

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.  
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## Romans 12:9-13

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **WALKING & TALKING ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN – PART 3**

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Spiritual Worship, Godly Service, Dedication, Devotion, Sacrifice, The Will of God.**

#### **Romans 12:9-13**

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. **10** Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; **11** not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; **12** rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; **13** distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

The Ministry of God to Man goes wherever God Goes.

This was made clear in the Old Testament Dispensation when the LORD revealed Himself to the children of Israel by way of the giving of the Law and the creation of the Levitical priesthood.

#### **Ezekiel 44:15-18 ESV**

**“But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray from me, shall come near to me to minister to me. And they shall stand before me to offer me the fat and the blood, declares the Lord GOD. 16 They shall enter my sanctuary, and they shall approach my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my charge. 17 When they enter the gates of the inner court, they shall wear linen garments. They shall have nothing of wool on them, while they minister at the gates of the inner court, and within. 18 They shall have linen turbans on their heads, and linen undergarments around their waists. They shall not bind themselves with anything that causes (them to) sweat.**

**Exodus 19:6**

And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’  
These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

**Matthew 28:18-20a**

**And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;**

**1 Peter 2:5,9**

You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ, :9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**Revelation 1:4-8**

I, John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, He is coming (*the events of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Coming*) with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty.”

**WALKING & TALKING ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN**

1.) So be who you are - now vs. 9

2.) So do what you are - now vs. 10-11

**WALKING & TALKING ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN**

3.) So go where you are - now vs. 12-13

3a.) You go through life now with joy vs. 12

rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

**Rejoicing** grk: chairō  
to be glad, to be greeted, to be animated or activated by joy. To move under the influence of joy, rejoicing, joy-ing.

## And Notice - Hope is the Reason Why We Can Rejoice.

**Hope** grk: elpis  
expectation, anticipation, expectancy that is fixed upon God's ability to perform what was promised.

### **Romans 5:5a**

Now hope does not disappoint.

## ? But How Can I in This Crazy World ?

### **Psalms 43:1-5**

Vindicate me, O God, And plead my cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! **2** For You *are* the God of my strength; Why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? **3** Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle. **4** Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God. **5** Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

This Rejoicing is a marching order for the Christian –  
We are to be going forth Joying-Along-The-Way.

### **Isaiah 55:12**

For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you (*as you go and where you go*), and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

### **Nehemiah 8:10**

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this day is holy* to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

## The Victory at Jericho was a Military Maneuver

Comprised of worship and warfare.

In Christianity – worship and warfare are inseparable.

### **Joshua 6:12-13,20a**

And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. **13** Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on

continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets, **20** So the people shouted when *the priests* blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat.

The Power of Hope is needed more than;

...food, more than sex, more than water, more than food. When there is no hope – life ends in that instant.

Verse 12

rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

The Real Christ-Follower has become an Agent of Hope.

The Real Christ-Follower has become an Example Under Pressure.

The Real Christ-Follower is Heavenly Wired.

**Patient** grk: hupomeno  
to stay behind, to be in a state of waiting, enduring, to stay close behind

**Tribulation** grk: thlipsis  
affliction, (in body or soul) in anguish, (in body or soul)  
persecution, (in body or soul) trouble, (in body or soul)

**Steadfast** grk: proskartereo  
to attend constantly in all things, to incline yourself or to be devoting yourself to,  
to be in constant attendance,  
to be always standing ready to talk (walk)

**Prayer** grk: proseuche  
pray, pray, pray – to communicate, to ask, to speak, to say, to petition, to make request, to let known, {dialogue, listen, converse, to talk to}

## WALKING & TALKING ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN SO GO WHERE WE ARE NOW

3b.) You go through life now with love

vs. 13a

Verse 13

**13** distributing to the needs of the saints,

## First Things First

Wherever you live and attend a church – this is your primary ministry because God has you there.

Distributing      grk: koinoneo  
to share what you have, to be contributing, to be participating.

Needs              grk: chreia  
business, what is necessary, needed in life.

### 1 John 3:16-17

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. **17** But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Saints              grk: hagios  
the sacred ones, the holy ones, the brethren – brothers & sisters in Christ.

The Real Christ-Follower has become Generous to His Brothers & Sisters.

### James 2:14-17

What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? **15** If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, **16** and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? **17** Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

## WALKING & TALKING ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN SO GO WHERE WE ARE NOW

3c.) You go through life now with faith

vs. 13b

Verse 13

given to hospitality.

## “It All Begins With a Greeting”

At The Montage’ - An Unexpected Example.

First of all, in the secular world hospitality is a very big deal. In the service industry of dinning, hotel or the resort industry – hospitality is the biggest selling point.

You're going to go where you are well treated and cared for.

The Real Christ-Follower has become Happy to be Around.

Just as the lighting is right. The music is right. The atmosphere is right, none of these alone can communicate hospitality because they all work in concert together.

“Hospitality is Faith in Action and a Faith well Spent.  
Hospitality is a Wonderful Investment.”

*Jack Hibbs*

Just the very word “hospitality” sounds great to me.

To shelter, to feed, to be warm, safety, comfortable.

I love this because hospitality is a great witness IF you're a Christian.  
Because it's putting Jesus on display in the most selfless way.

**When there is no crowd, No one is looking,  
there isn't a hidden camera.  
It's Just you being like Jesus for the benefit of someone else.**

Given grk: di'o'ko  
to pursue, to run after, to put into motion or into practice, to do

**Acts 28:7**

In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us (made us feel welcomed) courteously (with kindness) for three days.

**1 Peter 4:8-10**

**And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

Hospitality grk: phi'lox'e'nia  
to make comfortable, to entertain strangers, to be welcoming. To exercise welcome-ness

**Hebrews 13:2**

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

**Leviticus 19:33-34**

“And if a stranger (non-jew) dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. **34** The stranger (non-jew) who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt:  
*I am* the LORD your God.

**It's a Requirement among those in full-time Ministry**

**1 Timothy 3:2**

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

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The Christian is someone who is Generous to His Brothers & Sisters. And is someone Happy to be Around.

**Our Pre-Flight Check List**

**Welcome Aboard Romans Flight Twelve-9-One Three**

- LOVE – Without Hypocrisy
- EVIL - Abhor It
- GOOD - Cling to it
- AFFECTIONATE – Kindly
- BROTHERLY LOVE – Doing It
- PREFERENCE TOWARD OTHERS – Given
- DILIGENCE - not lazy
- SPIRIT - fervent
- LORD - serving Him
- HOPE - rejoicing in it
- TRIBULATION - Patient
- PRAYER - continuing steadfastly
- NEEDS - distributing to the saints
- HOSPITALITY – How can I help you?

*End of Study*

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