personal evangelism. This error led to Protestantism’s late 20th century drive toward a seeker sensitive church, then a seeker friendly church, then a seeker driven church, and finally the Emergent church models. Ecumenicalism is the next and lowest rung on the ladder in the Christian religions descent into hell. Through all this, their goal is body count, not spiritual growth. The result is their gutting the Pauline church model and starving their followers of solid Bible doctrine that would lead them to God and spiritual truth.

Where are the Preachers?

What these religions fail to grasp, or refuse to accept, and will never admit or teach, is that for most of 1400 years, there were no Bibles, preachers, ministers, missionaries, or evangelicals for the vast majority of the earth’s population. What happened to the hundreds of millions of people who never heard or understood anything about God, Jesus, and the Bible? Paul handles this issue in chapter one and elsewhere in Romans:

Romans 1:

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 ¶ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed [it] unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Notice “**from the creation of the world are clearly seen**”. Simply, God created everyone with His signature on their hearts, an emptiness only God can fill, and plants a desire in man to look beyond himself for a higher being: his creator. God makes Himself known to man throughout time through created nature, and He judges everyone on what they know of Him and what they did with what they

knew, and this from the creation of the world. God knows how to save outside the narrow confines of the false Christian religions and their errant doctrines of our day.

Consider: God chose Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and many others for blessings and service. And look! no perverse Roman religion, Baptist preachers, Bibles, baptism, confessionals, missionaries, churches, Bible studies, small groups, or any of the other trappings of our modern day false religions. How did we ever get along without the 20th century Evangelical imaginings?

When Christ died a sacrificial death for mankind, He died for everyone past, present, and future. Obviously, many in the past did not know the name Jesus. However, the timeless God can save and does save, applying Christ's foreknown sacrifice and justification to whom He will. Once again, God has made Himself known to people, even through created nature, and anyone can respond to God as they understand Him. Not only that, every person born has the signature of God on their hearts, and an emptiness that only God can fill: an internal compass of sorts that points to God. People can find God, and God has made this abundantly clear through Paul. Yet, you will not hear this taught in the Christian Church.

Fun Fact: Evangelicals insist that a person must make a personal commitment to God, pray a prayer, be baptized, else no salvation. They fail to see that the Apostle Paul did not seek salvation, rather, it was thrust upon him on the road to Damascus. Paul writes that he is an example of God's grace, and how God can save even one such as a Jew named Saul.

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

You may ask: "Then why do we have or need the Evangelical religion?" Exactly! Same question applies to the other derivatives of these wayward religions: Amish, Snake Handlers, and Charismatics. Then there is the religion called Presbyterian USA whose members believe that everything God calls sinful, evil, vile, perverse, and profane makes a dandy religion. No problem. Their made-up god is all love and leniency. And there are other religions that follow a fake god and do not know the creator God of the Bible.

Those Who do not Choose God

People who refuse God are responsible for their not turning to God. In the Garden of Eden, man deliberately chose away from God resulting in a separation from God. This separation from God passed down through all generations. Through Christ, the means is available for man to choose back to God. Whosoever chooses God, God accepts. Man chose away from God, man must choose back to God. That's how it works. Yet, even when people have the knowledge of God, most choose to turn away from God.

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

- 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
- 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
- 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Sexual Deviance

Since the beginning, sexual perversions have been with mankind in the fallen nature. Actually, that is the fallen nature: “**and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**”. This was the state of man before the flood as mentioned in the Bible, along with all things self.

Fun Fact: *Self is the root of all sin.*

Paul speaks to God’s view on the subject:

Romans 1:

- 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
- 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Evil in Man

Knowing God, they denied and rejected God. God then gave them over to themselves, their lusts, and sins, to their own destruction.

- Romans 1:28** And even as they did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
- 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 2

Chapter Highlights

- Men are without excuse
- God to render to all accordingly
- Good to those who do good
- Tribulation and anguish to the evil
- The law
- Jewish perspective

Blessings or Curses

Paul continues explaining the two choices available. Every person must make a choice: turn to God or turn away from God. The righteous receive blessings while the unrighteous find God's curse, wrath, and anguish in life and eternity. This applies to everyone: Jew, Greek, male, female, slave or free.

Grace and Law

As Paul preached his gospel of grace to the Gentiles, he excluded the law. The Jews believed the Gentiles were added to their religion and that the Gentiles must follow the Jewish laws. The Jews could not get past the reality that God put them (Jews) aside and went to the Gentiles, and through Christ, replaced the law with grace. For this reason, Paul juxtaposes the Jewish perspective of the law with God's grace, using the Jewish scriptures (our Old Testament) to explain how the two differ, and why grace is superior to the law. These references would be familiar to the Jews; the Gentiles, not so much.

Fun Fact: Despite what you may have been taught in religion, the Gentiles never had anything to do with the Jews, and the Jews never co-worshipped with the Gentiles, the christian religion of today did not come out of Judaism, and the Acts 2 church had nothing to do with the Gentiles or the Christian religion 1500 years future.

Peter never went to the Gentiles and never understood Paul's Gospel or the mystery. The issues of the Jewish law and circumcision, and the opinion the Jews held of the Gentiles, divided these two distinct groups then, before then, and ever since then.

Christ came to fulfill the law and reconcile God and man so that everyone can now find salvation through God's grace apart from the law. This is the Age of Grace, a 2000-year period of God calling everyone everywhere to repent and come to Him for salvation and receive His Spirit. The Jews, steeped in the law, had a problem with this concept and never got it, even to this day.

Paul explained that the Jewish law, not obeyed, is of no benefit. Yet, the Gentiles, doing what they understand is right (**the proverbial man in the wilderness**), (the knowledge of good and evil) is a law unto themselves, and this is better than the Jews who had the law but could never fully follow the law.

