

Chapter 1

Romans

1Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, **(Paul was chosen by God to preach the gospel (how we can become Christians). This was his purpose in life.)** 2(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) **(Speaking through the Old Testament prophets, God promised to get this message out.)** 3Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; **(This gospel message centers around His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the only Way to heaven.)** 4And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: **(Jesus proved to be the one to whom the gospel is centered and the one the prophets spoke about when He raised from the dead three days after dying on the cross in order to erase our sins.)** 5By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: **(God gave the privilege and opportunity for the apostles to tell everyone how they could become Christians.)** 6Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

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

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 any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. 11For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; **(Paul wanted to give them information that would tell them how to become stronger Christians.)** 12That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. **(The result would be that Paul and they would be encouraged. When Christians teach each other the Bible and how they can live the way it says to live, they're able to fulfill their purposes in life.)** 13Now 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. **(Paul wanted to have some fruit among them. (He wanted to team up with them and witness to and do things to help people.) Helping people, whenever the Holy Spirit urges and gives a Christian the thoughts to do so, is a major part of Christianity. If a professing Christian with good mental and physical health and opportunities never does this, it proves that they weren't really a Christian. (James 2:14-26))** 14I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. 15So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. **(There's nothing more powerful and meaningful than the message of how we can make it to heaven. If you're a Christian and are tempted to be ashamed of this message, realize that nothing comes close to its importance.)** 17For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. **(The gospel of Christ explains that we are made right with God (Our sins are erased, and this allows us to enter heaven when we leave this world.) when we put our faith and trust in Jesus to erase our sins. (Romans 1:17) See chapter 41 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com for more information.)**

18For 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: **(People won't have the excuse that they didn't know God existed; He instinctively puts this in their hearts, and they saw the earth and the things He created. He is angry with them, because they ignored these things and went on with their sinful lifestyles. (Romans 1:18))** **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 uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24Wherefore God also gave them up **(These people had refused to turn from their sins and receive Christ as their Savior so many times, that God lost His patience and quit giving them opportunities to receive salvation. A similar verse is Proverbs 29:1, "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."** Someone can refuse or put off their decision to become a Christian a certain number of times, and their heart can become too hard to receive salvation.) to uncleanness **(thinking about and loving dirty and perverted things, and thinking something perverted about regular, everyday things)** through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: **(When a person knows they need to become a Christian, and they continue to ignore that and continue their sinful ways, God loses His patience and quits giving them opportunities to repent and become Christians. And, He allows them to continue their sinful ways.)** **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. **(People get caught up in enjoying things and ignore God who created them. Christians can enjoy nature and even technology items, but they should thank God for providing them and thank Him for their beauty and enjoyment. With the right mindset, these things can be used to worship and enjoy God, instead of being idols.)**

26For 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. **(Like today, these people refused to quit homosexual activity, and God stopped giving them opportunities to be forgiven for their sins.)**

28And 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; **(In addition, they thought it was foolish to acknowledge God, and God stopped giving them opportunities to have their sins forgiven and allowed them to continue their sinful lifestyles.)** **29**Being filled with all unrighteousness **(not obeying the commands in the Bible)**, fornication **(sex before marriage)**, wickedness **(causing or likely to cause harm or trouble)**, covetousness **(wanting something that belongs to another, which leads to theft)**, maliciousness **(causing harm to someone for no reason)**; full of envy **(frequently carrying a grudge due to having a strong desire for something belonging to another)**, murder, debate **(arguing)**, deceit **(misleading someone into believing what is false or misleading them to not believe what is true)**, malignity **(extreme hatred toward someone)**; whisperers **(those who secretly tell lies in order to hurt people's reputations)**, **30**Backbiters **(those who say evil things about others who aren't around to hear)**, haters of God **(those who dislike, boldly challenge, or disagree with God over and over in their minds)**,

despiteful (**those who hate their enemies so much that it leads to violence against them**), proud (**people who think they are excellent in many ways. For example, they may think that their mind, body, possessions, accomplishments, job, country, and church are much better than others.**), boasters (**those who brag about how excellent they, their possessions, or accomplishments are in order to impress others**), inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31**Without understanding (**those who don't agree with the truths in the Bible**), covenantbreakers (**people who break their contracts or agreements**), without natural affection (**those who don't love others**), implacable (**those who hate others and never stop their hatred**), unmerciful (**those who cruelly punish others and never spares or forgives them**): **32**Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death (**These people know these things are sinful, and they do them on purpose. Plus, they know God will send them to hell, but they don't care.**), not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (**They also encourage others to do the same and approve of others who do the same.**)

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1Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. **(It's useless for a professing Christian to tell people they are going to hell because they practice the sins mentioned in Romans 1, when they practice the same sins on purpose. They're just as guilty.)** **2**But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. **(God is the ultimate judge, and He will, in some way, punish those who commit the previous sins.)** **3**And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? **(A professing Christian who alerts others when they sin but commits the same sins without wanting or trying to stop, will have no defense against God's judgement.)** **4**Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? **(Instead of immediately giving up on a Christian when they sin, God gives them chances to see their errors, ask for forgiveness, and try to no longer commit those sins with the Holy Spirit's help. God's kindness, tolerance, and patience in doing this should touch a Christian's emotions and lead them to change their sinful ways.)** **5**But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; **(A Christian would follow the previous verse, but someone who isn't really a Christian (even if they trust Jesus' death on the cross and His shed blood to erase their sins) would be stubborn and refuse to stop sinning on purpose. As a result, God's anger continues to build until He no longer gives them chances to become Christians.)** **6**Who will render to every man according to his deeds: **7**To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: **(God will give eternal life with Him to a person who has prayed or made a decision to become a Christian, and a way they can know if they have really become a Christian is if they continue to do good (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) throughout their life, and they do this because they seek the glory and honor and immortality that God offers.)** **8**But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, **(God will punish people who spend their lives doing what they want to do that doesn't involve Him. (a lifestyle opposite from the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; **(Everyone who continues to sin on purpose, especially if it doesn't bother them, is in major trouble with God.)** **10**But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: **(A Christian who continues to do good (lives a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) will receive glory, honor, and peace from God.)** **11**For there is no respect of persons with God. **(Any nationality of people can become Christians; God sees souls, not color.)**

12For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: **(People who have never read or been taught the laws in the Bible are punished (sent to hell when they die) for breaking those laws (sinning).)** and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; **(People who have read or been taught the laws in the Bible are punished (sent to hell when they die) for breaking those laws (sinning).)** **13**(For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. **(Reading or being taught God's laws in the Bible doesn't make someone a Christian; praying or making**

a decision to do so makes someone a Christian, and they prove they have become a Christian when they try to obey God's laws and are able to do so more and more over time.) **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: **(People who have never read or been taught the laws in the Bible prove they know right from wrong when they instinctively avoid lying and stealing, etc.)** **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; **(When people who have never read or been taught the laws in the Bible are bothered and upset with themselves when they lie or gossip, for example, it proves that God's law is written in their hearts, even though they have never read or been taught God's law. The same applies when they succeed in not lying or gossiping, for example, when they are tempted to do so.)** **16**In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. **(Some professing Christians 'play church', in that they go to church, go on mission trips, and say all the right things, etc. But, they secretly hate certain people and hope bad things happen to them, etc. Also, when they're alone, they enjoy watching or desiring things God hates.)**

