

**THE JUST
SHALL LIVE BY**

FAITH

Charts Used In Teaching Biblical Studies From Paul's Epistle To The Romans

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Paul's 3 "I Am" Affirmations

Rom 1:14-16

- "I Am Debtor" → Under obligation to all
Are We? cp. 1 Cor 9:19-23
- "I Am Ready" → Prepared, available
Are We? cp. 1 Pet 3:15 2 Tim 4:2
- "I Am Not Ashamed" → No hesitations,
regrets re: truth
Are We? cp. 2 Tim 2:15

Paul's 3 "I Am" Affirmations

Rom 1:14-16

- We know Paul was not ashamed
cp. 2 Cor 4:7-14 11:23-28
- We need to examine ourselves to see if we are unashamed of AND ready to work for the gospel
cp. Eph 6:15 Col 4:5
Heb 10:32-35

Human Judgment



Divine Judgment

Rom 2:1-11

- Man often judges hypocritically, forgetting his own sinfulness

vv. 1-3

- Man also judges others based on his opinions

cp. Mt 15:1-9

Lk 14:1-6

- God always judges patiently (hoping for our repentance) and fairly (equitably) **vv. 4, 6-11**

cp. Acts 10:34-35

Gal 2:6 Eph 6:9

Col 3:25 1 Pet 1:17

HYPOCRISY

The Stumbling Block

Rom 2:17-29

- Saints today can be as guilty with “Christian” as the Hebrews were with “Jew” **vv. 17-23**
 - To avoid this, vigilance is required **2 Cor 13:5**
- The gospel can be hindered due to our improper conduct **cp. Gal 2:11-13**
- Jesus pronounced a woe on such **Mt 18:3-7**
- Like “circumcision,” “baptism” changes the inside, not the outside **vv. 28-29**

The “Mechanics” Of Man’s Salvation **Rom 3:24-25**

- The Means → Jesus Christ v. 24
cp. Acts 4:12 Jn 14:6 1 Tim 2:5-6
- The Operation → God’s Forgiveness
v. 24 cp. Rom 4:7 Heb 8:12 1 Jn 1:9
- The Condition → Man’s Obedient Faith
v. 25 cp. Rom 10:17 Heb 11:6
Jas 2:26



Abraham: A “Case Study” In Being Justified By Grace

Rom 4:1-22

- An example Jews would respect **cp. Mt 3:9**
- If he were justified by works, he could...
 - ...boast, but not before God **v. 2 cp. 3:27**
 - ...claim God owed him **v. 4**
- He was “accredited” his righteousness (justification) by his faith **v. 3**
 - Accomplished because God forgave him **vv. 6-8**
 - Confirmed by the Scripture **cp. Psa 32:1-2**

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Rom 4:1-22

- His reckoning = before law vv. 10-16
- His faith is seen over his lifetime vv. 17-22

✓	Gen 12:4	75 yrs. old when he left Haran	(Heb 11:8)
✓	Gen 15:1-6	Told of his numberless seed	<u>BELIEVED</u>
	Gen 16:16	86 yrs. old when Ishmael was born	
✓	Gen 17:1-5 Rom 4:17ff	99 yrs. old when Isaac promised	<u>BELIEVED</u>
✓	Gen 22:1-19 Jas 2:21-23	Sacrificed	<u>BELIEVED</u>

Comparing Adam & Christ

Rom 5:14-19

Adam

- Introduced spiritual death
v. 15
- Brought condemnation v. 16
- An act of transgression
v. 18
- Disobedience made many sinners (possibility) v. 19

Jesus Christ

- Introduced spiritual life
v. 15
- Brought justification v. 16
- An act of righteousness
v. 18
- Obedience made many righteous (possibility) v. 19

Anticipated Questions & Answers To Paul's Teaching That Man Is Justified By Grace Through Faith

**7 Questions Found In
Romans 6-11**

QUESTION # 1

Shall We Continue In
Sin That Grace Might
Increase? **Rom 6:1-14**

- ✓ Paul's short *initial* answer **v. 2a**
- ✓ Paul's lengthy *reasoned* answer **vv. 2b-7**
 - ✓ We have died to, been freed from sin
 - ✓ Symbolically portrayed in baptism
- ✓ Paul's practical illustration **vv. 8-11**
 - ✓ We cannot if we truly are following Christ
- ✓ Paul's exhortation **vv. 12-14 cp. Col 3:1-10**

QUESTION #2

Shall We Sin Because We
Are Not Under Law But
Under Grace? **Rom 6:15 - 7:6**

- ✓ Paul's short *initial* answer **6:15**
- ✓ Paul's lengthy *reasoned* answer **6:16-18**
 - ✓ Though under grace, we are "slaves" who obey
 - ✓ Doctrinally proven when we are baptized
- ✓ Paul's exposition of sin **6:19-23**
 - ✓ Sin has no benefit...only brings shame, death
- ✓ Paul's proof we are still under law **7:1-6**

QUESTION #3

Is The Law Sin?

Rom 7:7-23

- ✓ Paul's short *initial* answer v. 7a
- ✓ Paul's lengthy *reasoned* answer vv. 7b-13
 - ✓ The Law's purpose is to reveal sin vv. 7b, 13
 - ✓ Paul personifies sin to show its power vv. 8-11
cp. 1 Cor 15:56
 - ✓ That which is good cannot cause death
vv. 12-13 cp. Deut 6:24

QUESTION #3

Is The Law Sin?

