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Here is a brief Summary of the Book of ROMANS:

Paul says he is a bond servant of Christ Jesus --and he is Not Ashamed of the Gospel of God.

--Paul explains the law, faith, and the New Covenant.

--Paul talks about Faith --using Abraham as an example.

--God gave unrepentant sinners over to a reprobate depraved mind, who professing themselves to being wise they became fools.

Paul says --"Let God be True, and every person a liar." "Being justified by Faith we have Peace with God." "Christ died for us while we were still sinners." "You are Saved by God's Grace—a Free Gift."

--"Who can separate us from the Love of Christ?" "Present your Bodies a Living Sacrifice to God, --Holy and acceptable." "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

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Book of ROMANS

CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, a Bond-Servant --of Christ Jesus, called as an Apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,

4 who was declared the Son of God with --power by the Resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of Holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the Obedience of Faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as Saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

16 For I am Not Ashamed --of the Gospel of God
--for it is the Power of God for Salvation --to everyone who Believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written,
--“For the Righteous Person --shall Live by Faith.”--

18 For the Wrath of God is revealed from heaven against --all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

20 For since the Creation of the world God's invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen --being understood through what has been made, so that they/everybody are --Without Excuse.

21 For even though they knew God, they did Not Honor Him as God or give Thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their Foolish Heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became Fools/Evolutionists, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God --for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

24 Therefore God gave them over to --the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies --would be dishonored/sexual sins among them.

25 For they exchanged the Truth of God --for a Lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them over to Degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural/lesbianism, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their lusts/evil desires/passions toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts/homosexuality and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. 28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge/respect God any longer,

God gave them over to a Depraved/Reprobate Mind --to do those things which are sinful and disgusting,

29 being filled with all: unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent/rude, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and although they know the laws/rules of God, that those who Practice such things --are worthy of Death, they not only do the same -- but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

CHAPTER 2

1 Therefore you have No excuse, every one of you who passes judgment, for in that which you Judge Another person you condemn yourself; for you who Judges another person practice the same things.

2 And we know that the Judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. 3 But do you suppose this, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, --that you will escape --the Judgment of God? 4 Or do you take lightly the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing --that the kindness/goodness of God leads you to Repentance? --

5 But because of your stubbornness and Unrepentant heart you are storing up Wrath for yourself in the Day of Wrath/White Throne Judgment and revelation of the righteous Judgment of God who will render to each person according --to Their Deeds/Works:

7 to those who by Perseverance --in Doing Good --seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; 8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do Not Obey the truth but obey unrighteousness, and reap wrath and indignation -- There will be tribulation and distress for every person --who Continually does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

10 but glory and honor and Peace to everyone who does Good Works, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

11 For there is No partiality/Respecter of Persons with God.

12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;

13 for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the Doers of the Law will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their Conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, 16 on the Judgment Day when, according to my Gospel, God will Judge --the Secrets of all peoples --through Christ Jesus.

CHAPTER 3

1 What advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? 2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 What then? If some did Not Believe, their unbelief will not nullify --the Faithfulness of God— will it? 4 May it never be.

Rather --**let --God be True** --and every person/doctrine/religion be found a Liar, as it is written, --“That You may be justified/proved right --in Your words and deeds, And might Overcome --when You are Judged/by God.”

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.) 6 May it never be. For otherwise, how will God judge the world?

7 But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? 8 And why not say (as we are slanderous reported and as some claim that we say), “Let us do evil that good may come”? Their condemnation is just.

9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are --all under sin;

10 as it is written,

“There is none righteous, not even one;

11 There is none who understands,

There is none who Seeks for God;

12 All have turned aside, together they have become useless;

There is none who does good,

There is not even one.”

13 “Their throat is an open grave,

With their tongues they keep deceiving,”

“The poison of asps is under their lips”;

14 “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”;
15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood,
16 Destruction and misery are in their paths,
17 And the path of Peace --they have not known.”
18 “There is No Fear of God before their eyes/conscience/minds.”

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God; 20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law --comes the knowledge of Sin.

21 But now apart from the Law the Righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
22 --even the Righteousness of God through Faith --in Jesus Christ --for all those who Believe; for there is no distinction;

23 for all have Sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 being justified as a Gift by His Grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation/atonement in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the vindicator/guarantee of those whose Faith is in Jesus Christ.

27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by having Faith/the law of Faith. 28 For we maintain that a person is Justified by Faith apart from works of the Law.

29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.

31 Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be. On the contrary, we establish the Law.

CHAPTER 4

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham Believed God and it was credited to him --as Righteousness.” 4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes

in Him who justifies the ungodly, his Faith is credited as Righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the person to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds --have been Forgiven,
And whose sins have been covered.