17Behold, 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. **(These verses set up the next verses, and the point Paul is making is that people may believe they are in right relationships with God because they know His law and what He wants them to do and can teach His law, but they are sorely mistaken. They also believe that God's law in the Old Testament is the source of salvation.)** **21**Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? **22**Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? **23**Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? **(A professed Christian who teaches people that they shouldn't steal, commit adultery, or commit idolatry, etc. is commendable, but if the professed Christian who teaches this does these things, they are hypocritical and dishonor God.)** **24**For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. **(When non-Christians see professed Christians sinning, especially in ways they tell people not to sin, they don't think very highly of God, who professed Christians represent, and they say disrespectful things about God.)**

25For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. **(Many people think they are living as Christians because they go to church and read the Bible, for example, but they live sinful lifestyles the rest of their time. (lifestyles opposite from the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** **26**Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? **(The Jewish religion, which uses the Old Testament, commands that Jews must be circumcised, and it seems that many of them think this is proof they're in a right relationship with God. Although, being circumcised and not obeying the rest of God's law, is of no value. Those who are truly God's people have prayed or made decisions to become Christians, and as a result, they obey God's law. (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com))** **27**And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost

transgress the law? **(It should be extra embarrassing for people, who have grown up in church but don't follow Jesus, hear of people who are new to Christianity become Christians and actually follow Jesus. (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasaved.com) Someone may believe they are in a right relationship with God because they are circumcised, but being circumcised and not living the way the Bible instructs is worthless. An uncircumcised male who becomes a Christian and obeys God's law in the Bible as a result (lives a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasaved.com) will go to heaven; a circumcised male who isn't a Christian won't go to heaven.)** **28**For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **(Many people seem to feel that their future home in heaven is secure because they live with Christian parents, but this is a false security to have.)** **29**But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly **(Someone whose heart is right with God (a Christian) is a true Jew.)**; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter **(True circumcision is a change of heart produced by the Holy Spirit when someone becomes a Christian. For an example of what this change of heart looks like, see chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasaved.com); whose praise is not of men, but of God. (A true Christian, who has a changed heart, seeks for God's praise of them and their changed lives and not the praise of others.)**

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1What 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. **3**For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

4God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. **(Even though people are liars, for example, we can be confident that God is perfect and can be depended upon.)**

5But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) **6**God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world? **(The opinion that its fine for us to sin because it points out how sinless and perfect God is in comparison, and since people can see this difference, God would be unfair in punishing us, is wrong. Since God is fair and qualified to judge and punish sinners, He doesn't allow people to freely sin without facing punishment in hell.)** **7**For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner? **(Allowing people to see how dishonest you are and how perfectly honest God is is no excuse for lying. First John 2:3-5 says, "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him (says they are a Christian), and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.")** **8**And not *rather*, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just. **(Some people lied and claimed that Paul taught that we should sin so that good will come out of it. This type of slander still happens today. When Christians can show facts that disprove what slanderers are saying about them or correct views they got wrong, then Christians should do that.)**

9What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; **(One person isn't better or more moral than another person in the eyes of God. If they haven't become a Christian, they are as much a sinner as the most immoral person on the planet. James 2:10-11 shares, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.")**

10As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: **(Jesus never sinned, unlike everyone else. His perfect, sinless nature makes Him righteous. We all deserve to pay the penalty for our sins against God (who is so holy, that He can't even look at sin), but Jesus took the punishment we deserve and freely gave us His righteousness (as if we had never sinned) in exchange. Second Corinthians 5:21 declares, "For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.")**

11There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. **(Romans 3:11-18 describes the nature of sinners (non-Christians). Romans 3:11 begins by explaining that sinners don't understand the things of God and salvation, and they don't seek to know His ways or desire to follow Jesus (live the Christian lifestyle). In other words, they just don't care. Christians, on the other hand, do seek the previous things.)**

12They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. **(The next description of non-Christians is that they don't normally do good. Even their seemingly good deeds are filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Good works done by Christians for people in order to make people think good about God have true value.)**

13Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: **(Another description of non-Christians is that they lie and mislead others. They ultimately are unable to stop this. James 3:8 declares, "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." The only solution to break this cycle is for them to become Christians, in which the Holy Spirit comes to live inside them and gives them the ability to stop deceiving others (2 Corinthians 3:18). Without this supernatural ability, they are stuck in their web of sins.)**

14Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness: **(Non-Christians are usually angry and irritable, and it shows through their verbal outbursts, name-calling, and complaining. Christians; however, should be filled with joy (Galatians 5:22) because they are going to heaven and because God is with them in helping with their struggles. Since Christians should be in happy moods, their speech should naturally be pleasant.)**

15Their feet *are* swift to shed blood: **(Christians are known for being gentle and level-headed (Galatians 5:23) and peace-loving (James 3:17-18). On the other hand, non-Christians aren't like that; rushing into violence is right up their alley.)**

16Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: **(Real peace, joy, and godliness aren't associated with non-Christians. Causing destruction and misery for themselves and others is their calling card.)**

17And the way of peace have they not known: **(Non-Christians don't know how to find peace in this world or the next. This is because they don't know Jesus. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" Instead of having peace with God after becoming Christians, non-Christians helplessly continue their wicked ways (Isaiah 57:21). However, not everyone who has faith in Jesus becomes Christians and has the accompanying changed lifestyles true Christians have - see chapters 1-9 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)**

18There is no fear of God before their eyes. **(People who don't fear God don't worry about displeasing Him. They freely sin and don't consider the consequences of their thoughts, words, and actions.)**

19Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **(The purpose of God's law in the Bible (verses that explain how God wants us to live - see chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com for an example of what this looks like) is to let us know that we don't have the excuse that we don't know how God wants us to live. We're all guilty of breaking God's law.)** **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. **(We can never become Christians (right with God) by obeying God's commandments. Another purpose of the commandments are to show us that we have failed to live up to God's standards and that we aren't right with Him and won't go to heaven. Romans 3:23 shares, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;")**

21But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; **(The idea that we can become right with God and go to heaven if we're able to obey the requirements of God's law is wrong; that wasn't even promised in the writings of Moses or by the other prophets. Only by trusting Jesus to be our Savior from our sins can we become right with God.)** **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: **(If our hearts are prepared to receive salvation, (See chapters 1-9 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasaved.com) we are made right with God when we have faith in Jesus Christ/tell God that we believe Jesus is our Savior.)** **23**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **(Nobody can claim that they have never sinned (said, thought, and/or done things that God hates). The way we receive the glory of God (perfection) is when our sins are erased and forgiven when we become Christians. If this doesn't happen, our sins remain, and we come short of the glory of God and don't go to heaven.)** **24**Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **(We become Christians due to God's grace, and that means we can't earn our salvation; God gives it to us. It cost Jesus His life by dying on the cross, and instead of us paying the penalty for our sins, Jesus did that for us.)** **25**Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood **(Jesus did all the work; our responsibility is to tell God that we believe that after Jesus was punished for our sins and shed His blood, our sins were erased and forgiven.)**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **26**To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. **(Being consciously or unconsciously willing to repent of our sins prepares our hearts to receive Jesus, (explained in chapters 1-9 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasaved.com) but this doesn't erase our sins; we have to believe that Jesus is our Savior.)**

27Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. **(Christians aren't able to brag that God has accepted them because they have obeyed His law or done good works; God grants Christians a future home in heaven because Jesus was punished and died for their sins. People need to trust that to get that into heaven; it's by the law of faith. Ephesians 2:8-9 basically teaches the same and says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.")** **28**Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. **(If our hearts are prepared (explained in chapters 1-9 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasaved.com) we become fit and ready for heaven when we trust Jesus to be our Savior. Obeying the Old Testament law doesn't achieve this for us.)** **29***Is he* the God of the Jews only? *is he* not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: **30**Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. **(No matter their nationality, people receive salvation only through faith in Jesus.)**

31Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. **(Some seem to believe and act as though that since they receive salvation by believing in Jesus and not by obeying God's commandments, they are free to sin and live any way they want. This, of course, is very wrong. Christians are given the ability to obey God's commandments more and more over time after they become Christians through the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:1-4 explains, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son**

in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." A true Christian also doesn't freely live a sinful lifestyle; they walk after the Spirit. – Romans 8:4 (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com))

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Chapter 4

Romans

1What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? **2**For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God. **(Belief is what makes us right with God. Becoming a Christian doesn't require work, so we can't boast about what we did in order to become one (Romans 4:2; Ephesians 2:8-9). John 6:28-29 records, "Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." Even though there's no work involved, we need to be consciously or unconsciously willing to begin following Jesus after we tell God that we believe Jesus is our Savior, if our hearts are to be prepared to receive Jesus (explained in chapters 1-9 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com). We know our hearts were prepared to receive Jesus before we told God that we believed Jesus was our Savior, because we began to follow (imitate and obey) Jesus afterwards. James 2:21-24 explains that Abraham displayed this and proved that he was right with God after he had faith in Him, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.")**

3For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. **4**Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. **(Salvation is a gift from God. If we worked to obtain our salvation by doing good works and/or being able to not sin, salvation wouldn't be a gift.)** **5**But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. **(We don't become Christians by doing good works; we become Christians when we trust Jesus' work on the cross to forgive our sins, if our hearts are prepared.)** **6**Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, **(It indeed is a relief to understand that God accepts us and gives us salvation without us working for it.)**

7*Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

8Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. **(Verses 7-8 are taken from Psalm 32:1-2. Before someone becomes a Christian, they are guilty of sin, and their sentence is eternal separation from God when they die. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." and Matthew 25:46 adds, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." But, once someone becomes a Christian, their sins are forgiven and their sentence of eternal separation from God is lifted, which obviously results in blessedness and joy. John 3:36 explains, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Although, simply believing in Jesus with no desire to stop sinning doesn't result in that person becoming a Christian. (explained in chapters 1-9 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com))**

9*Cometh* this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only*, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. **(God's gift of salvation isn't only for Jews; every**

race of people can become Christians through faith in Jesus.) **10**How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. **(In the Old Testament, God commanded that males be circumcised, but this act didn't grant them salvation. Using Abraham as the example, he received salvation before he was circumcised when he 'believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness' - Romans 4:3.)** **11**And he 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; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: **(Abraham received salvation due to his faith. Being circumcised didn't result in Abraham receiving salvation; it was proof he had salvation and a right relationship with God, because he obeyed God's command. Today, we gain evidence that our faith in Jesus resulted in us receiving salvation if we follow Jesus' commands. In John 10:27-30 Jesus explains, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. I and *my* Father are one." (For an example of this lifestyle, see chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) Notice that John 10:30 reveals that Jesus and God are one. They've always been as one, and Jesus was crucial in people receiving salvation in the Old Testament days as well. Old Testament saints believed that God would send the Messiah and provide the way for people to have their sins paid for and forgiven (Isaiah 53). As a result, they received salvation. In keeping with Abraham and his faith, Galatians 3:6-9 adds, "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.")** **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, which *he had* being *yet* uncircumcised. **(Those who are circumcised aren't automatically children of Abraham. Only those who have faith like he possessed are his children. People who have Abraham's faith are Christians. They didn't become Christians by doing good works; they became Christians because of their faith in God who forgives their sins (Romans 4:1-5).)**

13For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. **(God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations (Genesis 17:4) because of his faith in Him and that Abraham believed that what God said would happen would come true. Abraham didn't earn this gift by obeying God's law. Similarly, we don't earn our salvation by obeying God's commandments; we receive it as a free gift after we have faith that Jesus is our Savior, if our hearts are prepared. Ephesians 2:8-9 explains, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.")** **14**For if they which are of the law *be* heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: **(If God promised to give the earth to Abraham's descendants if they obeyed His law, then there would be no need to have faith. But, this doesn't grant us favor with God; we have to have faith.)** **15**Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, *there is* no transgression. **(Those who try to earn their salvation by never breaking God's law always come short. Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" The only obtainable way of salvation comes by faith.)**

16Therefore *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, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of

us all, **(Trying our best to live according to God's law doesn't grant us salvation and erase our sins before God. Someone who is known for sinning, on the other hand, has the same chance to become a Christian as the person who tries their best not to sin. The underlying factor with the two examples is that they don't rely on their faith in Jesus to erase their sins and give them a future home in heaven.)** **17**(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. **(Because of Abraham's faith, God made him the father of many nations. Abraham was the first, and we follow in his footsteps when we have faith in Christ.)** **18**Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. **(Abraham never stopped hoping, even when it seemed all hope was lost. The word 'hope' means being confident, and Abraham was confident that he would become the father of many nations. Today, we can be confident that the Bible is trustworthy, and its message leads us to heaven.)** **19**And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: **20**He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; **(An 100 year old couple producing a baby seems impossible, but not with God (Mark 10:27). Abraham believed this would happen after God told him so, Not only this, but his belief that this would happen increased over time. Christians should follow this example and never stop believing God's promises in the Bible.)** **21**And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. **22**And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. **(We must follow this: If we want to become Christians, we need to be fully confident that after we tell God that we trust Jesus' death on the cross and His shed blood to erase our sins, we will become Christians.)** **23**Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; **24**But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; **25**Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. **(Abraham's faith is our example: we must summon his faith and be fully confident that Jesus died in order to erase our sins and be fully confident that God raised Him from the dead. If our hearts are prepared to receive Jesus, and we let God know that we fully depend on Jesus' death on the cross to erase our sins and believe He arose from the dead, we will become Christians.)**

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Chapter 5

Romans

1Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: **(God declares that we are righteous (not guilty of sin) once we become Christians. As a result, we are at peace with God and belong to His Family. All of this is possible because Jesus died on the cross in order to erase our sins and arose from the dead.)** **2**By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **(When someone becomes a Christian, Christ places them in a privileged and secure position that they don't deserve, and the Christian can be sure that they will remain in this position and for all eternity, sharing God's glory. This obviously brings joy.)** **3**And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; **4**And patience, experience; and experience, hope: **(A similar passage is James 1:2-4 which says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Whenever you face trials (problems with your family, job, friends, church, financial situations, physical and mental health, etc.), it's a perfect opportunity to discover if you are really a Christian. Someone who had prayed or made a decision to become a Christian but permanently quit living the Christian lifestyle (a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website -www.areasureyouaresaved.com) after experiencing a trial, didn't make it to heaven.)** **5**And hope maketh not ashamed; **(After we gain assurance that we're really Christians, we will not be disappointed or ashamed.)** because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. **(To top all this off, the Holy Spirit fills a Christian's heart and lets them know how dearly God loves them.)**

6For when we were yet without strength, **(We have no ability to earn our salvation. Romans 4:5 explains, "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.")** in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **(Christ's death on the cross and His shed blood is our only hope. Romans 5:9 says, "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.")** **7**For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **(It's rare for someone to be willing to die in the place of a good person and a little more likely for an especially good person.)** **8**But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **(In major contrast and in an ultimate display of love, God sent Christ to die in our place while we were still sinners, absent of righteous behavior.)** **9**Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **(When God looks at Christians, He doesn't see their sins; God sees the blood of Christ, His Son. The blood Christ shed on the cross is what erases our sins. As a result, Christians are safe from God's wrath in hell.)** **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. **(Christians not only have their sins forgiven through Christ's sacrifice, they are gifted the Holy Spirit who helps them live the way God wants them to live (2 Corinthians 3:18). Christians can also directly pray to God asking for His help and praising Him as often as they like. Because of Jesus, Christians become friends with God, and this brings much joy.)**

12Wherefore, 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: **(When Adam, the first man, sinned in the Garden of Eden, sin entered**

the world and has been present ever since. God's punishment for sin is death, and we die because we've all sinned.) **13**(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. **14**Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

15But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. **16**And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification. **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.)