Rom 7:7-23

- ✓ What is the meaning of vv. 14-23?
 - ✓ Does it describe a Christian? v. 14 cp. 6:7,18,22
 - ✓ Why can't the Law help such a frustrated man?
 - ✓ Because it demands perfection cp. 3:20, 28
 - ✓ Because it is dead cp. 7:4

This is what separates the Law of Christ from the Law of Moses cp. Heb 10:1-4 Rom 8:2-4

QUESTION #4

Who Will Set Me Free
From The Body Of This
Death? **Rom 7:24 - 8:30**

- ✓ Paul's short *initial* answer **7:25 - 8:1**
- ✓ Paul's lengthy *reasoned* answer **8:2-11**
 - ✓ Christ did what the Law could not do **vv. 3-4**
 - ✓ Those who set their minds on spiritual things will enjoy freedom **vv. 5-11**
 - ✓ Possible only when "the Spirit of God" & "Christ" dwells in man **vv. 9-11 cp. Eph 3:17 Col 3:16 Eph 5:18**

QUESTION #4

Who Will Set Me Free
From The Body Of This
Death? **Rom 7:24 - 8:30**

- ✓ Those set free by Christ's sacrifice are "under obligation"
 - ✓ We must live by the Spirit, not for the flesh **v. 13**
 - ✓ This lifestyle produces adopted children, not slaves to a law of death **vv. 14-16**
 - ✓ Such children will even be "joint heirs" with Christ...if they suffer with Him **v. 17**
cp. Phil 2:8-9 1 Pet 4:1-2 Jn 17:22-24

QUESTION #4

Who Will Set Me Free
From The Body Of This
Death? **Rom 7:24 - 8:30**

- ✓ Sufferings don't dampen our hope **8:18-30**
 - ✓ Sufferings compare paled to our future glory
v. 18 cp. 2 Cor 4:17
 - ✓ There is still hope for God's "creation" **vv.20-21**
cp. 2 Cor 5:17 Gal 6:15 Eph 2:10
 - ✓ The Holy Spirit aids us when we pray **vv. 26-27**
 - ✓ God's providence is powerful, still active **v. 28**

QUESTION #5

If God Is For Us, Who
Can Be Against Us?

Rom 8:31-39

- ✓ Will He not freely give us all things? **v. 32**
cp. 1 Cor 2:12 Jas 1:17 Mt 7:7-8
Jn 15:7,16 Jas 4:3 1 Jn 3:22 5:14-15
- ✓ Who, therefore, can “charge” us? **vv. 33-34**
cp. Acts 19:38,40 23:8-9 26:2,7
 - ✓ Has God not justified us?
 - ✓ Does Christ not intercede for us?

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Rom 8:31-39

- ✓ What can separate us from God's love?
vv. 35-39
 - ✓ Nothing can be imposed on us from any source that would thwart His love for us
 - ✓ Therefore, saints are "more than conquerors"
- ✓ Only we can separate ourselves from God
cp. Isa 59:1-2 Eph 2:1-3, 12-13

QUESTION #6

Is There Unrighteousness With God? **Rom 9:1 - 10:21**

- ✓ Paul is grieved re: the Jews' lost state **9:1-3**
 - ✓ He even wishes he was "accursed" from God
- ✓ The Jews' condition is made even worse, given their heritage **9:4-5 cp. 3:1-2**
- ✓ Yet, the Jews cannot blame God **9:6-13**
 - ✓ God possesses the right to choose
 - ✓ To illustrate, Paul cites 2 O.T. examples

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Is There
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- ✓ God has always chosen His people **9:6b-13**
 - ✓ Abraham's seed **vv. 7-9 cp. Gen 18:10 21:12**
 - ✓ Isaac's seed **vv. 10-13 cp. Gen 25:23**
Mal 1:2-3 not Heb 12:16
- ✓ Paul's aim is to illustrate God's sovereign right to choose salvation for the Gentiles while not treating Jews unrighteously

QUESTION #6

Is There Unrighteousness With God? **Rom 9:1 - 10:21**

- ✓ God is just in His dealings with man **9:14-18**
 - ✓ He extends mercy to those who seek Him, and hardens those who rebel against Him
- ✓ Man has no right to question God **9:19-29**
 - ✓ He has prepared "vessels" for certain uses
 - ✓ He has always sought the Gentiles' salvation
 - ✓ He announced this through the prophets of old
Hos 2:23 1:10 Isa 10:22-23 1:9 13:19

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- ✓ Paul summarizes the difference between Gentiles and Jews **9:30-33**
 - ✓ Gentiles did not seek righteousness but found it
 - ✓ Why? Because they sought it "by faith"
 - ✓ Jews sought righteousness but did not find it
 - ✓ Why not? Because they sought it "through law"
 - ✓ Jews stumbled over the truth about Christ
cp. Isa 28:16

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Is There Unrighteousness With God? **Rom 9:1 - 10:21**

- ✓ Paul begins defending the gospel **10:1-4**
 - ✓ He still desires the Jews' salvation **v. 1 cp. 9:3**
 - ✓ Israel's problem wasn't zeal but pride, even self-righteousness **vv. 2-3 cp. Mt 5:20 6:1-7**
 - ✓ Righteousness is only found in the gospel **cp. 1:17**
 - ✓ Christ is the "end" (goal, termination) of the Law for righteousness **v. 4 cp. Mt 5:17**

