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just amazing! What you hold in your hands is not just a skillfully crafted and wonderfully illustrated magazine but probably the most influential letter ever written. In fact, many Historians, Philosophers and Theologians have agreed that the Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans changed the world. Over the centuries great thinkers and minds have been influenced by it and there would probably be no Reformation if Martin Luther had not studied this letter as a young professor.

Now, think about that: A letter that has influenced the course of history! In this era of short text messages, tweets, Instagram and emojis we can hardly believe this; unless we take the time ourselves to read and reflect on the letter Paul wrote 2000 years ago to the Christians in Rome. If we were to lose all the writings in the Bible except for the Letter to the Romans, we would still have enough to understand the essentials of the gospel message.

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To profit the most from your reading, study the Letter to the Romans printed in this beautiful Magazine together with the additional Study Guide that includes the thoughts and reflections of Youth Ministry Directors from across Europe.

Just be inspired!



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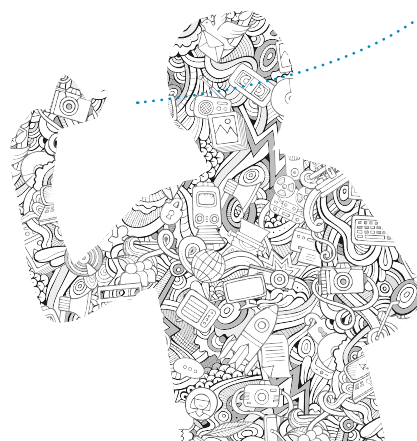
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EPISTLE TO THE
R O M A N S

CHAPTER 1



Greeting



sender &
recipient

¹PAUL,

a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God ²which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ³concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, ⁴and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. ⁵Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, ⁶among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

⁷To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Desire TO VISIT

⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, ¹⁰making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established— ¹²that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

¹³Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now),

that I might
have some

FRUIT

AMONG YOU ALSO,
JUST AS AMONG THE OTHER
GENTILES.



¹⁴I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. ¹⁵So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

THE JUST LIVE BY FAITH

¹⁶FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST,

for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

GOD’S WRATH ON UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁵For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷Like-wise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in

their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

²⁹being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-minded-

ness; they are whisper-ers, ³⁰backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

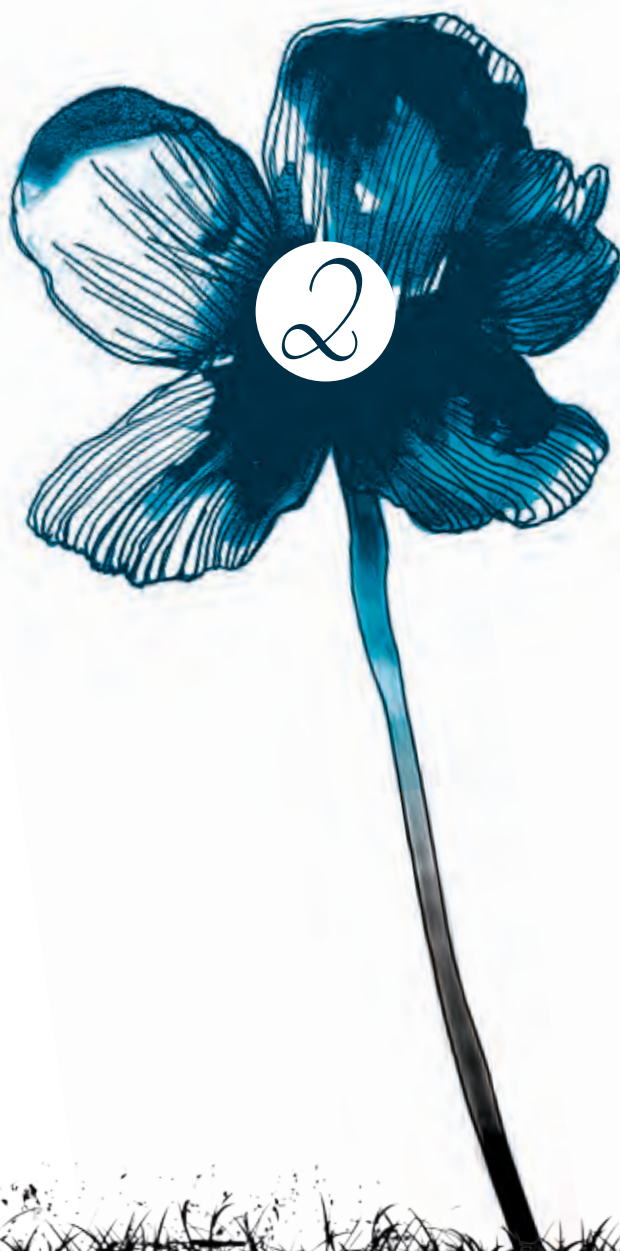
³²who, knowing the
**RIGHTEOUS
 JUDGEMENT
 OF GOD, THAT
 THOSE WHO
 → PRACTICE
 SUCH THINGS
 ARE DESERVING
 OF † DEATH,**

not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.