Romans 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and [their] thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Evangelicalism has a problem with this whole concept because it does not fit with their made-up narratives, their misinterpretation of scripture, and their self-appointed mission emphasis. They ignore this passage and others - and they ignore Paul who dared say such things that were pro-Jew. Instead, Christianity mistakenly embraces as their religion all things Jewish in the New Testament - except Paul, God's Ambassador.

Fun Fact: There are many religions about God, but only one relationship with God. The relationship is complete in and of itself. Religion is neither required nor desired: being at best an encumbrance.

Fun Fact: Satan has prepared an array of religious options for the masses to choose from and does not care what religion you follow as all roads lead to Hell.

Fun Fact: Satan has conjured up a variety of gods and goddesses for the religious to worship, among them a false Jesus, a false god, and a false goddess called Mary. All these deities are meant to draw your attention away from the one true Almighty Creator God. Satan doesn't care who or what you worship, as long as it is not THE God.

Paul and the Jewish Position

Much of Romans is Paul talking through the Jewish position under the law while he explains Christ and grace. If Christians believe Paul's words that he writes, explaining the Jews and their position, are about them and instructive to them, you can see how this could be problematic. Chapter 2 is the launching pad for Paul's explanation of the Jews under the law. **Behold, thou art called a Jew:** obviously Paul is not referring to the Gentiles.

Romans 2:

17 ¶ Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

18 And knowest [his] will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;

19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is

written.

25 For circumcision (**The Law**) verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

26 Therefore if the uncircumcision (**Gentile**) keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

Paul says the Jewish law is of no value if the Jews don't keep the entire law, and the Gentiles who do not have the law, find favor with God if they do by nature the spirit of the law. As mentioned, this throws a monkey-wrench into the evangelical machinery.

Romans 3

- The Law
- Righteousness
- No one Righteous
- Faith in Christ
- Justification

Paul continues his dialogue; asking and answering hypothetical questions, and comparing the law to grace.

Romans 3:1 ¶ What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit [is there] of circumcision?

2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

Jews and Gentiles are on equal footing, for both are sinners.

Romans 3:

9 What then? are we (**JEWS**) better than they (**GENTILES**)? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

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

Romans 3:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Here is a change in the program. Where there was once the ineffectual law that could never save, there is now God's righteousness through Christ's sacrifice unto salvation for all mankind for all who choose.

Romans 3:

19 ¶ Now we (**JEWS**) know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law (**Jews**): that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God [which is] by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe (): for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned (JEW & GENTILE), and come short of the glory of God;

Conclusion: Because of Christ's sacrifice, man can now have peace with God as there exists a reconciliation between God and man. The law is no longer required or necessary to find peace with God. This also ended the Jewish animal sacrificial system and Temple worship. Our willingly turning to God in faith is our only requirement. God welcomes all who make that choice as adopted children of faith along the model of Abraham.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 4

Chapter Content

- Justification, Faith, Righteousness

Here Paul refers to the Scriptures of his day (our Old Testament) to demonstrate to the Jews the faith of Abraham so the Jews can understand the concept of faith. The takeaway is that while the Jews had their laws and the sign of circumcision, it was faith alone that set those signs into motion. The Jews would be familiar with, and could relate to this example. Again, means nothing to the Gentiles.

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

While the Jews see the sign of circumcision as the mark of salvation, Abraham was justified by his faith without circumcision. Therefore, in the same way, the Gentiles are righteous by their faith as well, without external signs, making Abraham the father of the Gentiles by faith.

Romans 4:

11 And he (**Abraham**) received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which [he had yet] being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised (**the Gentiles**); that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham (**the Gentiles**), which

[he had] being [yet] uncircumcised.

16 Therefore [it is] of faith, that [it might be] by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law (**Jews**), but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham (**the Gentiles**); who is the father of us all, (**Jew and Gentile**)

The Jewish Unbelief, Not the Gentiles

Here is a sticking point and seemingly a contradiction: verses that various religions take out of context to further their false agendas. We will see a number of these as we go forward through Romans.

As Paul addresses the Jews in their unbelief, he is **not** speaking to the Gentiles then or future.

Romans 4:

22 And therefore it was imputed to him (**Abraham**) for righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also (**Jews**), to whom it shall be imputed, if we (**Jews**), **believe on him (**God**) that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;**

25 Who (**Jesus**) was delivered for our (**Jews**) offences, and was raised again for our (**Jews**) justification.

The important part to notice here: “if we believe”. **Paul is speaking to the Jews.** The Jews knew fully well Jesus and the claims of His Messiahship, but they did not, would not believe. The Jews needed to believe. This does not mean Gentiles, and is not a mandate to a future evangelical world. **It is Paul speaking specifically of the Jews in their unbelief in the Jesus they knew, stating their need for them to believe.**

Paul speaks to the Gentiles in the course of his ministry with the same thought for those who know of the Christ. Here it is matter of **not denying the Christ you know.** Those who do not know Christ - the man in the wilderness - respond to the God they see in created nature.

As mentioned, modern-day religion takes bits and pieces of the Bible out of context. Romans is particularly vulnerable as there are a lot of words here religions love to cut and paste, and so, misinterpret to build / align with their false religion / agenda. It is the word version of photo-shop. Here Christians believe, “on authority of Scripture”, that everyone must believe that God raised up Jesus from the dead else no salvation. This dovetails nicely for Protestants with their errant interpretation of Matthew 28, that Gentiles are commanded “by Jesus” no less, to “Go Ye” and make disciples. Yet, there exists no such thing in the Bible, as Christianity misinterprets both verses, taking them out of context.

Fun Fact In the four Jewish Gospels, during His three-year ministry, Jesus went to the Jew only, deliberately omitting the Gentiles and calling them “dogs”, His words. Neither Jesus nor His disciples ministered to, or interacted with the Gentiles, avoiding them entirely, and referring to both the Gentiles and Samaritans as heathens, and sinners.