18Therefore 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. **(The sin of Adam infected the human race and automatically gave us a nature to sin. Jesus, on the other hand, provided the antidote to this infection when He died on the cross to erase our sins. We become cured of this infection (have our sins forgiven by God) when we become Christians.)** **20**Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. **(Before the law, God's only commandment was to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17). After the law, God commanded a lot more, in which we're responsible (Romans 5:13-14).)** But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: **(Despite this, God provided even more grace.)** **21**That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. **(The grace (a gift we don't deserve) God provided was Christ's death on the cross to erase our sins and give us eternal life in heaven.)**

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Chapter 6

Romans

1What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **2**God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? **(It seems many who have prayed or made decisions to become Christians believe they can continually sin on purpose and God's fine with it, because He already forgave their sins and saved them by grace. These people need to realize that they're misled about their assurance of their salvation. Hebrew 10:26-29 warns, "26For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" That kind of unbroken sin in Christians' lives should be dead (Romans 6:2). Instead, an unbroken pattern of righteousness (For an example of this, see chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at the website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) should be the result. First Peter 2:24 explains, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.")** **3**Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4**Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **(After someone has prayed or made a decision to become a Christian, they should be baptized in water. This has beautiful symbolism: when the professing Christian is dipped under water, it symbolizes that they are dying to their old, sinful lifestyle, and when they are raised out of the water, it symbolizes that they are going to walk in newness of life by following Christ (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** **5**For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection: **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. **(While Christ was on the cross, God took our sins (past, present, and future) and placed them on Jesus, who became guilty for every sin. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6). Then, God punished Him for every sin. Isaiah 53:5 says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Therefore, Christians' sin nature died on Jesus' cross, and the desire to sin and live care-free continues to die. Galatians 5:24 says, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Sinful acts, thoughts, and desires of old now bother Christians, and they are given the ability to resist these temptations the more they mature in the Christian faith. Before, they couldn't resist these temptations; they were servants to sin.)** **7**For he that is dead is freed from sin. **(When someone becomes a Christian, they become free from being unable to resist these temptations.)**

8Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: **(If someone who has prayed or made a decision to become a Christian has, as a result, changed their outlook on sin (See notes for Romans 6:6-7), they gain assurance of their salvation.)** **9**Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. **(In addition, they can be confident in their salvation because Christ was raised from the dead.)** **10**For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in

that he liveth, he liveth unto God. **11**Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **(Notice the words 'Jesus Christ our Lord': When someone becomes a Christian, they die indeed unto sin (their old way of living), Jesus becomes their Lord, and everything revolves around Him. (They live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasaved.com)**

12Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. **(Christians should be at war with sin. Romans 7:23 reveals that sin nature still lives in Christians. They need to be aware and keep their guard against it. They do this by refusing to sin when they are tempted.)** **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. **(Christ should be Lord of every area of a Christian's life, and chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasaved.com gives an example of what this involves. When this advice is followed, no part of a Christian will have an opportunity to partake in sin. Instead, they will be following the instruction '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.

15What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. **(Since becoming a Christian doesn't require physical effort, that doesn't mean that those who have prayed or made decisions to do so can put no effort into avoiding sinning.)** **16**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? **(If someone tries to earn their salvation by keeping the Old Testament law, they become servants to that effort, which leads to eternal separation from God.)** **17**But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **(Before they obeyed the form of doctrine which was delivered them (be saved by grace by believing in Christ), they tried to earn their salvation by keeping the law.)** **18**Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. **(Because they obeyed the correct doctrine, they became the servants of righteousness - received the power/supernatural ability to withstand temptations to sin that Christians receive from the Holy Spirit entering them (2 Corinthians 3:18) once they trust Jesus' work on the cross to erase their sins.)** **19**I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. **(Before someone becomes a Christian, they begin to give in to temptations to sin, and since they don't have the Holy Spirit to help them resist, they become trapped into sinning more and more. In contrast, after someone becomes a Christian, they have power to resist and are free to commit their life to righteous living as they should, (Chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasaved.com gives an example of what this involves.) which leads to holiness and assurance of their salvation.)**

20For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. **(Once someone becomes a Christian, they must begin living righteously the best they can. If not, they are misled about Christianity. In John 8:34 Jesus explains, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.")** **21**What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. **(A Christian should be ashamed of their former care-free, sinful lifestyle and understand it wasn't leading them to heaven.)** **22**But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye

have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. **(Since a Christian has the ability to stop living their old, sinful lifestyle more and more over time, they are free to be servants to God. (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) When they're able to live this holy lifestyle, they gain assurance that they're really a Christian.)** **23**For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **(Serving sin results in eternal separation from God, but accepting God's gift of eternal life through Christ results in spending eternity separated from God.)**

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Chapter 7

Romans

1Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) 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. **3**So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. **(Marriage is a life commitment. The only exceptions are when a person's spouse dies, commits adultery (Matthew 5:32) (Forgiveness is a must, even if divorce happens; bitterness and hatred shouldn't happen. On the other hand, divorce doesn't have to happen at all.), or leaves because they abandoned the Christian faith or refuses the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 7:15). The Bible does allow someone to separate from their spouse if they are being abused or threatened, but they shouldn't get divorced or seek another relationship (Mark 10:11-12, Matthew 5:32, 1 Corinthians 7:15). Luke 16:18 adds that someone who has been divorced, shouldn't remarry, except for the reasons covered in Matthew 5:32 and 1 Corinthians 7:15. Also, a man shouldn't marry a woman who has been divorced (Matthew 5:32), except for the reasons covered in Matthew 5:32 and 1 Corinthians 7:15.)**

4Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. **(Being married to the law (trying to obey the Old Testament law without being a Christian) produces no ability to bring forth fruit unto God (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) But, once someone becomes a Christian, that relationship dies: They're freed from that fruitless effort.)** **5**For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. **(Once someone becomes a Christian, the Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit. When a Christian displays the fruit of the Spirit (explained in chapter 21 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) they obey God's law and serve Him.)** **6**But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

7What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. **8**But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead. **9**For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. **10**And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death. **11**For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*. **12**Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

13Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. **(Someone who hasn't become a Christian doesn't have the Holy Spirit living inside them, and the power of sin easily arouses evil desires within them. Everyone has various evil desires lurking within them. James 1:14 explains, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." For instance, when a non-Christian learns that they shouldn't covet, the power of sin attacks by encouraging their evil desires and convincing them to want to firstly possess another man's car, then**

his money, or maybe his wife. (Romans 7:8) This can lead to the sinful actions of physically trying to take those things. (Romans 7:5; James 1:15) Sin used God's commandment, which is holy and right and good (Romans 7:12) to cause this person to become a slave to sin, which leads to eternal separation from God. (Romans 7:11; Romans 7:13)

14For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. **(Even though the power of sin uses the law for evil purposes, the power of sin wouldn't be able to use it against us if we didn't have a sin nature. (see note for Romans 7:13)** **15**For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. **16**If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it* is good. **17**Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. **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.