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- ✓ Paul begins presenting the gospel **10:5-21**
 - ✓ Justification by a law system requires perfect compliance → **IMPOSSIBLE** **v. 5 cp. Lev 18:5**
 - ✓ Justification by grace doesn't require impossible things **vv. 6-10 cp. Mt 5:20 6:1-7**
 - ✓ No need to ascend to heaven, descend into the abyss to contact Christ **vv. 6-8 cp. Deut 30:12-14**
 - ✓ Salvation in Christ is easy to obtain **vv. 9-10**

QUESTION #6

Is There Unrighteousness With God? **Rom 9:1 - 10:21**

- ✓ Paul begins presenting the gospel **10:5-21**
 - ✓ Justification is available to all men **vv. 11-13**
 - ✓ No distinction between Jew & Gentile **v. 12**
 - ✓ Anyone can “call upon the name of the Lord” and be saved **v. 13 cp. Mt 7:21 Acts 22:16**
 - ✓ God desired His saving message be proclaimed for all to know of it **vv. 14-15**

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- ✓ Paul begins presenting the gospel **10:5-21**
 - ✓ The Jews stand guilty of rejecting this message of faith and remaining lost **vv. 16-21**
 - ✓ Faith comes only from believing God's word **v. 17**
 - ✓ Through the prophets, Israel certainly knew of God's plan to save the Gentiles **vv. 18-20**
 - ✓ Israel remained an "obstinate" people **v. 21**

QUESTION #7

Has God Cast Away His
People? **Rom 11:1-36**

- ✓ Paul's short *initial* answer **v. 1a**
- ✓ Paul's lengthy *reasoned* answer **vv. 1b-6**
 - ✓ He was a Jew and was not cast away **v. 1b**
 - ✓ God has always foreknown His people **vv. 2-6**
 - ✓ The Jews' thinking = Elijah's **vv. 2-4 cp. 1 Kings 19**
 - ✓ "In the same way" God has His "Election of grace" today under the gospel **cp. Rom 8:28-30 Acts 18:10**
 - ✓ An election on the basis of grace, not work **v. 6**

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- ✓ Paul again mentions the Jews' predicament
vv. 7-10 cp. Deut 29:4 Isa 29:10 Psa 69
- ✓ Paul addresses the Gentiles re: the Jews and
their own salvation **vv. 11-32**
 - ✓ The Jews' fall was to accomplish 2 things:
 - ✓ Salvation would come to the Gentiles **vv. 11-12**
 - ✓ The Jews hopefully would be moved to jealousy
and also gain salvation in Christ **vv. 11, 14**

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 - ✓ The Jews' rejection of Christ meant the world's reconciliation, and hopefully the Jews' own "resurrection" **v. 15**
 - ✓ Paul reminds the Gentiles that God will still accept the Jews by faith **v. 16a cp. Ex 23:19**

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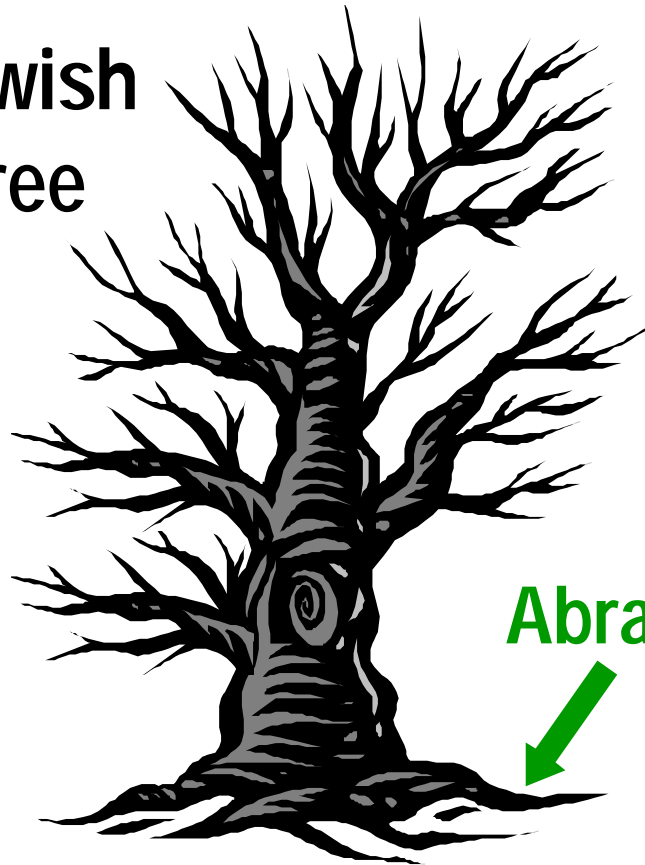
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- ✓ Paul addresses the Gentiles re: the Jews and their own salvation **vv. 11-32**
 - ✓ To illustrate the Gentiles' proper attitude and the Jews' restoration, Paul uses the imagery of a tree **vv. 16b-24**
 - ✓ God's family is no longer based on physical roots
 - ✓ God's family is a spiritual tree of faith