Post-ascension, Jesus commissioned the Apostle Paul to minister to the Gentiles with a new message that Christ never spoke to His disciples; information the world had never heard, information that God chose for the Gentiles to receive from the mouth of the Apostle Paul, information that had nothing to do with the Jewish Old Testament or the four Jewish Gospels.

That the Christian religion of today believes that Jesus, 2000 years ago, spoke specifically to them, a misguided, biblically ignorant group of Gentiles, without God or the Spirit of God, despising the Jews, preaching a false gospel, a false Spirit, and a phony Jesus, ignoring Christ’s messenger to the Gentiles, the Apostle Paul - and they thinking Jesus commanded them into the mission field to convert the world to their brand of made-up religion is beyond absurd.

Consider the following:

- The Gospel Jesus was a Jew. He came to the Jews. Jesus came unto His own: the Jews, not to the Gentiles.
- Jesus did not come to add the Gentiles to the Jews.
- Jesus did not impose the Jewish law onto the Gentiles
- Jesus did not send the Gentiles of that day anywhere to do anything
- Jesus sent His disciples to “GO YE”, no one else.
- Due to the hardening of the Jews, the disciples never left Jerusalem. They never did “GO YE”, instead, they remained in Jerusalem awaiting the Lord’s return.
- Jesus never ministered to or included the Gentiles in anything, calling them dogs.
- The four Jewish Gospels about the Jews are a continuation of the Old Testament about the Jews, and did not speak to or include the Gentile Body of Christ.
- The ascended Christ did not send Paul to the Gentiles with a “Go Ye” message
- Paul did not ever tell his flock - the Body of Christ, to “Go Ye”
- Jesus, saying “Go Ye”, would have never sent an apostate Roman pagan Christian religion, 300 years after the fact, to “make disciples” for that false religion any more than He would send the Mormons, the JW’s, or the Moonies. Yet, these false Bible religions pick out the same verses and follow the Protestant error.
- And in no way did Jesus send a then non-existent Protestant Christian religion, 1900 years future, to “GO YE” and recruit followers to a church of Augustinian Covenant Theology, that promotes antisemitism in Replacement Theology, spouts the false concept of Amillennialism, babbles in tongues, fleeces their parishioners in the name of a false god, preaches a false

gospel, follows a false Jesus, promotes a false spirit of God, and a collection of many other sins. Couldn't, wouldn't, didn't happen.

Jesus did not send the Christian religion into the Mission field. Christianity misappropriated Matthew 28:19, a verse never meant for them, then created an entire false religion that exists nowhere in the Bible.

Note Studying the Bible, scripture always interprets scripture. For the verses in Romans to mean what these wayward religions believe they say, given the gravity of what these people think they mean, there would be numerous references throughout the New Testament repeatedly calling the Body of Christ to their mandatory, required ministry of "GO YE", and telling them to evangelize and missionize the world on threat of judgment from God. Instead - Zilch! There is not one mention of any such thing anywhere in the Bible, and certainly not in Romans. These verses have a completely different meaning and context when compared to the faulty interpretations these religions preach. What these religions believe is a tradition of what someone once thought the Bible meant, embellished over the years. It is not biblical truth.

Paul, in Romans 4, is not speaking to the Gentiles, but to the Jews only, telling them to believe Jesus as their Messiah. Paul has already explained that God has revealed Himself to all of mankind from the beginning, that all are without excuse, and that all can know and choose God as they see and understand Him, even through created nature, and that from the beginning of the world.

An explanation of the mechanics behind Paul's remarks follows.

- None of the four Jewish Gospels speak to, or provide any direction for the Gentiles or the then non-existent Body of Christ, or the Protestant Christian religion of the 17th century and subsequent.
- The "Go Ye" verse (Matt 28:19) was Jesus speaking to the disciples only, and this under the Old Testament program that had the Jews evangelizing the world.
- The disciples never left Jerusalem, so they never did "Go Ye". (This never happened due to the hardening of the Jews, but will happen during the millennial reign of Christ).
- God put the Jews aside - obsolete and retired, and began a new program to and through the Gentiles, calling the Apostle Paul into the ministry of the nations (Gentiles) with a new Gospel and the mystery hidden in God from the beginning of the world (Christ in you, the indwelling Spirit).
- Paul's information was new, and not available in the period of the four Jewish Gospels or the Jewish Christian Church of Acts chapter 2 through 8.
- The new information Paul preached was never understood by the Jews including Peter and James.
- God scattered the Jews, effectively putting them aside for the entire 2000-year Age of Grace, until a future time: when the times of the Gentiles comes to an end.

- All of this has nothing to do with the Gentile Christian religion, or this religions array of false religious beliefs created by men through the centuries.

Romans 5

Chapter Highlights

- Justification, Faith, Peace, Grace, Patience
- Christ's Sacrifice
- Saved from Wrath
- Reconciliation
- Atonement
- Through Adam, All have Sinned.
- Through Christ, Salvation for All
- The Holy Spirit

Still writing to the Gentiles, speaking in the Jewish voice, as if reasoning with the Jews, Paul explains the mystery given to him by God, concluding that anyone who has faith is justified, and as a result, finds peace with God.

Romans 5:

1 ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

God created man for fellowship with Him. At the fall of man, a separation occurred between God and man. Jesus reconciled God and man. When we turn to God our creator, our communion with God is through Christ. Christ is the mediator between God and man. But note: our focus is on God our creator, albeit through Christ who mediates for us. Many religions today short-circuit that relationship to the exclusion of God, turning instead to a made-up, false god they call Jesus as the object of worship. They use Paul's words to sustain their argument. But, this is not what Paul is saying. This is Satan's ploy to keep people from God. The goddess Mary is another false deity concocted for the same purpose. Satan doesn't care which of his false gods you worship, as long as it is not the one true Creator God.