CHAPTER 2

God's
Righteous
Judgment



¹Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ²But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

⁴ OR DO YOU DESPISE THE RICHES OF HIS GOODNESS,
FORBEARANCE, AND LONGSUFFERING, NOT KNOWING THAT

THE GOODNESS OF GOD
LEADS YOU
TO REPENTANCE?

⁵ BUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR HARDNESS
AND YOUR IMPENITENT HEART
YOU ARE TREASURING UP FOR YOURSELF WRATH
IN THE DAY OF WRATH AND REVELATION OF THE

RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT
OF GOD,

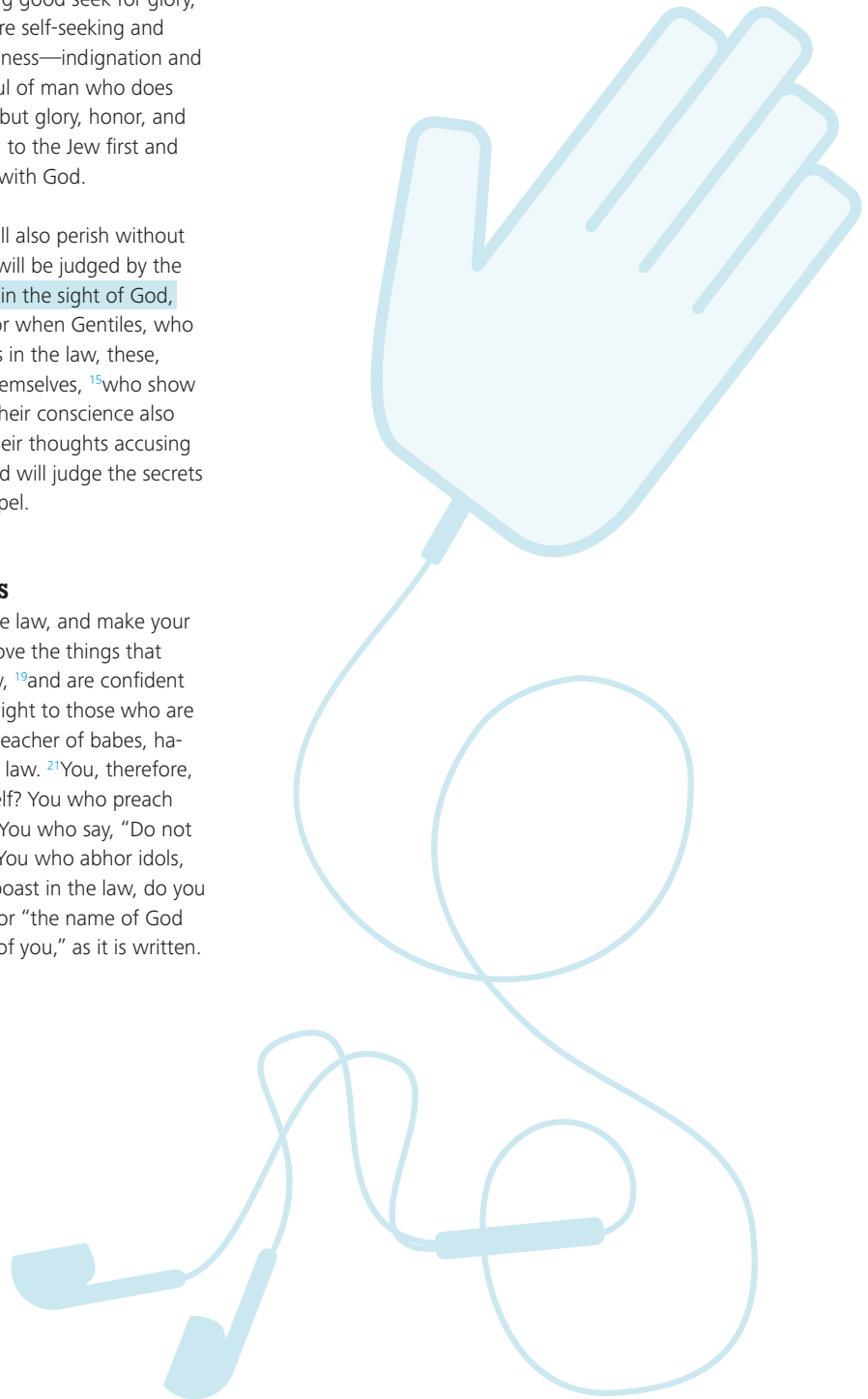


⁶who “will render to each one according to his deeds”: ⁷eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, ⁹tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹For there is no partiality with God.

¹²For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law ¹³(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; ¹⁴for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) ¹⁶in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

THE JEWS GUILTY AS THE GENTILES

¹⁷Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, ¹⁸and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, ¹⁹and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. ²¹You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? ²²You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? ²⁴For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written.



