

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

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.

Before Us is The Reading of Our Passage Today

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.

We now come to a description of the spirit-led life, one who has recognized their spiritual gift, one who is now equipped to make his or her way into the service of the Most High God among His people – the church.

In The Great Commissioning of The Believer, We Find
Ourselves Empowered to Live the Christian Life by God the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:18-20

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; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

At the Moment of Our Commissioning -

We will experience the empowering, the engine, the fuel, the Dunamis of God.

Acts 1:4-9

Now being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

WALKING & TALKING ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN

1.) So be who you are - now

vs. 9

Romans 12:9

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

STRESS THE FACT THAT THE WHO AND WHAT AND WHY WE ARE NOW FOUND SUMMERIZED IN ONE PASSAGE

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **18** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, **19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. **20** Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

We were **the lost** who have been found.

We were **the orphans'** who are now sons and daughters of God.

We were **the enslaved** who are now Redeemed.

We were of **the World** who are now the church.

We were **the darkness** who are now the lights of the World.

WALKING & TALKING ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN

SO BE WHO YOU ARE NOW

1a.) You are a lover of God - now

vs. 9a

Verse 9a

Let love be without hypocrisy.

It's a "So let it go" or a "Let's do this from now on" attitude.

Because that's how Jesus is. Because it is what He wants from us.

Love GRK agape

The love, the love that God is, at he loved deposited into the life of the Christ-follower.

The attribute of God' nature very nature is love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. **2** And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. **4** Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; **5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; **6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8a** Love never fails.

John 13:35

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Hypocrisy GRK: anupokritos

Unfeigned, genuine, sincere, authentic. being of one face as opposed to being two faced.

Romans 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

1 John 3:18-19

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. **19** And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

1 Peter 1:22-23

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, **23** having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.

“Love is the circulatory system of the church.”

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

**WALKING & TALKING ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN
SO BE WHO YOU ARE NOW**

1b.) You are a hater of Evil - now

vs. 9b

Verse 9b

Abhor what is evil.

Abhor GRK: a'pos'tu'ge'o;
to hate with a fervor, to be disgusted with, to be angry with, to resist,
to push away from, to fight against, to loath.

Ephesians 4:25-26a KJV

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye ANGRY, and sin not.

To Be Angry at Wrongdoing - According to the Bible.

To Be Angry at Sin - According to the Bible.

To Be Angry at Wickedness - According to the Bible.

Evil GRK: po'ner'os
from pone meaning to toil or to be toilsome (at sinfulness) crimes against God and Nature, all forms of sin – ie. envy, malignant, vicious, wickedness, becoming worthless (as in becoming refuse to be thrown out)

Romans 1:20-32 NLT

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. 21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. 23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. 25 They traded (*me'tal'la'sso* - *to alter, change, morph, exchange*) the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. 26 That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex (*with a man*) and instead indulged in sex with each other. 27 And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. 28 Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. 29 Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. 30 They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning. 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

#1

Proverbs 6:16-17 NLT

**There are six things the LORD hates - no, seven things he detests:
17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent...**

Remember Tuesday September 11 2001 ?

But did you know that more people died on Monday 9/10/2001
than died on Tuesday 9/11/2001 by Terrorists.

#2

Proverbs 6:18-19 NLT

18 a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, 19 a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

We are not to tolerate evil and injustice of any kind.
(**Against God & His will**)

But here is the point and the application =
Hot Love for God & Hot Love for Others Starves Out Evil.

1 Peter 4:10

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.

**WALKING & TALKING ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN
SO BE WHO YOU ARE NOW**

1c.) You are joined to Him - now

vs. 9c

Verse 9c

Cling to what is good.

Cling GRK: kol'la'o
to bond together or to bond to, to glue, to unite, to attach yourself to or to made one with.

Good GRK: a'gath'os
generous, kind, beneficial, God-like, approved, right. what is true.

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; **4** and perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Stand By – Here Comes The Good News

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT

Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, 10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. 11 Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Welcome to Our Course “How To Cling 101”

Mark 5:1-20

Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. **2** And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, **3** who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, **4** because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. **5** And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. **6** When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. **7** And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.” **8** For Jesus said to him, “Come out of the man, unclean spirit!” **9** Then He asked him, “What is your name?” And he answered, saying, “My name is Legion; for we are many {POLUS – MULTIPLES}.” **10** Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. **11** Now a large herd of swine (pigs) was feeding there near the mountains. **12** So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” **13** And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. **14** So those who fed the swine (pig-pushers) fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. **15** Then they came to Jesus and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. **16** And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. **17** Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. **18** And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. **19** However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” **20** And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

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