I Timothy 2:5 For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Fun Fact: By way of Illustration, If you were at work and calling your wife on your cell phone, your call routes through the nearest cell tower to your wife's phone. The cell tower is the mediator, the intermediary that makes your call possible. Without the cell tower, you could not make your call.

As you talk to your wife, the cell tower translates the digital signal so your wife can understand you. You are talking to your wife, not to the cell tower. The cell tower exists that you might talk to your wife.

God created us for fellowship with Him. God sent His Son to restore that fellowship, and Christ is the mediator so that we can communicate to God. Christ lives to make intercession to God for us.

Rom_8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Rom_8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Separated from God in sin, we have on us the justifiable wrath of God. Christ's sacrifice made peace with God. In essence, God so loved the world, that He Himself, came to earth to pay the price for our fallen nature, and thereby cancel the sin debt we owe and cannot repay. Christ paid the price. Anyone and everyone can cash in their sin-debt by turning to God in faith, and receiving His grace by faith, and so, justified: just as though they had never sinned.

Romans 5:

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be **saved from wrath** through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God** by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be **saved by his life.**

11 And not only [so], but we also joy in God **through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.**

Here is a silly example but it makes the point:

Imagine you work at a hamburger joint flipping burgers for \$3 bucks an hour. You have credit card debt of \$3,000,000,000,000,000,000 at 98% interest. You're never going to pay that debt off. Then someone shows up one day and offers to pay your debt completely, no strings attached. All you need to do is say yes. That is you and God. The crazy thing is that most of humanity will go right on flipping burgers and die in their sins.

Sin entered the world through Adam, affecting and infecting everyone born on the planet for all the time of man. Christ paid the price for Adam's fall and our sin nature once for all.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as **by one man sin entered into the world**, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which

receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore as by the offence of one [judgment came] upon all men to condemnation; even so **by the righteousness of one [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life.**

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Romans 6

Chapter Highlights

- Free from Sin
- New Life
- Sin has not dominion
- Servants of Righteousness
- As Christ died, we have died to sin.

Romans 6:2...How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Here Paul begins an explanation of “freedom from sin”. Once we are in the Body of Christ, the old man that we once were is no more as a new spiritual man takes its place. There is no provision to put the old man back on again, so, this is a permanent transformation (some dub this “eternally saved”).

God no longer sees our sin nature that caused our separation from Him (although it remains). Instead, God sees Christ. Christ's sacrifice covers our sins, hiding them from God. This has immediate effect to those who turn to God. No matter the depth of their sin, it is all forgiven and forgotten once and for all. Take advantage of this opportunity right now.

More than this, we receive God's Spirit “indwelling” to open our eyes and guide us into righteousness and reveal the truth to our minds. While God's saving grace and imputed righteousness happens at the instant of our turning to God, spiritual growth is a process, much like the birth of a child who grows to maturity over time. Same thing. You do not need to know anything to turn to God. You will know all you ever need to know in time and this was Paul's experience as well.

Romans 6:

6 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.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As always, even in conversion, we remain free agents and can choose our path. But we have the Spirit of God within to open our eyes, quicken our minds to truth, and guard our hearts. We choose to walk with God as naturally as breathing. In this we are one with Christ

Romans 6:

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

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.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 7

Chapter Highlights

- Paul speaks to the Jews
- Grace replaces law
- Body of Christ

Paul speaks to the Jews regarding the end of the law, using the Jewish law of marriage to make his point. This is yet another Jewish example for the Jews who would understand very well, not so much the Gentiles. The Gentiles did not have an expansive knowledge of the Old Testament (the only “Bible” of that time and they did not sell these collections of writings at the corner store. The Jews, on the other hand, were taught the Scriptures from their youth.

According to Jewish law, the woman is bound to her husband until death, then no longer. Grace replaced the law - the law is now dead and the Jews are free from the law to grace. Sadly, the Jews never left their first love, the law, and never will during this final 2000 years of mankind (the Age of Grace).

Romans 7:

1 ¶ Know ye not, brethren (JEWS), (for I speak to them that know the law (JEWS),) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to [her] husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of [her]

husband.

4 Wherefore, my brethren (**Jews**), ye also are become **dead to the law** by the body of Christ; that ye (**Jews**) should be married to another, [even] to him who is raised from the dead, that we (**Jews**) should bring forth fruit unto God.

6 But now we (**Jews**) are delivered from the law (to faith), that being dead wherein we were held; that we (**Jews**) should serve in newness of spirit, and not [in] the oldness of the letter (**the Jewish law**).

The Sin Nature

In man, there exists a dual nature of right and wrong (read the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil), hence our separation from God. The proclamation in Genesis, 6000 years ago, that man now “knows good and evil”, is the foundation of our separation.

Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Today, we know both good and evil. Simply: Self. **Self is the root of all sin.**

There is no sin that is not directly connected to self. While the mind would choose what is right, our nature (mind) flows effortlessly to evil - the path of least resistance - (“**I want what I want and I want it NOW!!**”) hence the separation between God and man. The law may define what is right, but the evil nature (fallen nature) controls us. The law, knowing right and wrong, is not sufficient to change and overcome our fallen nature, so, the law is insufficient and always fails.

Fun Fact: Every religion on the planet - all of them - puts forward a fortune cookie theology of good words, good deeds, good thoughts, witty sayings, proverbial truths to tell people what to do, what not to do, how to be and what to be. These things cannot save a person or change a person. They are as empty and useless as the religions that offer them. We need a miracle, and that is what God offers.