21I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. **22**For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: **23**But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. **(The following is an explanation for Romans 7:15-23: Christians continue to be at war with sin, because their sin nature remains but isn't as over-powering. (see note for Romans 7:13) When Christians try to do good and try not to sin, their sin nature successfully persuades them to do the opposite if their guard isn't up and aren't living in the power of the Holy Spirit, who's also living in them. (Galatians 5:16-17) When Christians aren't enjoying the things of God and focusing on Him, their sin nature is likely to cause them to sin. When this happens, Christians should be upset for failing the Lord and want to do better in the future. (Hebrews 12:5-11) If not, something is wrong. (If you have prayed or made a decision to become a Christian, but this doesn't describe you when you sin, please follow this website - <http://chriswaug5.wix.com/howtogotoheaven>) During these circumstances, they have a way to gain assurance of their salvation. The problem isn't them; it's their sin nature.)** **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. **(If someone has prayed or made a decision to become a Christian, and they match the description of the previous note, they know Christ has rescued them from their struggle with sin.)**

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Chapter 8

Romans

1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, **(going to heaven)** who walk not after the flesh, **(They spend their time saying, thinking, and doing what they want to say, think, and do, and those things don't involve Christ.)** but after the Spirit. **(They spend their time saying, thinking, and doing what Jesus wants them to say, think, and do. (For an example of this lifestyle, see chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasyouaresaved.com)** If someone is a Christian, they live the exact opposite from people who aren't Christians more and more over time. **(2 Corinthians 3:18)** **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **(Once someone becomes a Christian, the Holy Spirit enters them, (Romans 8:9) and His power enables them to no longer be helpless when they are tempted to sin. (see notes for Romans 7:13;23)** **3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **(Obeying the law of Moses in our own effort doesn't grant us a future home in heaven, and it doesn't give us the ability to avoid sinning when we are tempted. Jesus' death on the cross in our place provided us the only way to heaven and victory over sin. Once our hearts are prepared, and we trust Christ's work on the cross to erase our sins, the Holy Spirit enters us and gives us the ability to not sin when we are tempted.)** **4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **(Jesus, being perfect, was the only person who obeyed God's law without fault. But while on the cross, Jesus gave up this perfect standing and instead took the punishment we sinners deserve and suffered and died for our sins. We achieve His righteousness when we believe He died in our place. See chapter 3 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasyouaresaved.com for more information.)** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **(Christians have a different walk. (see chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasyouaresaved.com)** Once it was all about themselves; now it's all about Jesus.) **5** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; **(They spend their time each day "thinking" about things that do not involve God.)** but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **(They spend their time each day "thinking" similar to the way explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasyouaresaved.com)** **6** For to be carnally minded *is* death; **(go to hell)** but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. **(go to heaven)** **7** Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **8** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. **(Before someone becomes a Christian, their mind is controlled by their sinful nature. While under its control, they can't 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. **(Although and thankfully, when they become a Christian and gain a new nature (controlled by the Holy Spirit), they're able to follow His ways and please Him.)** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **(Once someone's heart is prepared to receive Christ and they pray or make a decision to become a Christian, the Holy Spirit enters them.)** **10** And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. **(God's punishment for sin is physical death followed by spiritual death in hell, but when we become Christians, we escape spiritual death and are guaranteed a future home in heaven. God seals this promise by sending the Holy Spirit to live inside our hearts once we become Christians. (2 Corinthians 1:22))** **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. **(Before someone becomes a Christian, they're dead (per-se), and once the Holy Spirit**

enters them upon them becoming a Christian, they become alive. The Holy Spirit literally gives them new life and changes them into a new person more and more over time and enables them to follow Jesus. (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf book featured at this website - www.areyousureyouaresaved.com) They become a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17))

12Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. **(If you are a Christian, you should actively, with the Holy Spirit's help, refuse to live your old, sinful lifestyle and begin to live after the Spirit. (a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf book featured at this website - www.areyousureyouaresaved.com) If you refuse to do this that is evidence you aren't really a Christian.)** 14For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. **(If you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit will help you understand Bible verses that you wouldn't have understood prior to becoming a Christian – This is a crucial result to look for. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit will help you do what the Bible says to do and not do, while you follow Jesus. (For an example of how to follow Jesus, see chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areyousureyouaresaved.com) The Holy Spirit will urge and give you thoughts to do things such as witness to others, and when these people become Christians or consider becoming one, you will know that you were led by the Spirit of God and are a son of God. Some other examples are when the Holy Spirit gives you thoughts and urges you to give money to someone in need, and as a result, they get back on their feet. The Holy Spirit could also lead you to become someone's friend who isn't a Christian, and they later become a Christian because they saw how much joy and peace Jesus produced in your life.)** 15For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **(If you're a Christian, the Holy Spirit will give you great assurance that you are going to heaven, and this will allow you to pray to God without hesitating or fearing (the way a child can approach their father). If you don't have this kind of assurance of your salvation, please follow chapter 41 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areyousureyouaresaved.com and be sure.)** 16The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: **(If you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit living inside you will allow you to be able to display the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23) more and more over time (explained in chapter 21 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areyousureyouaresaved.com) and will give you the ability to serve the Lord (live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areyousureyouaresaved.com), so people will praise and think good about God and want to become Christians too.)** 17And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, **(being verbally or physically mistreated because you follow Christ)** that we may be also glorified together. **(If you're a Christian, you should face opposition from others (verbal or physical mistreatment, etc.) who are hostile toward your Christian beliefs and lifestyle some time in your life if you live long enough after you pray or make a decision to become a Christian.)**

18For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. **(No matter how bad things become for Christians, it fails in comparison to how perfect heaven will be.)** 19For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, 21Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22For we know that the whole creation

groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. **23**And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. **(Christians don't immediately go to heaven once they pray or make decisions to become Christians, but Holy Spirit, who enters them, gives them a taste and assurance of heaven until they leave earth. See the explanations for Romans 8:14-16 as to how the Holy Spirit does this.)** **24**For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **(When someone prays or makes a decision to become a Christian, they must believe they'll become a Christian after doing so, but they're unable to see the gates of heaven open for them. So, they must hope (know) that they'll enter heaven.)** **25**But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*. **(But, Christians must patiently wait for the day they fully arrive in heaven.)**

26Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities **(The Holy Spirit helps Christians with their problems, and the next note explains how He does this.)**: 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. **(Christians ask God for help, but the Holy Spirit does the successful work of asking God to fix the problems God wants to fix, and He asks Him with the correct words.)** **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*. **(When Christians pray, they obviously should know that their prayers aren't always answered. This happens because it isn't God's will. (That's not what God wants to happen.) Although, the Holy Spirit knows exactly what God wants to happen in Christians' lives, and He asks God to allow these things to happen. As a result and because God knows the Holy Spirit's heart and understands what He prays, God answers His prayers. The final result is that Christians get the help that God wanted to give. Christians only have certain prayers answered, because these are the prayers that God wanted to answer. However, the Holy Spirit takes the prayers that He knows God doesn't want to answer and changes them to prayers He knows God will answer.)**