CIRCUMCISION OF NO AVAIL

²⁵FOR CIRCUMCISION IS INDEED PROFITABLE IF YOU KEEP THE LAW; BUT IF YOU ARE A BREAKER OF THE LAW, YOUR CIRCUMCISION HAS BECOME UNCIRCUMCISION. ²⁶THEREFORE, IF AN UNCIRCUMCISED MAN KEEPS THE RIGHTEOUS REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, WILL NOT HIS UNCIRCUMCISION BE COUNTED AS CIRCUMCISION? ²⁷AND WILL NOT THE PHYSICALLY UNCIRCUMCISED, IF HE FULFILLS THE LAW, JUDGE YOU WHO, EVEN WITH YOUR WRITTEN CODE AND CIRCUMCISION, ARE A TRANSGRESSOR OF THE LAW? ²⁸FOR HE IS NOT A JEW WHO IS ONE OUTWARDLY, NOR IS CIRCUMCISION THAT WHICH IS OUTWARD IN THE FLESH; ²⁹BUT HE IS A JEW WHO IS ONE INWARDLY; AND CIRCUMCISION IS THAT



IN THE SPIRIT, NOT IN THE LETTER; WHOSE PRAISE
IS NOT FROM MEN BUT FROM GOD.



GOD'S JUDGMENT - DEFENDED -

¹What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? ²Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. ³For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? ⁴Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:

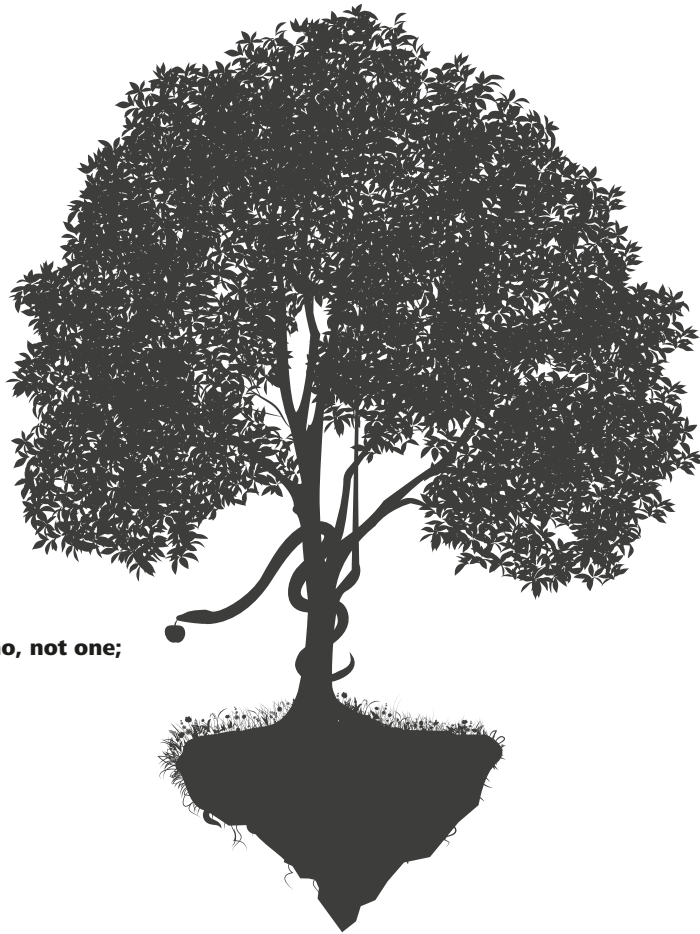
"THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND MAY OVERCOME WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

⁵But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) ⁶Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

⁷For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? ⁸And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"?—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

ALL HAVE SINNED

^aWhat then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.



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

"THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS; ¹¹ THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS
AFTER GOD. ¹² **THEY HAVE ALL TURNED ASIDE.**
They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one."

¹³ "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues
THEY HAVE PRACTICED DECEIT"; "THE POISON
 OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS"; ¹⁴ "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL
OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS."

¹⁵ "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD
¹⁶ *Destruction and misery are in their ways*
¹⁷ **AND THE WAY OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN."**

¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹ *Now we know that whatever the law says,*
 it says to those who are under the law that every
 mouth may be stopped, and all the world
MAY BECOME GUILTY BEFORE GOD. ²⁰ **THEREFORE BY THE DEEDS**
OF THE LAW NO FLESH WILL BE JUSTIFIED IN HIS SIGHT,
FOR BY THE LAW IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF SIN.



GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH

²¹But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²²even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

BOASTING EXCLUDED



²⁸Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. ²⁹Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, ³⁰since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

ABRAHAM JUSTIFIED BY FAITH



¹What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?