Therefore, God’s Grace is required and that thanks to Christ. This is why all the other “fortune-cookie” religions in the world, with all their nice words and sayings and laws and good intentions, including Christianity of all persuasions, is impotent. They say nice things; good things, and are trying to live a law of their own making under their own power without God and the Spirit of God. These collections of witticisms, old sayings, sage advice, parables and stories, and the do’s and don’t’s can never save or elevate anyone to a “higher spiritual plain” or bring them closer to God. You would have the same luck taking advice from a fortune cookie,

Fun Fact: All religions of every persuasion are nothing more than a set of laws. Judaism, Christianity, Protestantism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Amishism, etc. - they are all fortune cookie religions of do this, don’t do that, right and wrong, and mans efforts to attain a higher level of spirituality (Augustine).

However, the relationship with God, made possible through Christ, is unique and it alone can save. The relationship with God is complete, apart from, and above all religion, and is sufficient in and of itself.

Religion is neither required nor desired. The key here is the indwelling Spirit: God in man, given to us by God so that we have God in us. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. No religion has this. That is why the Body of Christ is not a religion, it is a relationship with God, and uniquely different from all the other stale and empty religious pursuits.

Our evil nature cannot be erased or removed: it is an indelible stain on our souls, a permanent feature of mankind. It can only be hidden. Enter Christ, who sacrificed himself on our behalf to cancel the sin debt and stand in the way of our sinful self before God, that we might live before God through Christ, reconciled, and no longer under the curse of spiritual death. Paul here portrays the conundrum of good and evil under the law where evil is the default path.

Romans 7

14 ¶ For we know that the law is spiritual: **but I am carnal**, sold under sin. 15 **For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.**

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. 19 **For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.** 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but **sin that dwelleth in me.**

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.

Romans 8

Chapter Highlights

- No Condemnation
- Righteousness
- Spirit
- Heirs
- Sufferings and glory

Paul explains the spiritual life applied to everyone, Jew and Gentile. Those who turn to God receive the Spirit of God. The Spirit re-centers our thoughts and mind - tips the scale, as it were - and the natural flow of life, our heart and mind, is toward God (good) and not our evil nature.

Christ made the Spirit available to all who turn to God, removing the condemnation of sin. The law that was powerless to change our evil nature is now replaced by life in the Spirit (the mystery hidden

in God from the beginning of the world). Christ's sacrifice hides our sin nature before God, and the indwelling Spirit changes our life from the inside out. This transformation is often called "born again", denoting the new life in the Spirit.

Romans 8

1 ¶ [There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

There are two options: man's self-effort in religion or the power of the indwelling Spirit of God; with God or without God; law or grace. It is your choice.

Romans 8:

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 ¶ And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

The family of God are those who belong to God, Jew and Gentile. God chose the Jews as His people, and adopted those Gentiles who, by faith, turn to God and have God's Spirit. (the Body of Christ, a.k.a. Christ's Church - this has nothing to do with the religion called Christianity.)

Romans 8:

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Those not in the Body of Christ ,do not belong to the family of God and are under God's wrath (this accounts for most of the religions and the religious of today, Christian or otherwise.) These individuals are "going it alone" in religious acts and deeds, completely without God or His indwelling Spirit, separated from God.

In Christ, believers commune with God through the Spirit, Christ being the mediator.

Romans 8:

26 ¶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we

should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The life we live in the Spirit is a life in God's will.

Romans 8: 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose.

Romans 9

Chapter Highlights

- Children of the flesh vs. children of promise
- God's Sovereignty
- Law, Faith, Righteousness

Here Paul returns to his pleading with the **Jews**. Paul is a Jew and his Jewish brethren were under the law and separated from God. Because of their unbelief, God, grace did not apply to them nor Christ's death and resurrection for the forgiveness of their sins. Despite Paul's many efforts, the Jews remained outside the Body of Christ, under the law, alienated from God. This is the hardening and blindness spoken of the Jews, a condition that remains to this day, and will remain the entire 2000 years of the Age of Grace unto Christ's return to the earth.

Many of the religious today find themselves in the same futile predicament, alienated from God, outside of Grace, working for salvation, doing their best, yet, separated from God, hoping, somehow, things will work out in their favor. The problem is ignorance: they simply do not know. Still, they are lost.

Romans 9:

2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren (**Jews**), my kinsmen according to the flesh:

4 Who are Israelites; to whom [pertaineth] the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service [of God], and the promises;

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these [are] not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

God's Election

Modern pop-religions today wrongly focus on the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews, and the life and ministry of the Gospel Jesus, neither having anything to do with the Gentiles. They ignore the Apostle Paul, Christ's ambassador who God sent specifically to the Gentiles – you and me, with His message. Ignoring Paul, they are ignoring God, preferring a man-made religion based on their own imaginings.

There is nothing prescriptive for the Gentiles in the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews or any of the Jewish letters. All the Jewish writings about the Jews are obsolete in this Age of Grace, relegated to the same informational source as the Old Testament. information, not doctrine. The Protestant emphasis on evangelization, derived from a misunderstanding of the four Jewish Gospels, leads to conclusions that force them to ignore Pauline doctrines that do not fit with their false narratives. One such doctrine ignored is that of election and God's sovereignty.

Not everyone will choose salvation through Christ. In fact, only a small portion of mankind will ever find God, become part of the Body of Christ, receive God's Spirit, and spend eternity with God in Heaven. The Bible has over 100 references to God's knowing and choosing, 70 of these located in 12 of the 13 Pauline Epistles. Examples include chosen, called, calling, foreknown, foreknew, foreknowledge, foreseeing, elect, election, predestinate, and predestinated. There are far too many of these references to simply ignore. Yet, that is exactly what happens in the Christian religion of yesterday and today. They can't very well maintain their emphasis on missions and evangelization and preach election at the same time. One of these must go and they chose to oust Paul, and God. (By the way, this election Paul speaks of is not Calvinism - another story for another time).

Paul speaks to God's sovereignty and election:

Romans 9:

17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will [have mercy], and whom he will he hardeneth.

