

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 14:13-23

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IN HOT PURSUIT — PART 2

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

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How To Destroy Others In One Easy Step

Romans 14:13-23

Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way. **14** I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. **15** Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. **16** Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; **17** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **18** For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. **19** Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. **20** Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense. **21** It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. **22** Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. **23** But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

As those who name the Name of Jesus Christ;

We are very Aware that How we step & Where we Step leaves a trail of footsteps – footsteps of Evidence, evidence of a life lived by faith or not.

IN HOT PURSUIT

1.) Of A Working Love

vs. 14-15

IN HOT PURSUIT Of a Working Love

1a.) Is Having A Clean Conscience

vs. 14

Romans 14:14

14 I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean

Having a clean or cleared conscience before God and man

“A clear conscience is often understood as that inner sense of right and wrong, aligning one’s behavior and intentions with moral and divine standards. There is a consistent thread throughout Scripture that shows conscience is a God-given faculty. This observable reality of man’s struggle with what is right and wrong is one of the most powerful evidences of man having been created by the ultimate morality which is God Himself.”

- Albert Barnes

American Theologian, Pastor & Abolitionist.
1798 - 1870

Romans 12:4-5

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, **5** so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

IN HOT PURSUIT Of a Working Love

1b.) Is Having The Right Priority

vs. 15

Verse 15

15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

It has Been said that;
“Christianity is The Religion of OTHERS.”

We live in the most “**Perfected**” age of Carnality.
We have “**Modernized**” sin and rebellion against God.

What Are Some of Modern-Day Warnings of Grievances?

Remembering that: The first century Christians were Jews. Later, those Born Again, Jews preached Jesus Christ from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and out to the other most parts of the earth. With their success at evangelism, more and more Gentiles in great numbers began populating the church.

If we fix our eyes and affection upon Jesus, we will quickly see Him elevated to His rightful place of honor in the church.

Acts 2:1-14a

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **5** And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. **6** And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. **7** Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? **8** And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” **12** So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” **13** Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.” **14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you...

And Peter went on to Preach
Jesus Christ as LORD

The Priority of Others Around You

Be careful That You’re Not Someone Who Just Believes In God.
Rather - Make Sure You’re Someone Who Obeys God

Luke 6:46-49

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? **47** Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: **48** He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. **49** But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

Matthew 7:13-23

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. **15** “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. **16** You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? **17** Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. **18** A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. **19** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20** Therefore by their fruits you will know them. **21** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22** Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ **23** And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”

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IN HOT PURSUIT

2.) Of The Kingdom of God

vs. 16-18

Verse 16-18

Romans 14:16-18

16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; **17** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

We Are The Opposition to Evil.
We Are The Resistance Against Hell.

IN HOT PURSUIT Of the Kingdom of God

2a.) Is All About Our Familial Witness

vs. 16

Romans 14:16

16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil

Since we are Obedient Followers of Jesus Christ – we are to not only be winsome and loving, But we're to be Salt and Light.

Salt can Hurt.

Salt is awesome on your steak – but not in your face!

Light can Hurt

Light is beautiful unless it's burning your eyes!

Good

grk: a'ga'thos

Generous, a good man, a good thing, all that is good before God.

Spoken:

grk: blas'phe'meo

to slander, to mock, to speak lightly or to profane that which is sacred dishonor, to hurling abuse at, to speak evil of that which is good

...And so here we are!

Isaiah 5:20-21a

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! **21** Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes,

IN HOT PURSUIT Of the Kingdom of God

2b.) Is All About Real Christ-Like Living

vs. 17

Romans 14:17

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

1 John 5:7 KJV

**For there are three (3) that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit:
and these three are one.**

Righteousness grk: dikaiosisune
to do righteous acts, to do justice, to do the right thing.

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you - but to do
justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Peace grk: ei're'ne:
To farewell, or to welfare, meaning - peace to you,
to be undisturbed in the midst of turbulence or a storm.

John 14:25-27

“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Joy grk: chara:
to be in the state of delight, to be governed by rejoicing.

John 15:11-15

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. **12** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. **14** You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. **15** No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

These Three (3) are One, A United Trinity of Evidence, of Proof
That the Real Christian has These in his or her possession.

A Great Example of This;

Acts 20:22-24

And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, **23** except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. **24** But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

IN HOT PURSUIT Of the Kingdom of God

2c.) Is All About The Coming Glory

vs. 18

Romans 14:18

18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men

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