28And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. **(If someone has prayed or made a decision to become a Christian, and they love God by following Mark 12:30-31 (see chapter 14 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com beginning at the second paragraph) and are called according to His purpose (The previous note gives an example of this as well.), they not only have a way to gain assurance of their salvation, but everything that happens to them (pleasant and unpleasant) is for their benefit and helps them become more like Christ.)** **29**For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **(God grants us salvation so we can live like Jesus lived. (a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com))** **30**Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? **(There's no greater power than God, and no one can stop His plans. Christians are securely with God forever (Romans 8:30), and He won't let anyone change that or stop the plans He has for them.)** **32**He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? **(See notes for Romans 8:26-28. In addition, God promises everything heaven has in store, because of Jesus' sacrifice for us.)** **33**Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. **(No one can theoretically put Christians on trial and say, "You're guilty of these sins and are going to hell." God is**

Christians' judge and deems them innocent of all sin, which qualifies them to enter heaven. Also, see note for Romans 8:34.) **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. **(Picture a court room with a Christian being on trial: God is the judge, Jesus is the Christian's defendant making intercession for them, and Satan is the accuser. Satan presents the Christian's sins and demands they go to hell for them (Revelation 12:10), but Jesus paid the penalty for their sins by dying on the cross and proved it by rising from the dead. Then, God agrees that the penalty has been paid, and the Christian is proven innocent and wins the case.)**

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 thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **(Christians face many problems, but that doesn't mean God has abandoned them. Christians ultimately win over earthly problems, because once they enter heaven, these problems are no more. This victory is possible due to Christ's love for them when He died on the cross to erase their sins and arose from the dead.)** **38**For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39**Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **(Because of Christ's death and resurrection, Christians are eternally secure with God and will go to heaven, and nothing can stop this. Romans 14:8 shares, "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." John 10:27-30 adds, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." Jude 1:24 also confirms, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,")**

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Chapter 9

Romans

1I 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, 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, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

6Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel: **7**Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. **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. **9**For this *is* the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. **10**And not only *this*; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac; **11**(For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) **12**It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. **13**As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

14What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid. **15**For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. **16**So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. **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.

19Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? **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?

25As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

26And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

27Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: **28**For he will finish the work, and cut *it* short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

29And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrhah.

30What 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. **(We become Christians through faith in Jesus, not by trying to earn our salvation by keeping the Old Testament or by doing good works.)** For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

33As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

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Chapter 10

Romans

1Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. **2**For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. **3**For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. **(Forgiveness from God is never obtained by keeping the Old Testament law. (the law of Moses))** **4**For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. **(We receive forgiveness (become right with God) through belief in Christ as the Savior, not by keeping the law of Moses. Acts 13:39 also explains this, "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Romans 8:3 adds, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:")**

5For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. **(If someone was able to keep the law of Moses and never sin, they would be right with God. Although, this is impossible: Romans 3:23 declares, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;")** **6**But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*;) **7**Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) **8**But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; **9**That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **(The apostle Paul stated two verses on how to obtain salvation that use the title 'Lord' in Acts 16:31 and Romans 10:9, and it means "God who rules". On this topic, Dr. John MacArthur, in his book The Gospel According to Jesus said, "No one who comes for salvation with genuine faith, sincerely believing that Jesus is the eternal, almighty, sovereign God, will willfully reject His authority. True faith is not lip service. Our Lord Himself pronounced condemnation on those who worshiped Him with their lips but not with their lives (Matt. 15:7 – 9). He does not become anyone's Savior until that person receives Him for who He is – Lord of all (Acts 10:36)." Acts 16:31 says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved." And in Romans 10:9 it says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." This doesn't mean if someone simply says Jesus' name and believes He arose from the dead, they will be saved. If someone is consciously or unconsciously (see the 6th point of chapter 6 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com for more explanations) "willing" for Jesus to begin ruling (or taking over) every area of their life and every moment of each day (For an example of this lifestyle, see chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) after they pray or make a decision to become a Christian, they're ready to become a Christian. The Greek word for 'Lord' is kurios. Dr. John MacArthur, in his book The Gospel According to Jesus, explains this very well. He said, "Proper understanding of any biblical term depends on etymology, context, and history. Etymologically, "kurios" comes from a Greek root that means "rule, dominion, or power." Contextually, taking Peter's use of "kurios" in Acts 2:36, it is important to note that verses 34–35 quote from Psalm 110, a messianic psalm of rule and dominion ("Rule in the midst of Thine enemies," v. 2). Peter was not saying merely that, "God has made Him . . . God," he was affirming Jesus' right to rule. Historically, Peter's sermon addressed the Jews' role in crucifying their Messiah (v.23). At the trial of Jesus before Pilate and the Jewish mob, the issue was**

clearly His “kingship,” mentioned at least a dozen times in John 18:33—19:22. Clearly, careful historical-grammatical exegesis of Acts 2:36 can lead to only one conclusion: Jesus is the divine King who rules in the midst of both friends and foes. Having thus identified Christ as Lord of all, Peter makes his gospel appeal. Note that Paul preached Jesus in exactly the same way (2 Cor. 4:3–5): Jesus is our sovereign Lord, and we are His servants.” **10**For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **(If someone believes Jesus is their Savior and are consciously or unconsciously willing for Jesus to become their Lord (see previous note), they need to let God know that they have faith in Jesus in order to become a Christian.)** **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. **(All nationalities are able to become Christians (Romans 10:12). Romans 10:13 doesn't mean that everyone who tells God that they believe in Jesus will go to heaven. See note for Romans 10:9 and chapters 16 and 38 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)**

14How 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? **(God's method of letting people know how to become Christians is using Christians to tell them.)** **15**And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! **(The most beautiful scenario is a Christian telling others how they can make heaven their future home.)**

16But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **(As good of news as the gospel is, not everyone accepts it.)** **17**So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **(If God didn't tell us how to become Christians in the Bible, we wouldn't know what message to put our faith in.)**

18But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. **(This message has reached the ends of the world.)**

19But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by *them that are* no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. **(This prophecy refers to God giving salvation to other nationalities, and this would provoke Jews to jealousy so they would seek Christ for salvation. If Jews understand this prophecy and witness other nationalities accepted by God, they will know they need to become Christians.)**

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

21But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people. **(Jews should consider the previous prophecies and the events referenced in this verse. This is proof, along with many prophecies Jesus fulfilled that proves He is the Messiah, Jews need to accept Jesus as their Savior if they want to spend eternity in heaven.)**

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Chapter 11

Romans

1I say then, Hath God cast away his people? 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 which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, **3**Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. **4**But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to *the image of* Baal. **5**Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. **6**And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

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

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

9And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

10Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back away.