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed [it], Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

22 [What] if God, willing to shew [his] wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

"Even us". God chooses, elects, calls, predestinates. Paul is speaking to a Gentile audience and he says God made known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy – even us. Paul certainly found mercy on the road to Damascus. And notice Paul says of himself that: "He (**God**) had afore prepared (**Paul**) unto glory".

Paul speaks of himself, foreknown by God for his mission to the Gentiles.

Galations 1:15 -16 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen;

Paul repeats a theme: the Gentiles attained through faith. The Jews lost out because they pursued righteousness through the law they could never keep.

Romans 9:30 ¶ What shall we say then? **That the Gentiles**, which followed not after righteousness, have **attained to righteousness**, even the righteousness which is of **faith**.

31 But **Israel**, which followed after the law of righteousness, **hath not attained to the law of righteousness**.

32 Wherefore? **Because [they sought it] not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law**. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone (**Jesus, their Messiah**);

Romans 10

Chapter Highlights

- Paul Laments Lost Israel
- Israel hears and refuses God's call

NOTE: Here we uncover more of the religious error and out-of-context misunderstandings: specifically, that **"all must hear"**, mandatory missions, and evangelism.

Missions and Ministry

Here it is important to take an offset and understand missions as it applies to these present times. These "times" are not Paul's times, and what is preached today is not the truth Paul preached in his day, or gives to us through his epistles.

Paul was in the business of missions and ministering, called by God as an ambassador of God's message to the world. However, Paul is all but completely ignored in every Christian religion today meaning Christianity is ignoring God. This means Christianity does not have God's message, so what are these religious-minded folk taking to the world in their missions programs? Whatever it is, it isn't God's message to the world.

The Gentiles accepted Paul and his ministry while the Jews did not. This is the emphasis in Romans. The Gentiles believed what Paul said, while the Jews remained fixed in their traditions and law and would not accept God's version of their Messiah, sent to earth for the salvation of mankind. The Jews, fixated on the law, chose to work out their salvation according to the laws of Moses and circumcision, feasts, sacrifices, Temples, and all the rest. Jew will be Jew.

Paul makes it clear that salvation comes through not denying Jesus Christ. If you are aware of Christ, you have a decision: believe or reject. That is the problem with the Jews. Earlier in Romans, Paul makes it clear that all men can find God, and are without excuse when they reject God, and that through created nature, and that from the beginning of the world. So, you have those who hear and those who do not. Both groups find salvation, even though many throughout time never heard of Jesus, had no access to a

preacher, a Bible, etc. An example is the period between 80 and 300 AD when the writings that constitute the Bible were not available to the populous, and no preachers. And between 300 and 1600 AD when there were no Bibles and there were no preachers for the vast majority of the world.

Religion uses Romans 10 to support their belief in missions. Before looking at the text, let's work through a fun fact.

Fun Fact: There is a place for missions and ministry as God leads individuals to reach others. But that isn't happening. God's message to man is the Pauline Gospel and the Pauline epistles. This message is not being preached. God would not lead individuals to the mission field to preach a false message. Those who go into the mission field are preaching a different Jesus, a different spirit, and a false gospel. God is not behind these religions or their missionary endeavors.

The Christian concept that all believers are beholden to evangelize and missionize on account of their salvation is wrong. It is wrong to say the Bible, and Jesus, and Paul commands the Christian Church to missions as this is not the case. It is equally wrong, and not biblical, that all must hear else no salvation. It is wrong to believe Jesus sent a false Gentile religion into the world to save people into a false religion. It is wrong to expect people to find salvation when the message is wrong. Consider the following:

Many organizations proselytize and missionize for members: Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, the Moonies, Charismatics, Pentecostals, Evangelicals, Church of Scientology, Catholics - through their programs of good works", and others. Look at that list. They are not all preaching the same message and they do not all believe in the same God, Jesus or gospel. Some people are getting one message and others another message. Are any of these messages these religions preach true and inline with the Bible? Each group would argue for the accuracy of their beliefs. But the truth is, none of these religions are biblically sound. Each is a false religion preaching a false Gospel. Paul said such religions and those associated with these false efforts are accursed.

If "All must hear.... and must have a preacher who is sent..., That is not happening, All the preachers sent are spreading a false doctrine, a false Jesus, and a false Gospel. Is anyone out there spreading the truth? The answer is no. Everyone is spreading their own brand of false religion they believe in their personal faith. but a non-biblical religion. This belief of religion that there must be missions is a false assumption without biblical support and, so, not a biblical truth.

Ergo, we have a global situation where the preachers that are sent do not have the truth and are leading the world astray into false, godless religions. It would have been far better if these religious do-gooders had done nothing, and did not "Go Ye". It is better for the people of the world to acknowledge the Creator God they find through created nature. At least that is true.

Invariably you get to the point where people ask if it isn't better that a person become a member of this or that religion, any religion, instead of being a raper,

robber, bomber, shooter, or backstabber? Sure. If that is all religion is: a moral compass and an ethical code to live by; a reminder of right and wrong everyone is born with anyway, and religion is simply providing a matrix for accountability for people to do what people are supposed to do anyway in a civilized, moral society. This is the object of the Roman pagan Christian religion of the fourth century through today: crown control.

That brings us to all the religions and cults that offer their services to the world, to hold people accountable to do what is right, religions that have nothing to pedal but their fortune cookie theology in nice words of moral sobriety. Hinduism, Islam, Anglicanism, Orthodoxy, Buddhism, Confucianism, Christianity. **NO ONE IS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST!** All are excluded from salvation and Heaven. Have you made the world a better place? Sure! There is less raping, robbing, bombing shooting and backstabbing. Have you brought any to salvation? No. And isn't that the point of missions? Or are all the mission-minded folks doing nothing more than calling people to behave?

So we come full circle back to works in these self-made religions that are no better than the obsolete Jews with their emphasis on "doing something". Man in his own effort through religion doing good and being good without the Spirit of God or the Truth of God, and void of God. Just good works. This does not save.