²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁴Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

DAVID CELEBRATES THE SAME TRUTH

⁵But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, ⁶just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

⁷"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS ARE FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS ARE COVERED: ⁸BLESSED IS THE MAN TO WHOM THE LORD SHALL NOT IMPUTE SIN."

ABRAHAM JUSTIFIED BEFORE CIRCUMCISION

DOES THIS BLESSEDNESS THEN COME UPON THE CIRCUMCISED ONLY, OR UPON THE UNCIRCUM- CISED ALSO? «

⁹For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. ¹⁰How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. ¹¹And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, ¹²and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

THE PROMISE GRANTED THROUGH FAITH

¹³For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if those who are of the law are

heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, ¹⁵because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

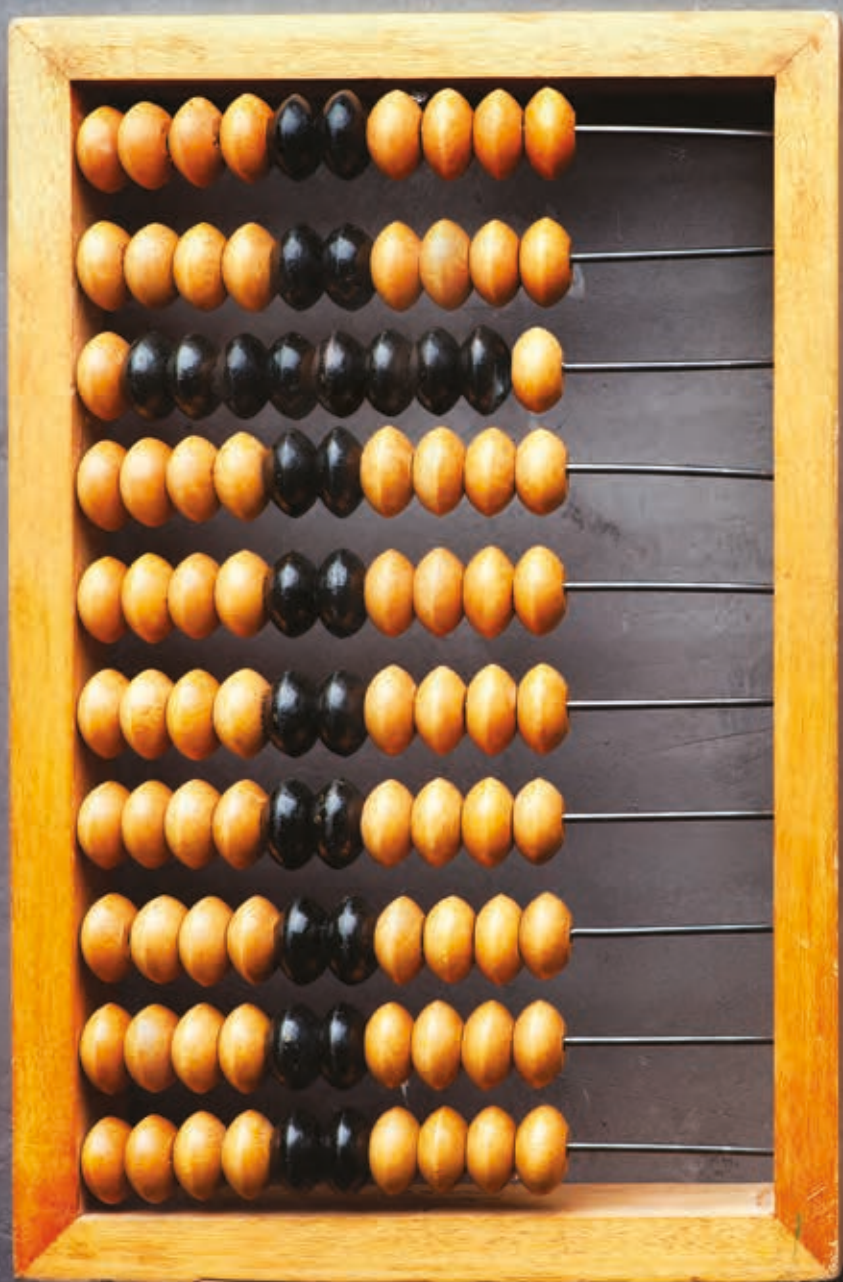


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²⁰He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²²And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

²³Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.





CHAPTER 5

FAITH TRIUMPHS IN TROUBLE

¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Now hope does not disappoint,



BECAUSE THE
LOVE OF GOD
HAS BEEN POURED
OUT IN OUR
HEARTS BY THE
HOLY SPIRIT
WHO WAS GIVEN
TO US.

CHRIST IN OUR PLACE

⁶For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

AND NOT ONLY
THAT, BUT WE
ALSO REJOICE
IN GOD THROUGH
OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, THROUGH
WHOM WE HAVE
NOW RECEIVED THE
RECONCILIATION.

DEATH IN ADAM, LIFE IN CHRIST

¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—¹³(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. ¹⁷For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

¹⁸Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.