11I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. **(see note for Romans 11:14)** **12**Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? **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, and might save some of them. **(Jealously isn't always bad. When non-Christians witness Christians have peace during trials, purpose for each day, and the promise of eternal life in heaven, hopefully they will become jealous and want this for themselves.)** **15**For if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving of *them be*, but life from the dead? **16**For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches. **(People may conclude after reading this that since their parents, for example, are Christians that means they are too. But, they must have faith in Christ as their Savior (Romans 11:20), and it's possible to have faith but not be a Christian. (see chapter 10 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) Likewise, Jews are descendants of Old Testament saints, but they must individually believe Christ is their Savior to receive salvation.)**

17And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; **18**Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. **(Christians shouldn't brag about anything, especially that they're Christians and other people aren't.)** **19**Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. **20**Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. **(The promise that all Jews will become Christians (see Romans 11:25-27) doesn't apply to those who die in our present time. Like everyone else, Jews must receive Jesus as their Savior. They will only be grafted back into God's olive tree if they trust Christ to give them salvation.)** Be not highminded, but

fear: **21**For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee. **22**Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. **(If someone accepts Jesus as their Savior, but later no longer trusts His death on the cross and His shed blood to erase their sins and/or permanently stops living the Christian lifestyle, they don't lose their salvation as these verses seem to say; they never became a Christian in the first place. (see chapter 38 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** **23**And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. **24**For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes. **29**For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance. **30**For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: **31**Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. **32**For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. **(Even though a minority of Jews have received Jesus as their Savior (Romans 11:5-10), the end times will favor them. (Romans 11:25-27))** A minority of Jews have received Jesus as their Savior (Romans 11:5-10), but in the end times after all other races have become Christians, all Jews will receive Jesus as their Savior (Romans 11:25-27).

33O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out! **(Our simple minds aren't able to understand God's judgments and ways, so we should focus our attention on becoming Christians and following Jesus.)** **34**For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? **35**Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? **36**For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

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Chapter 12

Romans

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. **(Due to God's incredible gift of eternal life in heaven, a Christian should obey this verse by living a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** **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. **(When a Christian is tempted to sin, they can think back to what they have learned from the Bible and say, "The Bible says to not do what I am tempted to say, think, do, and/or desire right now, so I am going to refuse to give in to this temptation.")**

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. **4** For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: **5** So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. **(Christianity isn't a competition; thoughts such as 'I do more to help the poor than other Christians' shouldn't be entertained. A Christian shouldn't believe that their gift is better or more important than the next Christian's gift (Romans 12:3). Once someone becomes a Christian, they're gifted with different abilities than other Christians (Romans 12:4). Each part of the human body can symbolize the body of Christ: for example, the arm can represent Christians with the gift of teaching the Bible, and the leg can represent Christians with the gift of encouraging others. When each body part does its job, all people are helped, which glorifies God. The following verses highlight some of these gifts:)** **6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us **(God gives some Christians more potential to carry out their gifts than other Christians. Each Christian shouldn't stress over that but do their best in helping others with the ability God gives them.)**, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith; **(Having the ability to predict the future isn't always the meaning of prophecy. Being able to explain the Bible (preach) is more in line with the meaning of prophecy in this verse.)** **7** Or ministry, *let us wait on our ministering* **(There are many ways Christians can minister (help others). God presents opportunities to do so, and the Holy Spirit urges them to act.)**: or he that teacheth, on teaching **(being able to instruct people as to how to live the way the Bible instructs)**; **8** Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation **(being able to encourage Christians trying to live the Christian lifestyle or motivating people in general who are struggling)**: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity **(This means generously.)**; he that ruleth, with diligence **(Christians who have the gift of leadership should take it seriously and try to lead others to success.)**; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. **(This means not only meeting people's needs, but enjoying doing it.)**

9 Let love be without dissimulation. **(It's easy for a professing Christian to say they love others, but they prove their love by how they treat others and by helping their needs. For information on Christian love, see chapter 14 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. **(Instead of admiring sin, a Christian should focus on living the Christian lifestyle (a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)** **10** Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; **(The way a Christian is kindly affectioned towards others with brotherly love is when they truly care about them and put their needs before their own.**

Similarly, Philippians 2:3-4 says, "**Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.**" **11**Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; **(When the Holy Spirit urges a Christian to help others, they should enthusiastically work hard at it.)** **12**Rejoicing in hope; **(This refers to a Christian who is happily confident they're going to heaven due to their faith in Christ. Romans 5:2-3 and Romans 15:13 supports this.)** patient in tribulation; **(Not giving up living the Christian lifestyle (a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) due to trials is a way to have assurance of salvation.)** continuing instant in prayer; **(A Christian should continue praying and thinking the way God wants them to think (explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com) throughout their life.)** **13**Distributing to the necessity of saints; **(Fellow Christians are part of God's family, and helping provide their needs displays this.)** given to hospitality. **(Christians should be willing to welcome safe guests into their homes.)**

14Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. **(When people are hostile towards someone because they're a Christian, the Christian should help them with their problems if a need arises, and ask God to bless them. Arguing and retaliating shouldn't happen. Matthew 5:44 also discusses this.)** **15**Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. **(Doing this displays love instead of having a singular interest.)** **16**Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. **(If someone (generally a know-it-all) thinks they're smarter than and too important to talk to certain people, they don't have a Christian mindset.)** **17**Recompense to no man evil for evil. **(When a Christian is mistreated, they shouldn't retaliate with evil.)** Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **(Not retaliating shows everyone that the Christian is honorable.)** **18**If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **(If a Christian retaliates and holds a grudge, they don't obey this verse.)** **19**Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. **(Its human nature to want to punish and exact revenge on people who treat us horribly, but a Christian shouldn't do this. Instead, God carries out this role.)** **20**Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. **(The Christian's role is to influence negative people to change their ways. When they're treated kindly, such as being fed, they feel ashamed for their bad treatment. After witnessing the peaceful state of the Christian, negative people may want that for themselves and a relationship with Jesus. Kind treatment instead of revenge could also lead to friendship and opportunities to tell them how to become Christians.)** **21**Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. **(When evil attacks, a Christian should fight back with goodness. (see previous note))**

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Chapter 13

Romans

1Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. **2**Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. **(A Christian shouldn't break the laws of their country. But, if the laws are contrary to the Bible, that's a different story.)** **3**For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: **(Simply obeying the law is the key.)** **4**For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil. **5**Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. **(Obeying law enforcement not only keeps a Christian out of jail and fine-free, they also obtain a clear conscience on the matter before God.)** **6**For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. **7**Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. **(If a Christian pays their taxes and obeys the law, they will easily master this part of their life.)**

8Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. **(A Christian is also obligated to obey another kind of law; they must love everyone. (See chapter 14 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasyouaresaved.com for information as to how to do this.) Successfully obeying this law accomplishes very much.)** **9**For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **(Everybody wants smooth sailing and to be treated excellent. If a Christian keeps this in mind and puts them self in other people's shoes, they won't have sexual relations with someone's spouse, kill, rob, lie to and about someone, etc.)** **10**Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law. **(If a Christian obeys the previous verse, they won't commit a crime against anyone.)**

11And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed. **12**The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. **(A Christian doesn't know how long their life will last, so there's no time to waste with sin. Keeping on the armor of light (living a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasyouaresaved.com) is the way to go.)** **13**Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. **(Because a Christian belongs to Christ, they should live a lifestyle similar to the one explained in the previous verse and avoid sinful parties, drunkenness, sexual activity before marriage, immoral living (extreme indulgence in bodily pleasures, such as sexual activity before marriage, the use of drugs, getting drunk, over-eating etc.), arguing, and wanting something that someone else has and wishing that they didn't possess it.)** **14**But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*. **(Instead of plotting ways to fulfill sinful desires, a Christian should focus on living a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasyouaresaved.com)**

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Chapter 14

Romans

1Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, *but* not to doubtful disputations. **(A mature Christian who knows what activities are sinful or not shouldn't scold a younger Christian for not doing an activity because they think it is sinful, when it really isn't.)** **2**For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. **3**Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. **4**Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