GOD'S ELECTION OF GRACE

Rom 11:5, 16b-24

Natural "Jewish
Family" Tree



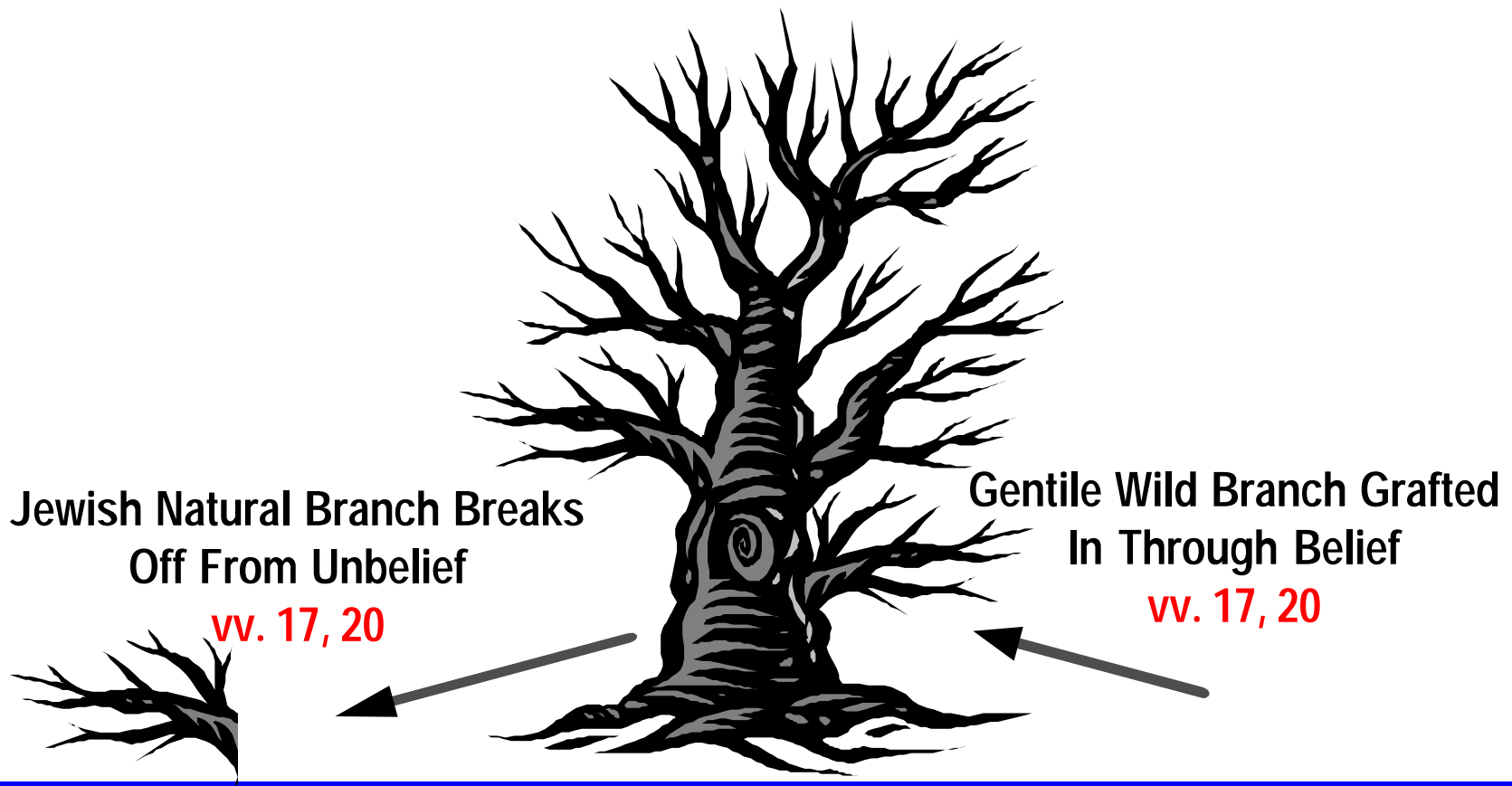
Abrahamic Promise

Gen 12:1-2



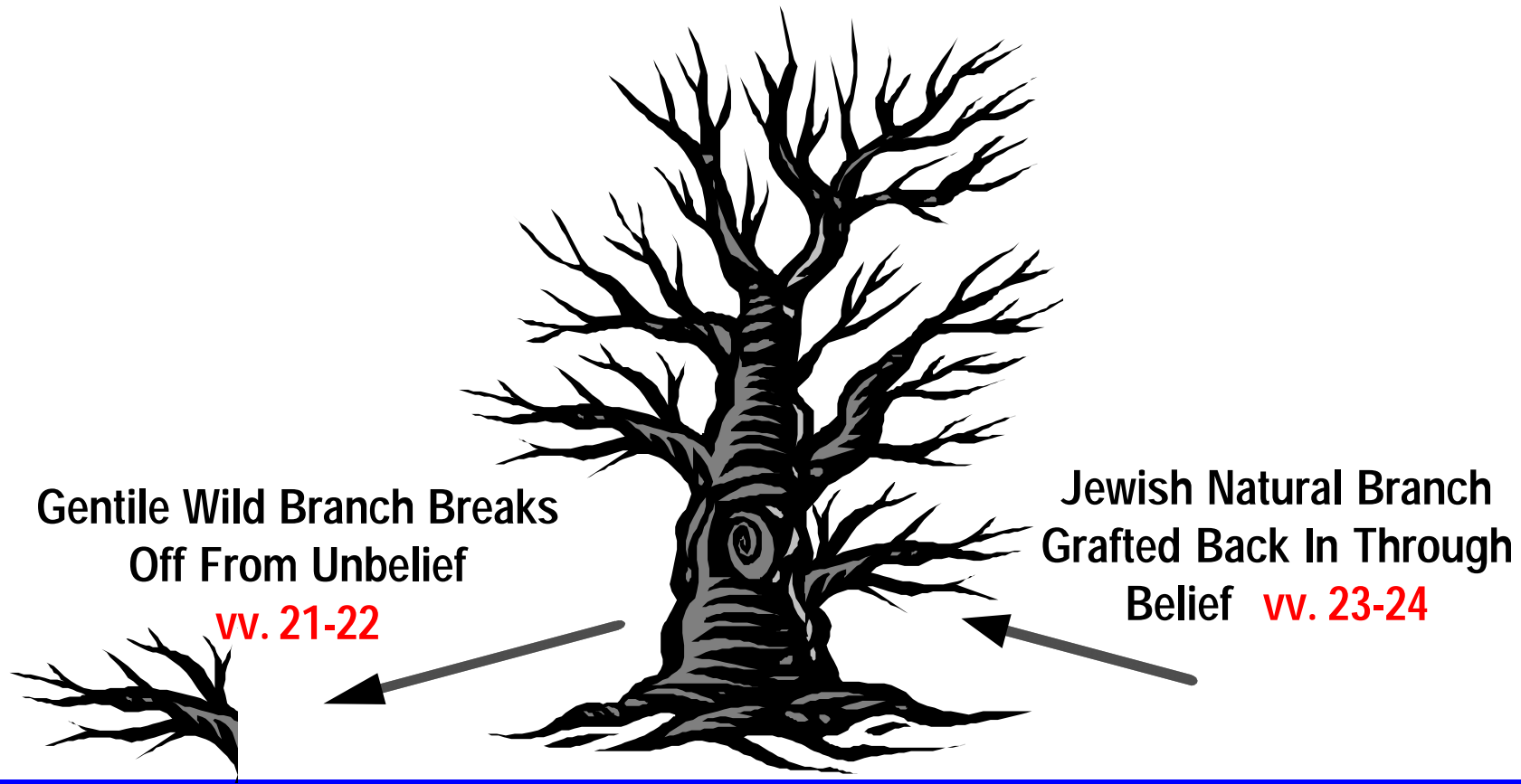
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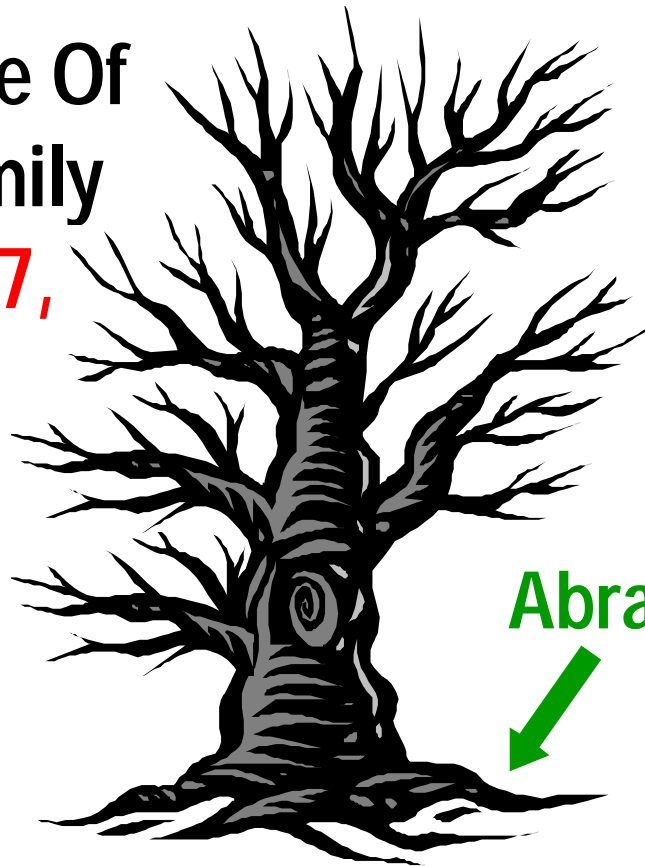


GOD'S ELECTION OF GRACE

Rom 11:5, 16b-24

Spiritual Tree Of
Faithful Family

cp. Gal. 3:7,
26-29



Abrahamic Promise

Gen 12:3



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- ✓ Paul addresses the Gentiles re: the Jews and their own salvation **vv. 11-32**
 - ✓ Paul exhorts the Gentiles against the attitudes that plagued the Jews **vv. 25-32**
 - ✓ Gentiles should not be high-minded **v. 25**
 - ✓ God desires to save “all Israel” **v. 26 cp. 9:6-8**
 - ✓ Just as God showed them mercy, He desires to be merciful to the Jews as well **vv. 30-32**

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- ✓ Paul concludes the 2nd main section of the letter praising God, His wisdom **vv. 33-36**
 - ✓ God's wisdom is unfathomable
 - ✓ Who could have taught Him such a plan to save man lost in sin?
 - ✓ Who else but God could have devised such a scheme to fairly save both Jew & Gentile?