¹⁹FOR AS BY
ONE MAN'S
DISOBEDIENCE
MANY WERE
MADE SINNERS,



SO ALSO
BY ONE MAN'S
OBEDIENCE
MANY WILL BE
MADE RIGHTEOUS.

²⁰Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, ²¹so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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DEAD TO SIN,

♦ **ALIVE TO GOD** ♦

← ¹WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN?
SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN
THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND? →

♦ ²**CERTAINLY NOT!** ♦

HOW SHALL WE WHO DIED TO

★ **S I N** ★

LIVE ANY LONGER IN IT?



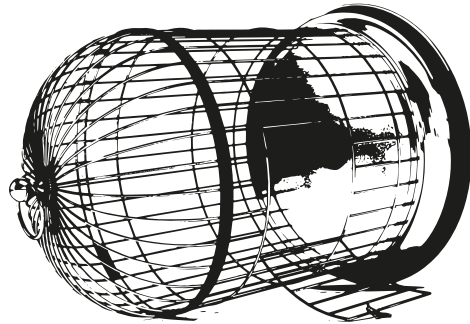
¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

¹⁴FOR SIN SHALL NOT HAVE
DOMINION OVER YOU,
FOR YOU ARE NOT UNDER LAW
BUT UNDER GRACE.

FROM SLAVES OF SIN TO SLAVES OF GOD

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! ¹⁶Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

¹⁷But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.



¹⁹ I SPEAK IN HUMAN TERMS
BECAUSE OF THE WEAKNESS
OF YOUR FLESH. FOR JUST AS
YOU PRESENTED YOUR MEMBERS
AS SLAVES OF UNCLEANNES,
AND OF LAWLESSNESS LEADING
TO MORE LAWLESSNESS, SO NOW
PRESENT YOUR MEMBERS AS
SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR HOLINESS.

²⁰ FOR WHEN YOU WERE SLAVES
OF SIN, YOU WERE FREE IN REGARD
TO RIGHTEOUSNESS. ²¹ WHAT FRUIT
DID YOU HAVE THEN IN
THE THINGS OF WHICH YOU
ARE NOW ASHAMED? FOR THE END
OF THOSE THINGS IS DEATH.
²² BUT NOW HAVING BEEN

SET FREE

FROM SIN, AND HAVING
BECOME SLAVES OF GOD,
YOU HAVE YOUR FRUIT
TO HOLINESS, AND THE END,
EVERLASTING LIFE.
²³ FOR THE WAGES OF SIN
IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD
IS ETERNAL LIFE
IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.



CHAPTER 7

FREED FROM THE LAW

¹Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? ²For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. ³So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

⁴THEREFORE, MY BRETHREN, YOU ALSO HAVE BECOME DEAD TO THE LAW THROUGH THE BODY OF CHRIST, THAT YOU MAY BE MARRIED TO ANOTHER—TO HIM WHO WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THAT WE SHOULD **BEAR FRUIT** TO GOD.

⁵For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. ⁶But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

SIN'S ADVANTAGE IN THE LAW

⁷What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." ⁸But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. ⁹I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. ¹⁰And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. ¹¹For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. ¹²Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

