

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 12:14-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BUSTED OR BROKEN ? – PART 2

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:

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Romans 12:14-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord. 20 Therefore "*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.*" 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

It's Only in Christianity that Being Broken - is a Good Thing !

Matthew 21:44

And whoever falls on this Stone (speaking of Himself) will be broken; but on whomever it (Stone) falls, it will grind him to powder."

BUSTED OR BROKEN ?

1.) Coming to the end of yourself

vs. 14-16

1a.) The end of self-defense

vs. 14

1b.) The end of self-focus

vs. 15-16a

**15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep
16a Be of the same mind toward one another.**

1c.) The end of self-aware

vs. 16c

Do not be wise in your own opinion.

A Collective Sneak-Peek
From Where We've Been & Where We're Going...

1.) Coming to the end of yourself

vs. 14-16

2.) Coming to the end of me

vs. 17-18

3.) Coming to the end of us

vs. 19-21

“COMING TO THE END OF...”

The Christian's and His or Her Amazing End.

The End for the Christ-Follower is Always a Very Good Thing in Scripture.

It's at The End
of a long and grueling trial – a period of testing that the victory comes.

It's at The End
of years of schooling and preparation that graduation day comes.

It was at The End
of 33 years of Jesus Christ living on earth that The End - ENDED in Resurrection.

And it will be that at The End of
Our lives lived here that the Follower of Jesus Christ will Follow Him into Eternity.

Whatever You're Going Through Right Now?
It will come to an end.

BUSTED OR BROKEN ?

2.) Coming to the end of me

vs. 17-18

Verse 17-18

17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

2a.) Me being the judge

vs. 17a

Verse 17a

Repay no one - evil for evil.

To Do So - Is To Sit In As or In the Place of - Being a Judge.

Repay grk: apo'did'o'mi
to give back, to return, to account or to tabulate, to pay back,
to make a repayment (to hand back what was handed to you)
“well they had it coming” is a modern day expression of this.

This is what is done in a spirit of retaliation, vengeance
or self-appointed judgement. **“Who made you the judge & jury”**

“Thou Shalt Not Judge” – But Why Not?

We Have No Authority or Licenses to Take Matters into Our Own Hands.

Matthew 7:1-5

“Judge not, that you be not judged. **2** For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. **3** And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? **4** Or how can you say to your brother, “Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? **5** Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Remove Your Own Plank.

Then you can say, “*Let me help you remove the speck in your eye* (which means now I genuinely care for you) vs. Me attempting to make myself look better by poking & pushing on your speck and making things worse.

Romans 2:1

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who **judge**, for in whatever you **judge** another you condemn yourself; for you who **judge** practice the same things.

James 4:11-12

Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you **judge** the law, you are not a doer of the law but a **judge**. **12** There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to **judge** another?

Out of Untamed Emotions & Lack of Self-Control – We set this trap for ourselves.

James 5:9

Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, The **Judge** is standing at the door!

Grumble grk: ste'na'zo;
to not hold a grudge against another or hold an on-going complaint against another Christian.

Recalculating ! Recalculating ! Recalculating !

1 Corinthians 11:31

For if we would **judge** ourselves, we would not be judged.

Recalculating – Meaning that;
If I'm vigilant and diligent to be examining myself daily (self-imposed judgement),
I will not be very eager to judge someone else !

Ya wanna go a lil' deeper into this?

(This is not a contradiction – but a self-righting act of the deeper Christian life)

AFTER YOU HAVE GRADUATED FROM VERSE 17

THERE'S A POST GRADUATE COURSE WE TAKE

1 Corinthians 4:1-4

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. **2** Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. **3** But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. **4** For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.

The Judge is The LORD and His Word is His Tool.

Verse 17a

Repay no one - evil for evil.

Evil grk: ka'kos
that which is bad, wrong, amiss, destructive, that which is
in opposition to God. (all forms of rebellion in thought and or in deed.)

COMING TO THE END OF ME BUSTED OR BROKEN ?

2b.) Me being the authority

vs. 17b

Verse 17b

Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

Regard grk: pro'no'e'o
be looking ahead or thinking ahead, to have a healthy mindset of anticipation, a
willingness to look for the good. to anticipate good or to "Bring good to the party"
we might say.

1 Corinthians 13:7

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

You Who Have The Gift of Encouragement Barnabas was Such a Man

- 1) Barnabas: a generous giver (see [Acts 4:36-37](#))
- 2) Barnabas: a faithful friend (see [Acts 9:26-27](#))
- 3) Barnabas: a committed encourager (see [Acts 11:22-26](#))
- 4) Barnabas: a forgiving brother (see [Acts 15:36-41](#))

What a View!

The real Christian is the only one in this world who has a factual view or
understanding of what is to come. – SO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER.

SO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER.

Romans 1:12

that is, that I may be **encouraged** together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

SO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER.

Acts 11:23

When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and **encouraged** them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

SO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER.

Hebrews 12:12-13

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, **13** and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NLT

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with Him the believers who have died. 15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet Him ahead of those who have died. 16 For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with (1) a commanding shout, (2) with the voice of the archangel, and (3) with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18 So encourage each other with these words.

Verse 17b

Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

Good Things grk: kalos
that which is beautiful, good, better, best, commendable, excellent, fair, honorable, that which is wonderful to behold.

Sight grk: enopion
in the face of others both literally and or figuratively. in or before, in the presence (sight) of others. (*“let them see your good works”*.)

going to be a very public display of whatever those good things are.

Can We Agree On This?

- Those good things may not be liked by others in this world.
- Those good things will not go unchallenged by those who love the bad things.
- Those good things are not natural in this fallen world. *ie.* Cuz people love evil.

The Apologetic

What an awesome assertion the Bible makes here.

You and I already know what is beautiful, good, better, best, commendable, excellent, fair, honorable, that which is wonderful to behold.

Because we have been created in the image of God - in His moral likeness.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, (finale) brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

COMING TO THE END OF ME BUSTED OR BROKEN ?

2c.) Me being the winner

vs. 18

Verse 18

18 If it is possible - - as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Winning can be a great thing if the Context is Virtuous.

Virtuous (Latin / word for a Greco-Roman deity that bears the name. Virtuous the god was said to be of the nature of Masculine, having Valor, excellence, courageous by nature and in conduct. All of Virtuous characteristics were masculine strengths. It was thus a frequently stated "Virtue" of the Roman Emperors, which were to the personified or incarnate spirit of Virtuous

Humility is a Tangible Witness

of Someone Having gone from being Busted to being Broken.

And The Working Evidence of Humility is;

Hold no Grudges

(Who does the **grudge** hurt – you or them?)

Harbor no Bitterness.

(Who does the **bitterness** hurt – you or them?)

Have no Unforgiveness.

(Who does the **unforgiveness** hurt – you or them?)

18 If it is possible - - as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Ephesians 4:30-32

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. **32** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

So Here's How This is Gonna End.
The Gospel (Good News) of God.

Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah - **32** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. **33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Romans 8:1

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

Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Here's an Odd Example for Us to Learn From.

This lesson comes at the expense of Israel's most Famous King - King David.
David Learned the Hard Way about “Coming to The End of Himself.”

David learned that it's easier to kill a giant
then it was to say no to his lust and passion – just ask Bathsheba

When we promote ourselves to the front of the line –
The End never ends well.

Psalms 51:1-4c

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.**2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.**3** For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. **4** Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight—

Psalms 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

End of Study

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