5One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. **6**He that regardeth the day, regardeth *it* unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard *it*. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. **(One Christian may believe it's sinful to eat certain foods and believe a certain day of the week is more holy than others, and as a result, they give thanks to God for observing them and do that to please Him. Another Christian may believe they're allowed to eat anything and that a different day is more holy than the other Christian's opinion, and as a result, they give thanks to God for observing them and do that to please Him. They shouldn't scold each other's decisions (Romans 14:3). The same scenario could be used with the decision to watch or not watch TV and movies. One Christian may want to please the Lord by not watching either, and another Christian may want to enjoy clean humor, athleticism, beauty, or good versus evil plots that all honor the Lord.)** **7**For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. **8**For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. **(Every decision a Christian makes each day should be done to please the Lord or enjoy His creations.)** **9**For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. **(Christ died and returned to life so He could be the Lord of peoples' lives. (take over and be involved in (see previous notes) every moment and every area of their lives) For more information on this topic, see chapter 20 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com)**

10But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **(One Christian shouldn't judge and scold another Christian for their type of decisions explained in the previous verses.)**

11For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. **(Instead of judging one another for their decisions (see previous notes), this responsibility is left to God.)**

13Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way. **(Judging, as previously explained, can cause a Christian to stumble, and the following verses explains another way one Christian can make another Christian stumble:)** **14**I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. **(The Bible doesn't prohibit a Christian from eating any particular food, but if they believe it's a sin to eat certain food, they shouldn't**

eat it. The same goes for anything else, such as where to live, for example.) **15**But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. **(If a Christian believes it's sinful to eat certain foods or watch TV, another Christian, who knows those things aren't sinful, shouldn't eat those foods or mention watching TV around them. One Christian witnessing another Christian do things they believe are sinful can influence them to do it, and even though eating certain foods or watching TV, for example, isn't sinful, those things become sinful if the sensitive Christian partakes in them, because their conscious leads them to believe so. (Romans 14:23))** **16**Let not then your good be evil spoken of: **(In order for a mature Christian to avoid sinning by influencing a sensitive Christian to partake in things they believe are sinful, a mature Christian should be careful what they do and say in front of a sensitive Christian.)** **17**For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. **(Instead of offending and causing a sensitive Christian to sin, a mature Christian should focus on righteousness (following Jesus by living a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com), peace (having a relaxing confidence that they're going to heaven, even if they're going through horrible trials (problems with their friends, family, job, church, mental and physical health, and financial problems etc. Things could get so bad, that it would seem as though God had abandoned them, but they should be confident that they still belong to God and are going to heaven.), and joy (They should have a sense of happiness all the time because they know they're going to heaven. They should even be happy when horrible things happen to them because they know life is temporary, and heaven is perfect and lasts forever. John 15:10-11 adds that Christians remain in Jesus' love when they obey His commandments, and this brings joy.)** **18**For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men. **(If a Christian follows the previous note, God will be pleased, and people will approve of them.)** **19**Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. **(Helping and encouraging other Christians should be done, instead of leading them to sin.)** **20**For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed *are* pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence. **21***It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. **(A mature Christian should be willing to not eat meat, drink alcohol, or talk about something like TV if a Christian with a weak conscious is in the area, and see note for verse 15.)** **22**Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. **(A mature Christian may feel certain activities aren't sinful (ones that aren't mentioned in the Bible), but some people would feel they are sinful. These activities could be done, but they should be done in private. If a Christian follows this, happiness will result.)** **23**And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin. **(If the Bible doesn't prohibit something, a Christian is allowed to do it. Although, if a Christian feels that something is sinful (even though it technically isn't) and they say, think, or do it, it becomes sinful. They haven't followed their conscious.)**

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Chapter 15

Romans

1We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. **(See notes for Romans 14:21-22.)** **2**Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification. **(Instead of causing weak conscious Christians to sin, a mature Christian should encourage them to do good and to obey the Bible.)** **3**For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. **(In similar fashion, Christ could have spent His time on earth focusing only on earthly comfort and goals, but His mission was to do what God wanted Him to do (John 6:38), such as encouraging people to do good, obey God's commands, and to honor and defend Him.)** **4**For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, **(Second Timothy 3:16 adds, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:")** that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. **(A Christian can trust the Bible's promises and be encouraged; they should wait patiently for God to fulfill His promises.)** **5**Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: **6**That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(If a Christian follows the previous verses, they will live in harmony with other Christians and be able to praise God together.)**

7Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. **(If Christians receive each other in such a manner, God will be glorified.)**

8Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers:

9And that the Gentiles might glorify God for *his* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

10And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

11And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

12And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

13Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. **(When a Christian trusts God's promises and trusts Jesus' death on the cross and His shed blood to erase their sins, they will be filled with joy (They should have a sense of happiness all the time because they know they're going to heaven. They should even be happy when horrible things happen to them because they know life is temporary, and heaven is perfect and lasts forever.) and peace (They should have a relaxing confidence that they're going to heaven, even if they're going through horrible trials (problems with their friends, family, job, church, mental and physical health, and financial problems etc. Things could get so bad, that it would seem as though God has abandoned them, but they should be confident that they still belong to God and are going to heaven.)**

14And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. **15**Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, **16**That I

should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. **(When someone hears the gospel of God (how they can become a Christian) and believes and accepts it, they become an acceptable offering to God, and the Holy Ghost enters them, which means God owns them, and they are given the ability to live the Christian lifestyle. (a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com))** **17**I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God. **18**For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, **19**Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. **(Like Paul, a Christian should never give themselves credit for leading someone to the Lord or other accomplishments. All these abilities come from God.)** **20**Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

21But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; **24**Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your *company*. **25**But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. **26**For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. **27**It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things. **28**When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain. **29**And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

30Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me; **(A good sign that a Christian has love for others is that they pray for them. A professing Christian who can't bring themselves to pray for certain people proves they don't love them.)** **31**That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which *I have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; **32**That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. **33**Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

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Chapter 16

Romans

1I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: **2**That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. **(Providing help and resources to Christians who minister to others is a very worthwhile cause.)**

3Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: **4**Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. **5**Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. **(Having church at home is still accepted by the Lord.)** **6**Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us. **7**Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. **8**Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord. **9**Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. **10**Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' *household*. **11**Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the *household* of Narcissus, which are in the Lord. **12**Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord. **13**Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. **14**Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them. **15**Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them. **16**Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

17Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. **18**For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. **(There are people who cause divisions among Christians and twist God's Word, tricking people into believing false doctrine. A Christian should avoid such people and help non-Christians understand the Bible's true message.)** **19**For your obedience is come abroad unto all *men*. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. **(A mature Christian shouldn't be influenced when people try to trick them with clever lies that sound like the truth (Ephesians 4:14), and they should be obedient to the Lord. A Christian should do right and stay innocent of wrongdoing. They can achieve this by learning the meaning of Bible verses and think about them throughout each day, and when they're tempted to sin, they should say to themselves, "The Bible says to not do what I am tempted to say, think, do, and/or desire right now, so I am going to refuse to give in to this temptation." This is what Romans 12:2 means, and it says, "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.")** **20**And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

21Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you.

22I Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, salute you in the Lord.

23Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother. **24**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, **(God provides a Christian with the ability to follow His ways.)** **26** But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: **(Saving faith in Christ will produce obedience. (living a lifestyle similar to the one explained in chapter 39 of the pdf file book featured at this website - www.areasureyouaresaved.com** **))** **27** To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. {Written to the Romans from Corinthus, and sent by Phebe servant of the church at Cenchrea.

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