The student is no better than the teacher in this charade of the blind leading the blind.

Paul returns to his petition for **the Jews** to believe, that some might be saved. Although the Jews fervently sought God, they did it through works and not through faith, not unlike the majority of Christianity today. In these verses, Paul speaks to the Jews: nothing here is directed to the Gentiles. Let's look back to the first few verses of chapter 9 and take a run at it:

Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren (Jews**), my kinsmen according to the flesh:**

4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

5 Whose are the fathers (Jews**), and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.**

Paul is here speaking to the Jews, not to the Gentiles, and this continues into chapter 10. The Jews have a zeal for God, but it is misplaced due to lack of understanding. **The same can be said about the Christian religion past and present.**

Paul begins chapter 10 speaking to the Gentiles

Romans 10:

1 ¶ Brethren (Gentiles), my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they (Jews) might be saved.

2 For I (Paul) bear them (Jews) record that they (Jews) have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they (Jews) being ignorant of God's righteousness (Faith in Christ), and going about to establish their own righteousness (Through the Law and Works and self effort), have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God (Faith in Christ).

4 For Christ [is] the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. (Jew and Gentile)

Paul here speaks to the Jews and provides a very simple formula. This was important to the Jews who knew of Jesus, yet chose to deny Him as they do today, as they are still waiting for their Messiah.

Romans 10:

9 That if thou (Jews) shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou (Jews) shalt be saved.

Romans 9:32 Wherefore? Because [they (ISRAEL) sought it] not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they (ISRAEL) stumbled at that stumblingstone; (did not accept Christ)

The following also reveals another problem with modern Christianity: "that we must go; preachers must be sent, else they will all perish". It says so right here, yes? NO!

Romans 10: (to the Jews) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 ¶ For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Verse 11 and 13 above refer to the Old Testament. First is Isaiah 28:16 and Psalms 25:3. Then Paul refers to the prophet Joel 2:32. Joel speaks of Israel's deliverance in the last days. The point is this: these are Jewish references Paul uses as he speaks to the Jews. This is not a Gentile audience.

Paul in these chapters speak of Israel and their need for faith to salvation, yet they refuse. Here Paul addresses Israel's obstinance and disobedience from the past. God called, they heard, but the Jews did not heed.

Read carefully - Paul is telling the Jews of his day about the Jews of their past who refused the prophets God sent them. He is not giving the religion of today called Christian a missionary mandate. This says nothing to the Christian religion of the 19th century and beyond. Religion assumes these words as their own to create their very own religion based on something that has no application to them.

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent?...

Christianity takes these verses as God's mandate for missions and evangelization. However, these verses are pointed directly at the Jews and their past refusal of God, and now, once again in Paul's day, the Jews refuse God.

The problem is that Christianity stops reading here and claims "their mission". However, Paul is speaking of Jews in a time past and is not through speaking.

But the Jews did not believe. Paul then refers to the scriptures to quote Elisha, a prophet to the Jews 2800 years ago, around 800 BC. In the days of Elisha, God, through the prophet, repeatedly called out to His people to return to Him, but Israel refused God's call and never did.

1. God **did** send the prophets
2. The prophets **did** call out to the Israelites to repent and return to God.
3. Israel **did not** heed God's call through the Prophets,
4. Israel **rejected** God's call through the prophets.

Notice the past tense: this is not a calling or mandate to a future religion called Christian, and has nothing to do with a future Gentile population of a false religion called Protestant 1900 years future.

Romans 10:

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by [them that are] no people (**Gentiles**), [and] by a foolish nation (**Gentiles**) I will anger you.

20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not (**Gentiles**); I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. (**Gentiles**)

21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Paul looks to the past behavior of Israel continually rejecting God, to show their present rejection of God's Christ. Paul stands before the Jews as did the prophets of old, commissioned by God as an ambassador of the Gospel of Grace, preaching to the Jews. Yet, here too, the Jews reject God's messenger and His message. Christianity also ignores Paul, God's messenger to the Gentiles and like the Jews, are spiritually blind.

NOTE: The false religions of our day take the verses above out of context to support faulty religious doctrines of missions and evangelism. Religion will quote these verses as Paul's command to every Christian to "go ye" and evangelize. Jesus was not talking to the Gentiles then or now. Paul never sends the Body of Christ into the mission field, or demands personal evangelization, and nowhere in his epistles will you find such an idea, including here. The above verses deal with Jews and their history of refusing God's call.

NOTE: Romans 10:11-13 Paul, in these verses says "there is no difference between Jew and Greek" and "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". This seems to say the Jew and the Greek are in the same boat spiritually. This is not true. The Jews knew of Jesus and denied Him; refused Him; killed Him. The Greek (Gentiles), hearing of Jesus and Paul's Gospel, had a choice: accept God's plan through Christ or refuse. This is no different from the man in the wilderness who never hears the Gospel preached, but sees God in created nature and responds - and this from the creation of the world. Either way, they are without excuse when they deny Him. Paul says to the Gentiles - you cannot deny the God you know, whether through created nature or hearing the world preached. However you hear, you have a choice.

The problem in all of this is not the preacher sent or the message preached or the individual hearing or seeing God in created nature. Missions is a noble pursuit and God sends the preacher into the world just as He did the Apostle Paul. The issue is with the non-biblical religions thinking missions is a holy command and mandate, and sending the false preacher preaching a false gospel and a false Jesus and a false god into the world. This has been happening for centuries.

If God calls you to missions and sharing your faith, GREAT! If the false religion you attend tells you "YOU MUST" because it is some holy command of God (which does not exist anywhere in the Bible), and the message you are taking to the world is false, God is not with these individuals or their misdirected mission. Unfortunately, this scenario is the norm, not only from the cults, but also in the false Christian religion today.