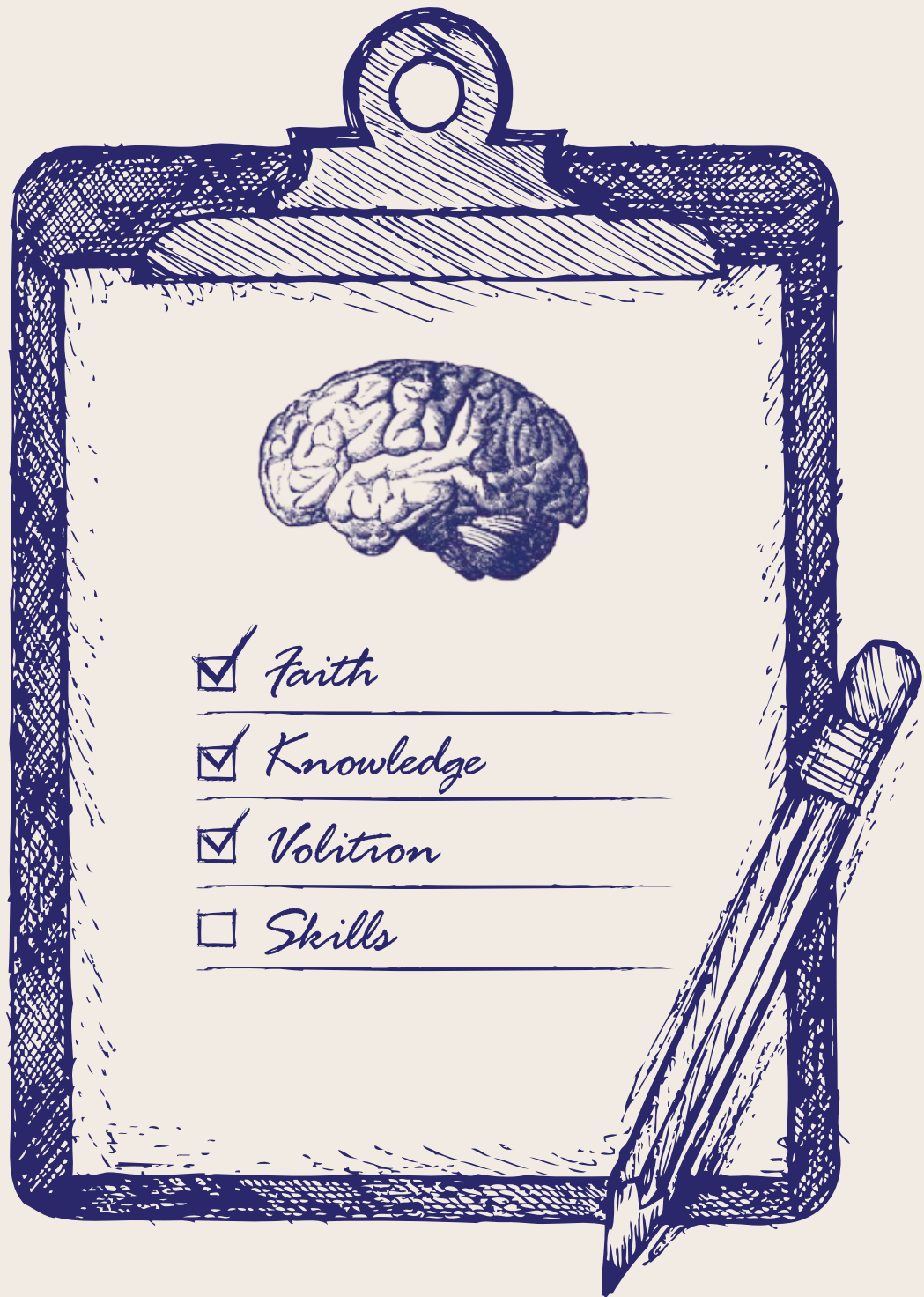
LAW CANNOT SAVE FROM SIN

¹³Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. ¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. ¹⁶If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. ¹⁷But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

¹⁸FOR I KNOW THAT IN ME (THAT IS, IN MY FLESH) NOTHING GOOD DWELLS; FOR TO WILL IS PRESENT WITH ME, BUT HOW TO PERFORM WHAT IS GOOD I DO NOT FIND.

¹⁹For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. ²⁰Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

²¹I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²²For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴O wretched man that I am!



WHO WILL DELIVER
ME FROM THIS
BODY OF DEATH?

²⁵ I THANK



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.

CHAPTER 8

FREE

FROM

INDWELLING

SIN

¹There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

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

³For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who

do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



⁹But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

SONSHIP THROUGH THE SPIRIT

¹²Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

¹⁶THE SPIRIT HIM-
SELF BEARS
WITNESS WITH OUR
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ARE CHILDREN OF
GOD, ¹⁷AND IF
CHILDREN, THEN
HEIRS—HEIRS
OF GOD AND JOINT
HEIRS WITH CHRIST,
IF INDEED WE
SUFFER WITH HIM,
THAT WE MAY ALSO
BE GLORIFIED
TOGETHER.

FROM SUFFERING TO GLORY

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

GOD'S EVERLASTING LOVE

³¹WHAT THEN SHALL WE
SAY TO THESE THINGS?
IF GOD IS FOR US,
WHO CAN BE
AGAINST US?

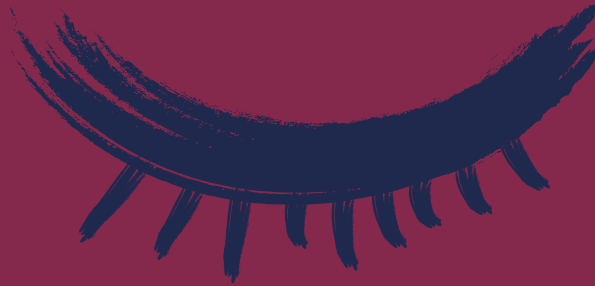




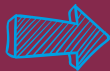
³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

³⁸FOR I AM PERSUADED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS NOR PRINCIPALITIES NOR POWERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT NOR THINGS TO COME, ³⁹NOR HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANY OTHER CREATED THING, SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

CHAPTER 9



Israel's Rejection of Christ



¹I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ²that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; ⁵of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

ISRAEL'S REJECTION AND GOD'S PURPOSE

⁶ BUT IT IS NOT THAT THE
WORD OF GOD HAS TAKEN
NO EFFECT. FOR THEY ARE

NOT ALL

ISRAEL

WHO ARE OF ISRAEL,



⁷nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." ⁸That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. ⁹For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son."