**Living A Life That Shows
One Has Been Justified By Grace
Through Faith**

**6 Applications Found In
Romans 12:1 - 15:13**

APPLICATION # 1

Refusing To Conform To The World Around Us

Rom 12:1-2

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- ✓ “Conformed” → *“To fashion, shape one thing like another” [Vine’s]*
“To fashion one’s self to another’s pattern” [Thayer]
 - ✓ “Transformed” → *“To change into another form” [Vine’s, Thayer]*
 - ✓ Origin of our word *“Metamorphosis”*

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Refusing To Conform To The World Around Us

Rom 12:1-2

✓ Other N.T. uses...

✓ "Conformed" → **1 Pet 1:14**...not to be molded like our former lusts

✓ "Transformed" → **Mt 17:2; Mk 9:2**...Jesus was "transfigured"

2 Cor 3:18...how saints are "changed" into a glorious image like our Lord

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Refusing To Conform To The World Around Us

Rom 12:1-2

- ✓ Our transformation...
 - ✓ ...happens when we “renew our minds”
cp. 2 Cor 10:3-5 Col 3:1-2
 - ✓ ...begins in the mind **v. 2**
 - ✓ ...proceeds to bodily actions **v. 1**
 - ✓ ...presents living sacrifices **v. 1 cp. 1 Pet 2:4-5**
 - ✓ ...should be motivated by God’s mercy, our
desire to prove God’s way to live is best

APPLICATION # 1

Refusing To Conform To The World Around Us

Rom 12:1-2

- ✓ Other passages that harmonize with

Rom 12:1-2...

Col 3:1-2

1 Pet 1:13-14

**N.T. Christianity is definitely a “thinking”
man’s religion cp. Lk 14:28-32**

APPLICATION #2

Serving Others With Humility **Rom 12:3-16**

- ✓ Paul warns Christians **v. 3a**
 - ✓ Pride is never portrayed in a positive way in the Scripture **cp. Prov 6:16-19 16:18 Jas 4:6 1 Pet 5:5**
- ✓ Paul exhorts Christians **v. 3b**
 - ✓ We must have “sound judgment” to escape pride **cp. Mk 5:15 Lk 8:35 2 Cor 5:13 Titus 2:6 1 Pet 4:7**

APPLICATION #2

Serving Others With Humility **Rom 12:3-16**

- ✓ Paul reminds Christians how an environment of humble service is possible **vv. 4-16**
 - ✓ It begins with God's provisions **vv. 3-8**
 - ✓ God's "gifts" take on various forms
 - ✓ It continues with our own attitudes **vv. 9-16**
 - ✓ Love must be without hypocrisy **v. 9a cp. 1 Pet 1:22**
 - ✓ Hearts must be devoted to good, abhorrent of evil
v. 9b cp. 1 Thess 5:21 Psa 119:104, 128

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- ✓ It continues with our own attitudes **vv. 9-16**
 - ✓ Brethren must be devoted to each other...even preferring one another **v. 10 cp. Phil 2:3-4**
 - ✓ Saints must not lag in diligence, but be fervent **v. 11**
 - ✓ Saints must be hopeful, persevering, thoughtful of others' needs **vv. 12-13**

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- ✓ It continues with our own attitudes **vv. 9-16**
 - ✓ Saints must bless, pray for those who persecute them **v. 14 cp. Mt 5:43-48**
 - ✓ Saints must rejoice, empathize with others **v. 15**
 - ✓ Brethren must be like-minded, refraining from a haughty attitude **v. 16**

APPLICATION #3

Refusing To Return Evil On Those Who Mistreat Them **Rom 12:17-21**

- ✓ We are prohibited in paying back evil for evil to anyone **vv. 17-18**
 - ✓ Evil does exist...and the godly will suffer
Mt 5:43-48 2 Tim 3:12 1 Pet 4:3-4 1 Jn 3:10-13
 - ✓ Yet, we must focus on “what is right” and not on “who did us wrong” or “who was wronged”
 - ✓ We must be peaceful “so far as it depends on us” **v. 18 cp. Acts 4:1-3,18 5:17-18, 28-29**

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- ✓ We are prohibited from taking our own revenge **v. 19**
 - ✓ Rather, we must “leave room for God’s wrath”
 - ✓ Vengeance belongs to Him, and Him alone
 - ✓ Only He is slow to wrath **Nah 1:1-8**
 - ✓ Man acts hastily in passion **Deut 19:4-6**
 - ✓ Man’s wrath never produces righteousness
Jas 1:19-20

GOD'S VENGEANCE

- Penalties for disobedience **Lev 26:23-26**
- Punishment upon the Midianites **Num 31:2-3**
- Anointing of Jehu re: house of Ahab **2 Kings 9:7**
- Judgments on Edom & Philistia **Ezek 25:14, 17**
- Jerusalem's destruction **Lk 21:22**
- Upon physical lawbreakers **Rom 13:4**
- Final judgment on unbelievers **2 Thess 1:8**
- Final judgment on believers who willfully sin **Heb 10:30**
- Final judgment on immoral wickedness **Jude 7**

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- ✓ There are also *practical* reasons why saints are not to repay evil for evil
 - ✓ Vengeance precludes peace **v. 18**
 - ✓ Vengeance treads on God's ground **v. 19**
 - ✓ Vengeance ignores others' needs **v. 20a**
 - ✓ Vengeance inhibits others' salvation **v. 20b**
- ✓ Saints must overcome evil with good **v. 21**

