

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 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 12:14-21

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.

The 18th Century Poet, William Cowper
Said of the Great George Whitefield that;

"He loved the world that hated him: the tear that dropped upon his Bible was sincere; Assailed by scandal and the tongue of strife, His only answer was a blameless life, and he that forged and he that threw the dart, Had each a brother's interest in his heart."

Where We've Been & Where We Are Land Today!

1.) Coming to the end of yourself

vs. 14-16

2.) Coming to the end of me

vs. 17-18

BUSTED OR BROKEN ?

3.) Coming to the end of us

vs. 19-21

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. **26** For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

I Cannot Soften The Blow - - But I Can Finish You Off

Galatians 2:19-20

For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. **20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

And The Outcome is Irreversible.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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. **21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

COMING TO THE END OF US BUSTED OR BROKEN ?

3a.) We who are angry

vs. 19

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.

When We Fail to Humble Ourselves –
We Become the Judge, The Jury & Executioner

Avenge grk: ekdikeo; (-)
to take matters into your own hands, to seek to vindicate, to make a plan to punish or to take revenge upon someone. an act of premeditation by organizing ill or to manipulate vengeance against another individual.

Hebrews 10:30

For we know Him who said, *“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,”* says the Lord. And again, *“The LORD will judge His people.”*

Deuteronomy 32:35 NLT

I (The LORD) will take revenge; I will pay them back. In due time (unknown to them) their feet will slip (a slip that results in fatal). Their day of disaster will arrive (it is on its way) , and their destiny (their ways that seal their end) will overtake (vanquish) them.’

Place grk: topos
as with a region on a map, an area, a location, a dwelling, a house or a room, (to not yield an inch.) = do not yield. do not obey, do not allow in the place

Wrath grk: or’ge
the impulse to act, temper, to be pulled toward anger.

Vengeance heb: naqam / grk: ekdikesis
to act in the place of God, to exact or measure out punishment, to execute, self-motivated vindication: —(this is a hard one = to not avenge a wrong, to not demand justice or retribution.) due to our limited capabilities of right and wrong. true and false. our ill-fated motives.

Psalm 7:11-13

God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day. **12** If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready. **13** He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.

How Do I Recover From This Pastor ?

Ephesians. 4:25-27

Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. **26** “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27** nor give place to the devil.

Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, 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. **9** The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

**COMING TO THE END OF US
BUSTED OR BROKEN ?**

3b.) We who are bitter

vs. 20

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*

Proverbs 25:21-22

If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; **22** For so you will heap coals of fire on his head,
And the LORD will reward you.

There are two views of Interpretation on This;
“For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

It's a Matter of Home & Harth

#1)

Harth meaning that if you bless those who hate you – they will be all the more condemned in the day of judgement by your witness.

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

#2)

Home meaning that if you bless those who hate you – by your act of love toward them, they will be given the opportunity to be overcome by the fire from off your Harth.

Psalms 64:3 NLT

**They sharpen their tongues like swords
and aim their bitter words like arrows.**

This Act of Obedience Done Unto Jesus
will absolutely set you free from the control of all men on earth.

How Do I Recover From This Pastor ?

Colossians 3:19

Husbands, love your wives and do not be **bitter** toward them.

Ephesians 4:31

Let all **bitterness**, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking
be put away from you, with all malice.

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility,
meekness, longsuffering;

Hebrews 12:15

Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of **bitterness**
springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

COMING TO THE END OF US BUSTED OR BROKEN ?

3c.) We who are evil

vs. 21

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 2:4-8

Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing
that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? **5** But in accordance with your hardness
and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and
revelation of the righteous judgment of God, **6** who *“will render to each one according to his
deeds”*: **7** eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor,
and immortality; **8** but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey
unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,

Psalm 34:18

**The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart
and saves such as have a contrite spirit.**

Psalm 56:8

You number my wanderings;
Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?

Ephesians 2:1-5

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, **3** among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved.)

“Our Scars Become Part of Our Story.”

Dr. H. A. Ironside

2 Corinthians 12:9

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

How Do I Recover From This Pastor ?

1 Thessalonians 5:15

See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone,
but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

When we promote ourselves to the front of the line –
We Will Never Make It to The End - It 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.

Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Friend - It's Time to Get Up and Die
Die to Yourself. To the Me. Myself the I in Your Life.
It's Time to Die.

End of Study

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