

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 14:1-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

GETTING REAL WITH GOD & MAN – PART 3

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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Let's Stand & Turn In Our Bible's To The Reading of Our Text Today

One of the funny - yet sad realities we share as human beings is the opinion that; why can't everybody be more like me?

If you don't know what I'm talking about – it's because you're not married yet.

Genesis 2:24

Therefore, a man shall leave (cut the ties or bonds) his father (daddy) and mother (mommy) and be joined (glued) to his wife, and they shall become (made one) **one flesh**.

There is a Unity that is Near and Dear to the Heart of God

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

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1.) Means we have a grounded faith

vs. 1-3

A grounded faith is a maturing faith

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; **12** giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

1a.) Maturity produces a practical faith

vs. 1

1b.) Maturity produces a compassionate faith

vs. 2

1c.) Maturity produces a unifying faith

vs. 3

Romans 14:1-12

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. **4** Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. **5** One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. **6** He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. **8** For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. **9**

For to this end Christ {Messiah} died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. **10** But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. {Messiah} **11** For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." **12** So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

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2.) Requires us to know who we are

vs. 4-9

GETTING REAL WITH GOD & MAN REQUIRES US TO KNOW WHO WE ARE

2a.) Meaning: I'm not you and you're not me

vs. 4

4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Your Master is Jesus Christ – And Nobody Else.

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.

It's Like Going to a blind ophthalmologist (eye surgeon)

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore, judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

2 Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who PROMOTE themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. (ignorant)

But What is a Maturing Faith?

It is a faith that is truly tolerant and patient with those: who - - are in need of maturing with Jesus Christ. Those who need to grow deeper. Those who need to know Jesus better. Those who need to live for others. Those with a developing prayer life. Those who discover the blessedness of private & personal worship. Those who seek out other Christ worshippers.

So, Let Me Ask You – How Are You Doing in These Descriptions of Having a Grounded or Maturing Faith as a Christ-Follower?

Listen; God is at work in the lives of other people too.
He is desiring for them to be saved. Or for His own children to mature in their Relationships with Him.

Verse 4c

he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you - both to will and to do
for His good pleasure.

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth,
to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

**EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE – EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE –
HE’LL BE WATCHING YOU – BECUZ HE LOVES YOU !**

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13** And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Isn't that how love is

**WHEN WE TALK ABOUT –
GETTING REAL WITH GOD & MAN,**

We're Talking About Living Out An Authentic Christian Life. – In Reality, There Is
No Other Life to Live!

We're Talking About First Personal and Private Faith That Is So Real That It Must
Explode Out Into The Greater World Around Us.

John 4:14

Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him (is this you?) will never thirst. But the water
that I shall give him (is this you?) will become in him
(is this you?) a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

HERE, JESUS IS TALKING ABOUT A PRIVATE FAITH – A PERSONAL FAITH. BUT A FAITH THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HIDE

The Single Most Important Verse In The Bible.

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said, "Most assuredly, I say to YOU, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Born grk: gen'na'o;
to birth, to beget, to bring forth, to become offspring or a child of.

Again grk: an'o'then:
a second time or second birth, a birth that which comes from above, to have a new beginning. (to be born a second time from above)

The First Account of Those Being Born Again

John 20:19-22

Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." **20** When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. **21** So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." **22** And when He had said this, He BREATHED on *them*, and said to them, "Receive (within) the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. **13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body —whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. **14** For in fact the body is not one member but many.

Then - An All Together Different Experience

Acts 1:8

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."

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REQUIRES US TO KNOW WHO WE ARE

2b.) Meaning: We are individually, under construction

vs. 5

5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each (individual person) be fully convinced in his own mind.

Esteems grk: kri'no;
to judge, to decide, to conclude, having a strong opinion about something.

Convinced grk:

Are You a Friday – Saturday – Sunday Worshipper

“But Jesus isn’t working fast enough in your life for me.”

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2c.) Meaning: Living with Jesus is true liberty

vs. 6

6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

Another Profound Statement Regarding Christian Liberty

Verse 6 only works if you understand that God is personal. And for the Godhead to Reveal Himself to Humankind – He became a Human.

THE “MADE-KNOWN” DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST.

Colossians 2:9

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the **Godhead** bodily.

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world (things of the physical universe) His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things (all things) that are made, even His eternal power and **Godhead**, so that they (humans) are without excuse.

Philippians 2:6-11

who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **9** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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2d.) Meaning: We together must love first

vs. 7-9

Verse 7-8

7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. **8** For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

**All this is based upon honest convictions –
based on the scriptures.**

As you grow, your convictions will change as understanding increases.

Romans 14:20-23

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.

**Take a Look in The Mirror.
What do you see (verses) Who do you see?**

We're living in Strange Times;

Selfies are weird things - - we LOOK more at ourselves,
but we rarely ever SEE ourselves.”

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

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. **5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

2 Corinthians 13:5-6

Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you are disqualified. **6** But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

Verse 9

9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Here's The Crescendo Friend,
this is what His grace offers you today...

Luke 7:36-49

Then one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. **37** And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, **38** and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." **40** And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." **41** "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." and He said to him, "You have rightly judged." **44** Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. **45** You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. **46** You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. **47** Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." **48** Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" **50** Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. **Go in peace.**"

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