¹⁰And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac ¹¹(for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), ¹²it was said to

her, "The older shall serve the younger." ¹³As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

ISRAEL'S REJECTION AND GOD'S JUSTICE

¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! ¹⁵For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

¹⁶So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but

OF GOD
WHO SHOWS
MERCY.

¹⁷For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."

¹⁸Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

¹⁹You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" ²⁰But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"

²¹Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

²²What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

²⁴even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

²⁵As He says also in Hosea:

"I WILL CALL THEM MY PEOPLE,
WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE,
AND HER BELOVED,
WHO WAS NOT BELOVED."

²⁶"And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There they shall be called sons of the living God." ²⁷Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved.

²⁸For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, Because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth."

²⁹And as Isaiah said before: "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, We would have become like Sodom, And we would have been made like Gomorrah."

PRESENT CONDITION OF ISRAEL

³⁰What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith;

³¹but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

³²Why?

Because they did not seek it by faith,

but as it were, by the works of the law.

For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. ³³As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."



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¹Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." ⁶But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) ⁷or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.



¹³ FOR "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

ISRAEL REJECTS THE GOSPEL



"SO THEN
FAITH
COMES BY
HEARING,
AND HEARING
BY THE
WORD
OF GOD.





¹⁸But I say, have they not heard?

Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth,
And their words to the ends of the world." ¹⁹But I say,
did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I will provoke you
to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you
to anger by a foolish nation." ²⁰But Isaiah is very bold
and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me;
I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me."
²¹But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out
My hands To a disobedient and contrary people."



Israel's Rejection Not Total

¹I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

²God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, ³"Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? ⁴But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." ⁵Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.



⁶ And if by grace,

then it is

NO LONGER OF

→ **WORKS;** ←

OTHERWISE GRACE IS
no longer grace.



BUT IF

IT IS OF WORKS, IT IS

📜 **NO LONGER** 📜
grace;

otherwise work is no longer work. ⁷What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. ⁸Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day." ⁹And David says: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. ¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always."


ISRAEL'S REJECTION NOT FINAL

¹¹I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. ¹²Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

¹³For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

¹⁴if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.



¹⁵For if their being cast away is
 THE  RECONCILING
 OF THE WORLD, WHAT WILL
 THEIR ACCEPTANCE
 BE BUT LIFE FROM THE
 DEAD ?






¹⁶For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷And if some of the branches were broken off,

AND YOU, BEING A WILD OLIVE TREE, WERE GRAFTED IN AMONG THEM, AND WITH THEM BECAME A PARTAKER OF THE ROOT AND FATNESS OF THE OLIVE TREE,

¹⁸do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

¹⁹You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." ²⁰Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. ²²Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?



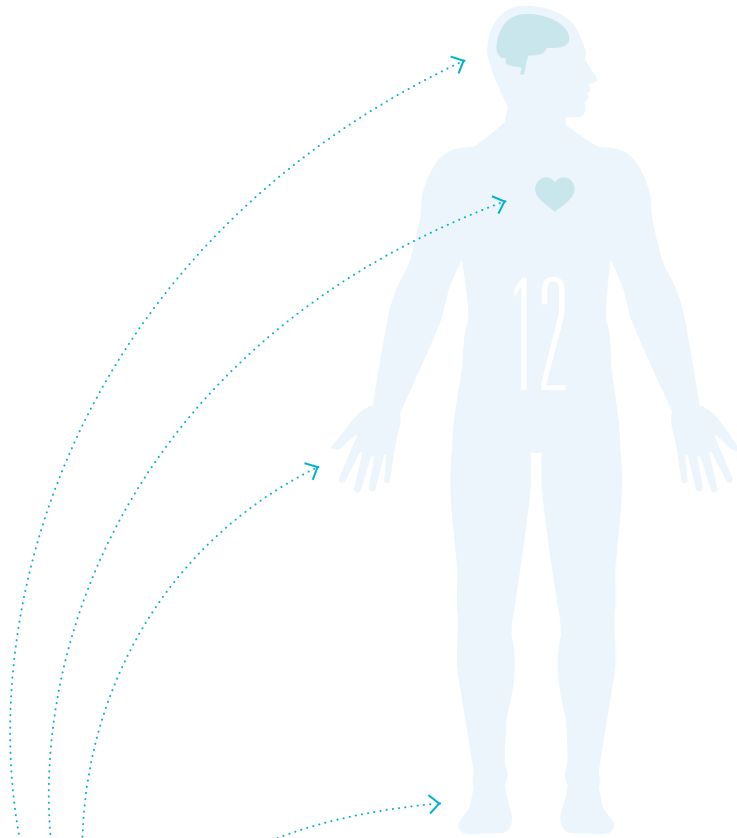
²⁵For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; ²⁷For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." ²⁸Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³¹even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. ³²For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" ³⁵"Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?"