Progressive Christianity

The Protestant religions since the early 1920's, thinking themselves clever, chose a progressive liberal path, misappropriated many verses, misunderstood all of the Bible, and twisted Bible words to say things entirely out of context. As a result, Evangelicalism, believing everyone lost and dying without God, launched into a frenzied mission to get everyone into the "church". Their knee-jerk

reaction was to morph themselves into anything that might prove acceptable to the pagans. This approach completely gutted the Pauline church model, and watered down their religion into its present-day apostasy.

Evangelicalism progressed into a model of following a phony “Jesus”, and an all-out effort to “increase body count at all costs” as if this had anything to do with God’s plan, or anything to do with anything in the Bible - it does not. These groups traded right doctrine for anything that would not offend the pagans, turning their services into seeker sensitive, seeker friendly, then seeker driven models, all the while dumbing-down the Bible and eliminating Bible doctrine altogether. These false religions have progressively gone down the toilet. The latest progression of this progressive failure is the Emergent Church that is nothing more than new age, far-east mysticism that has nothing to do with God or the Bible.

I am sure people a century ago, watching the growth of progressive liberal religion, wondered how it would all turn out. Today, a century later, we know: progressive liberal Christian religion is, without a doubt, a hands-down, colossal, unmitigated failure of epic proportions that spiritually bankrupted the entire Christian religion, and altered the eternity of hundreds of millions of its followers for the worse, needlessly condemning many to the Tribulation.

Romans 11

Chapter Highlights

- God has not cast Israel away, simply set them aside in unbelief
- A partial hardening of Israel has occurred for the Gentiles to find salvation
- A remnant of Israel will be saved
- God’s grace

Paul continues his explanation of the Jewish hardening and blindness to the truth, as a time to allow the Gentiles to come into the family of God, adopted, and now heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fun Fact: The Jews previously had 2000 years under the law in the Old Testament before Christ. Beginning with Christ’s ascension, the Gentiles receive 2000 years under grace. Said another way: The present “Age of Grace” began with Christ’s ascension and will last 2000 years. As you can see, time’s up! And just as the Jews were blinded during the Age of Grace, so, too, the majority of the Gentiles have wound up in blindness.

Current pop-religion wrongly teaches that God is finished with the Jews, and has transferred all the blessings from the Jews to the false Christian Church (what Covenant religion calls Replacement Theology and anti-Zionism). The Christian religion also arrogantly usurps the title of Israel for themselves. None of these claims are true. God’s program for the Jews is alive and well and will very shortly resume from the 2000-year hiatus as Christ removes His Church from the world (not Christianity). Then, Daniel’s 7 year count-down begins to the future millennium, and Christ’s rule and reign over the earth. (Daniel’s 7 weeks is the 7 year Tribulation).

Romans 11:

1 ¶ I say then, Hath God cast away his people (JEWS)? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, [of] the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God hath not cast away his people (JEWS) which he foreknew.

God put Israel aside, hardening their heart and blinding them to the truth. They cannot see the truth of Paul's Gospel and their Messiah.

Romans 11:

7 What then? Israel (Jews) hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it (Gentiles), and the rest (Jews) were blinded

8 (According as it is written, God hath given them (Jews) the spirit of slumber, eyes that they (Jews) should not see, and ears that they (Jews) should not hear;) unto this day.

The hardening of Israel and the salvation of the Gentiles was God's plan from the beginning of the world.

Romans 11:

11 I say then, Have they (Jews) stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but [rather] through their fall salvation [is come] unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them (Jews) to jealousy.

Christianity really doesn't like these verses and spins what they can and ignores the rest.

Paul now turns his attention to the Gentiles.

Romans 11:

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

14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation [them (JEWS) which are] my flesh, and might save some of them (JEWS).

15 For if the casting away of them (JEWS). [be] the reconciling of the world (Nations / Gentiles), what [shall] the receiving [of them (JEWS)..be], but life from the dead? (the model of Christ's resurrection)

Again, religion (Covenant Theology, Reformed Theology, Replacement Theology, Amillennial religion, Protestantism, Evangelicalism, Christianity, Emergent) does not like what Paul says here about a future for the Jews, and for this reason, they ignore Paul, taking what he says out of context. The verses above are reversed and have no connection with the original intent.

The prophet Hosea addresses God's "setting aside" of the Jews for 2000 years, and the revival of the Jews at the return of Christ in the last 1000 years (the millennium). This 2000-year period (the Age of Grace) is all but over and quickly drawing to a close.

Hosea 6:

1. 1 ¶ Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
- 2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

The Jews are blind during this 2000 year Age of Grace, as are most of the religious and non-religious Gentiles. The Jewish fall is for the benefit of the Gentiles to salvation, but God will not forget the Jews.

Romans 11:

- 28 As concerning the gospel, [they (JEWS) are] enemies for your (GENTILES) sakes: but as touching the election, [they (JEWS)are] beloved for the fathers' sakes.
- 29 For the gifts and calling of God [are] without repentance.
- 30 For as ye (GENTILES) in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their (JEWS) unbelief:
- 31 Even so have these (JEWS) also now not believed, that through your (GENTILES) mercy they (JEWS) also may obtain mercy.

Romans 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Chapter Highlights

- One Body, Many Members
- Gifts
- Examples of Living Life before God
- Paul's greetings to those in Rome

Paul encourages his audience to live with care and circumspect in their daily lives. Here, and throughout all the Pauline epistles, Paul provides examples of what it means to "present yourself to God".

Nowhere in these lists is there any mention that everyone saved has a requirement for ministry, missions, witnessing, or evangelization. Religions stipulating that all "Christians" have a mandatory requirement, an obligation, or responsibility to evangelize are not presenting biblical truth, but proclaiming a false Gospel.

Romans 12: 1 ¶ I beseech you (GENTILES) therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

2 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.



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