APPLICATION #4

Submitting To Civil Rule Rom 13:1-7

- ✓ Paul exhorts saints towards their civil responsibilities v. 1
 - ✓ We are to be “subject to governing authorities”
v. 1a cp. Titus 3:1 1 Pet 2:13-17
 - ✓ We submit because God empowers such rulers
v. 1b cp. Ex 9:16 Dan 2:21, 37-38 4:17-25
- ✓ Paul warns saints of the consequences if this exhortation is not heeded v. 2

APPLICATION #4

Submitting To Civil Rule

Rom 13:1-7

- ✓ There is an obvious exception...
 - ✓ When civil rulers pass laws contradicting God's mandates, God's people owe their allegiance to Him **cp. Esth 3:1-6 4:14 Dan 6:7-11, 16 Acts 4:18-21 5:27-29**
- ✓ God's people have always had to learn to trust God, "live by faith" **cp. Hab 1:1-4, 5-7, 13-15 2:4**

APPLICATION #4

Submitting To Civil Rule Rom 13:1-7

- ✓ Paul outlines proper civil behavior vv. 3-6
 - ✓ We should always have “good behavior” v. 3a
 - ✓ Civil rule should commend good civil conduct
 - ✓ However, if our behavior is evil,... v. 4b
 - ✓ ...we should “fear” civil rule, its “sword”
 - ✓ ...God will avenge through civil rule cp. 12:19
 - ✓ ...we should suffer wrath for our disobedience
 - ✓ This authorizes capital punishment when necessary

APPLICATION #4

Submitting To Civil Rule Rom 13:1-7

- ✓ Paul outlines proper civil behavior vv. 3-6
 - ✓ We should always submit to civil rule, not only to avoid its wrath, but also for “conscience’ sake” v. 5
 - ✓ This “moral sense of ought” also leads us to financially support civil rule v. 6
 - ✓ Jesus taught the same principle Lk 20:20-26
- ✓ Saints need to render “what is due” v. 7

APPLICATION #5

Loving & Serving Others Diligently In The Cause Of Christ **Rom 13:1-7**

- ✓ Paul outlines our social & moral obligations
vv. 8-10
 - ✓ Loving others “fulfills the law” **v. 8**
 - ✓ Loving others “sums up” God’s expectations of us towards others **v. 9 cp. Mt 22:39-40**
 - ✓ Love never does wrong to any man **v. 10**
cp. 1 Cor 13:4-8a Rom 12:17-21
 - ✓ Love defines who is our neighbor **cp. Lk 10:25-37**

APPLICATION #5

Loving & Serving Others Diligently In The Cause Of Christ **Rom 13:1-7**

- ✓ Paul identifies the impetus for such love
vv. 11-14
- ✓ Saints are to “know the time” **v. 11**
 - ✓ It is time to “awaken from sleep” **cp. Eph 5:8-14**
 - ✓ This “time” can be known, even redeemed
cp. Mk 13:32 Eph 5:15-16
 - ✓ “Sleep” = indifference, sluggishness, lethargy
 - ✓ “Salvation” is nearer than at the first **cp. 1 Pet 1:5**

APPLICATION #5

Loving & Serving Others Diligently In The Cause Of Christ **Rom 13:1-7**

- ✓ Paul identifies the impetus for such love
vv. 11-14
- ✓ Saints are to “put off deeds of darkness” and
“put on the armor of light” **vv. 12-13**
- ✓ Darkness is sought because of sin **cp. Jn 3:19-21**
- ✓ God equips His people for the light **cp. Eph 6:10-17**
- ✓ Sins of “excess” (alcohol, sex) must be avoided
v. 13

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- ✓ Paul identifies the impetus for such love
vv. 11-14
- ✓ Saints are to “put on the Lord Jesus” and
“make no provision for the flesh” **v. 14**
- ✓ Christ initially “put on” at one’s conversion,
continually as the disciple grows **Gal 3:26-27 4:19**
- ✓ Disciples shouldn’t plan to fill fleshly desires
unlawfully **cp. Acts 24:2 Jas 1:14-16 Gal 5:16-17**
1 Thess 5:22 Rom 12:1-2

APPLICATION #6

Getting Along With Brethren
When We Differ Over Matters
Of Opinion **Rom 14:1 - 15:13**

- ✓ This text is re: the conscience, knowledge
 - ✓ Vital, but not sufficient by itself **cp. Acts 23:1**
- ✓ Who is the “strong” and the “weak”?
 - ✓ “Strong” = understands the will of Christ
 - ✓ In context, most likely a Gentile Christian
 - ✓ “Weak” = doesn’t understand the will of Christ
 - ✓ In context, most likely a Jewish Christian

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Of Opinion **Rom 14:1 - 15:13**

- ✓ What are the textual issues?
 - ✓ Whether or not meat could be eaten **14:2**
 - ✓ Whether or not days could be observed **14:5a**
 - ✓ The “strong” is not to receive the “weak” just for the purposes of passing judgment **14:1**
- ✓ The difference between such brethren is “faith” or an understanding of “the faith”

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Of Opinion **Rom 14:1 - 15:13**

- ✓ The difference between such brethren is “faith” or an understanding of “the faith”
 - ✓ Both are forbidden to judge the other, hold the other in contempt **14:3a**
 - ✓ God has received them both **14:3b-4**
 - ✓ Though brethren have such differences, each is to be “fully convinced in his own mind” **14:5b**
 - ✓ Each takes his position “for the Lord” **14:6**