³⁶For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

C H A P T E R 1 2



LIVING SACRIFICES TO GOD

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

SERVE GOD WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS

³For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁷or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

BEHAVE LIKE A CHRISTIAN

⁹Let love be without hypocrisy.
Abhor what is evil.
Cling to what is good.



¹⁰Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹²rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

¹⁴BLESS THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU, BLESS AND DO NOT CURSE. ¹⁵REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE, AND WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP. ¹⁶BE OF THE SAME MIND TOWARD ONE ANOTHER.

Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.







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SUBMIT TO GOVERNMENT

¹Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

⁴**FOR HE IS GOD'S MINISTER TO YOU FOR GOOD.**



But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. ⁵Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: **TAXES** to whom taxes are due, **CUSTOMS** to whom customs, **FEAR** to whom fear, **HONOR** to whom honor.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

⁸ Owe no one anything except
to love one another, for he who loves
another has fulfilled the law.



For the commandments,
“You shall not commit adultery,”
“You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,”
“You shall not bear false witness,”
“You shall not covet,” and if there is any other
commandment, are all summed up in this
saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.”¹⁰ Love does no harm to a
neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment
of the law.





PUT ON CHRIST

¹¹And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

¹⁴*But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*





THE LAW OF LIBERTY

¹Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. ²For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. ³Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. ⁴Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.





☐ ROMANS 14,10 ☐

—> ¹⁰BUT WHY DO YOU JUDGE <—

YOUR BROTHER? OR WHY DO YOU SHOW
CONTEMPT FOR YOUR BROTHER? FOR WE SHALL
ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF
CHRIST ¹¹FOR IT IS WRITTEN: "AS I LIVE, SAYS
THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME,
AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD."

¹²SO THEN EACH OF US SHALL GIVE ACCOUNT
OF HIMSELF TO GOD. ¹³THEREFORE LET US
NOT JUDGE ONE ANOTHER ANYMORE, BUT RATHER
RESOLVE THIS, NOT TO PUT A STUMBLING BLOCK
OR A CAUSE TO FALL IN OUR BROTHER'S WAY.



THE LAW OF LOVE

¹⁴I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. ¹⁵Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; ¹⁷for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

¹⁹*Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.*

²⁰Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense. ²¹It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. ²²Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. ²³But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

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BEARING OTHERS' BURDENS

¹We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. ³For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." ⁴For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. ⁵Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GLORIFY GOD TOGETHER

THEREFORE RECEIVE ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS CHRIST ALSO RECEIVED US, TO THE GLORY OF GOD.



⁸Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, ⁹and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." ¹⁰And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" ¹¹And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" ¹²And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³**NOW MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, THAT YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



FROM JERUSALEM TO ILLYRICUM

¹⁴Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. ¹⁵Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, ¹⁶that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God. ¹⁸For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished

through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— ¹⁹in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. ²⁰And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, ²¹but as it is written:

**“TO WHOM HE WAS NOT ANNOUNCED,
THEY SHALL SEE; AND THOSE WHO HAVE
NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND.”**



PLAN TO VISIT ROME

²²For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you. ²³But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you, ²⁴whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.

²⁵But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. ²⁶For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. ²⁷It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. ²⁸Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain. ²⁹But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

³⁰Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, ³¹that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³²that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you. ³³Now the God of peace be with you all.

AMEN.

ISTER *Phöbe* COMMENDED



¹I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, ²that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

GREETING ROMAN SAINTS

³Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. ⁵Likewise greet the church that is in their house.

Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. ⁶Greet Mary, who labored much for us. ⁷Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

⁸Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. ¹⁰Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

¹¹Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

¹²Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. ¹³Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. ¹⁴Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them. ¹⁵Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you..

AVOID DIVISIVE PERSONS

¹⁷NOW I URGE YOU, BRETHREN,
NOTE THOSE WHO CAUSE DIVISIONS
AND OFFENSES, CONTRARY TO THE
DOCTRINE WHICH YOU LEARNED,
AND AVOID THEM. ¹⁸FOR THOSE WHO
ARE SUCH DO NOT SERVE OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST, BUT THEIR OWN BELLY,
AND BY SMOOTH WORDS AND
FLATTERING SPEECH DECEIVE THE
HEARTS OF THE SIMPLE.



¹⁹For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.



GREETINGS FROM PAUL'S FRIENDS

²¹Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you. ²²I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord. ²³Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother. ²⁴The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

BENEDICTION

²⁵NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE
TO ESTABLISH YOU ACCORDING
TO MY GOSPEL AND THE
PREACHING OF JESUS CHRIST,
ACCORDING TO THE REVELATION
OF THE MYSTERY KEPT SECRET
SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN ²⁶BUT
NOW MADE MANIFEST, AND
BY THE PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES



made known

TO ALL NATIONS, ACCORDING

the commandment

OF THE EVERLASTING

GOD,

for obedience to the faith—

²⁷ TO GOD, ALONE

WISE,

BE GLORY THROUGH

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Jesus Christ forever.

AMEN.