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Of Opinion **Rom 14:1 - 15:13**

- ✓ Each is individually accountable before God
14:7-12
 - ✓ No one lives, dies for himself **v. 7**
 - ✓ Whether we live, die...we belong to God **v. 8**
cp. Phil 1:20-21
 - ✓ "To this end, Jesus lived & died" **v. 9**
 - ✓ Therefore, we shouldn't judge, contemptuously
look at brethren with whom we differ **vv. 10-12**

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Of Opinion **Rom 14:1 - 15:13**

- ✓ Paul's instructions to brethren who differ
14:13-21
 - ✓ Do not judge...rather, "resolve" to not put a stumbling block in a brother's way **v. 13**
 - ✓ Weaker brethren must be considered **v. 14**
 - ✓ A failure to consider a weaker brother is a failure to "love him for whom Christ died" **v. 15**
 - ✓ The kingdom should be the focus **vv. 16-21**

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 - ✓ What is "good" can become "evil" **v. 16**
 - ✓ The kingdom of God doesn't hinge on personal liberties, but on "righteousness" & "peace" **v. 17**
 - ✓ "Let us pursue the things that make for peace, edification of one another" **vv. 18-21**

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✓ How brethren can handle such differences

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✓ Whatever faith one has should be kept to
one's self **14:22a**

✓ SUBJECTIVE faith here...not OBJECTIVE cp. **Jude 3**

✓ If one acts contrary to what he believes is right,
he condemns himself and thus sins

14:22b-23

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 - ✓ Saints must not violate their conscience **14:22b**
 - ✓ If one acts in doubt, he has sinned **14:23**
 - ✓ The “strong” are to bear with the “weak” **15:1**
 - ✓ This produces edification **15:2**
 - ✓ This follows Christ, fulfills the Scripture **15:3-4**
cp. Phil 2:3-8

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- ✓ God's intentions for His people **15:5-13**
 - ✓ We are to be "of the same mind" **v. 5**
 - ✓ We are to glorify Him "with one accord" **v. 6**
 - ✓ We are to "accept one another" **vv. 7-12**
 - ✓ Christ came for the Jews **v. 7**
 - ✓ Christ came for the Gentiles **vv. 8-12**
 - ✓ We are to be "filled with joy and peace...and abound in hope" **v. 13**

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- ✓ Division over **Rom 14** is not just recent
 - ✓ 1800's → Isaac Errett (musical inst.)
 - ✓ 1908 → Otey/Briney debate (musical inst.)
 - ✓ 1930's → R.H. Boles (premillennialism)
 - ✓ 1950's - 70's → Carl Ketcherside
("Unity in Diversity")
 - ✓ 1988 → Ed Harrell ("Issues of Moral &
Doctrinal Import")

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- ❶ Will God accept the homosexual, adulterer?
v. 3 cp. 2 Jn 9-11

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- ③ Can homosexuality, adultery be practiced "to the
Lord"? **v. 5 cp. 1 Cor 6:18 Mt 15:19 Titus 2:10**

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- ④ Can we judge the homosexual, adulterer?
vv. 10, 13 cp. Jas 5:19-20 1 Cor 6:11

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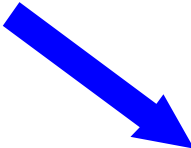
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- ⑤ Is homosexuality, adultery "clean of itself"?
v. 14 cp. Gal 5:19-22

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- ✓ Thus...Where Does **Rom 14** Apply?
 - ✓ Consider this synopsis of the New Testament...
 - ✓ The N.T. deals with three (3) main areas:
 - ① Commands, things specified to be believed, practiced
 - ② Things prohibited
 - ③ Things right of themselves, but optional
-  **Romans 14** falls into this category

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- ✓ Thus...Where Does **Rom 14** Apply?
 - ✓ It must, therefore, apply to areas where God has not specifically spoken as to the individual practice of the issue
 - ✓ Examples
 - ✓ Circumcision
 - ✓ Observing days, eating foods
 - ✓ Whether or not to marry
 - ✓ Playing cards
 - ✓ Putting up a Christmas tree
 - ✓ Working on Sundays

Paul's Final Exhortations And Personal Plans

Rom 15:14 - 16:27



- **Final Exhortations**

- **"Admonish one another" 15:14**
 - Some of Paul's writings had been "bold" 15:15
- **"Keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances...turn away from them 16:17**
 - Especially relative to what he taught in **chs. 14-15**
 - Such serve themselves, not Christ...they deceive others 16:18

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- **Final Exhortations**

- "Be wise in what is good...be innocent in what is evil" **16:19**

- To help, the "God of peace" will crush Satan, false teaching **16:20**

- Saints are "established" by God's revelation of a previously-held "mystery" **16:25-26** **cp. Eph 3:1-6**
1 Pet 1:9b-12 **2 Pet 1:19-21**

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- **Personal Plans**

- **"I have a longing to come to you..." 15:22-23**
 - He was often hindered by his preaching in places "where Christ was not already named" **cp. 15:20-21**
 - He hoped to rectify this by stopping at Rome on his way to work in Spain **15:24**
- **"Now I am going to Jerusalem" 15:25-28**
cp. 1 Cor 16:3-4 2 Cor 9:12 8:9