8 Blessed is the person whose Sin --the Lord will not take into account.”

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law but through the Righteousness of Faith.

14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; 15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.

16 For this reason it is by Faith in order that it may be in accordance with Grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 (as it is written, “A father of many nations have I made you”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and --calls into being that which does not exist.

18 In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”

19 Without becoming weak in Faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old --and the deadness of Sarah’s womb; 20 yet, with respect to the Promise of God he did Not waver in unbelief but grew strong in Faith, giving Glory to God,

21 and being fully assured that what God had Promised --He was able also to perform. 22 Therefore it was also credited to him as Righteousness.

23 Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who Believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

CHAPTER 5

1 --Therefore, having been Justified by Faith we have Peace with God
--through our Lord Jesus Christ --

2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by Faith --into this Grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that Tribulation brings about Perseverance; 4 and perseverance brings proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not

disappoint, because the Love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ --died for the Ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous person; though perhaps for a good person someone would dare even to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
- in that while we were yet/still unrepentant Sinners --Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been Justified by His Blood
--we shall be Saved from the Wrath of God --through Him.

10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the Death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be Saved by His Life. 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all peoples, because all sinned 13 for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

15 But the Free Gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the Grace of God and the Gift by the Grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. 16 The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will Reign/overcome in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all peoples, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all peoples. 19 For as through the one man's Disobedience (Adam) the many were made sinners, even so through the Obedience of the One (Jesus Christ) the many will be made Righteous. 20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness --to Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAPTER 6

1 What shall we say then? Are we to Continue in Sin so that grace may increase? 2 May it never be. How shall we who Died to Sin still live in it? 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been Baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father,
--so we too might Walk in Newness of life.

5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our Old Self/person was Crucified --with Him, in order that our Body of Sin might be done away with --so that we would No Longer --be Slaves to Sin.

7 For whoever --has Died to their evil fleshly desires --is Freed from Sin.

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also Live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Even so Consider yourselves to be Dead to Sinning --but Alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Therefore do Not let Sin reign in your mortal body --so that you Obey its Lusts, 13 and do Not go on presenting the members of your body to Sin- -as instruments of unrighteousness;

but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members/bodies- as instruments of Righteousness to God.

14 For Sin shall Not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be. 16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became Obedient from the Heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been freed from sin you became --Slaves of doing Righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness,
so now present your bodies as slaves/servants --to Righteousness, resulting in Sanctification.

20 For when you were Slaves of Sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those evil things --is death. 22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in --sanctification/holiness,-- and the outcome, Eternal Life.

23 For the Wages of Sinning --is Death,

but the Free Gift of God is Eternal Life --in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 7

Do you not know, brothers and sisters for I am speaking to those who know the law that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? 2 For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. 3 So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

4 So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear Fruit for God. 5 For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. 6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not. Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet/steal." 8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, discovered in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead.

9 Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. 10 I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. 11 For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. 12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

13 Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means. Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am nonspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. 15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And

if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is Sin living in me.

18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is Sin living in me that does it.

21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being --I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. 24 What a wretched man I am. Who will rescue me from this body that is --subject to death?

25 Thanks be to God --who Delivers Me --through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

CHAPTER 8

1 Therefore there is now No Condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus who walk --Not after the flesh/sinning --but walk after --the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you Free --from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an Offering for Sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do Not walk according to the flesh --but according to the Spirit.

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their Minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the Mind set on the Spirit --is Life and Peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh/sinning --cannot please God.

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give Life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 So then, saints, we are under obligation/debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you are --Putting to Death the deeds/sins of the body --you will Live.

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are Children of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery/bondage leading to tormenting fear again, but you have received a spirit of Adoption as His children by which we cry out, “Abba, Father” 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit --that we are Children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we Suffer with Him --so that we may also be Glorified with Him.

18 For I know emphatically that the Sufferings/persecutions of this present time --are Not Worthy to be compared with the Glory --that is to be revealed to us/in Heaven.

19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the saints of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves waiting eagerly --for our adoption as His children and getting the New Spiritual Body from God.

24 For by Hope we have been Saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what they already see? 25 But if we Hope for what we do not see, with Perseverance we Wait eagerly for it.

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to Pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints --according to the Will of God.

28 And we know that God causes All things --to work together for good --to those who Love God --to those who are the Called --according to His purpose.

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also Predestined to become conformed to the Image/likeness of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He Predestined, He also Called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us who can be successful against us?

32 God who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him --freely give us all things?

33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who Justifies.

34 Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

35 What will Separate us from the Love of Christ? --Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written,

“For Your sake we are being put to death all day long;
We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer/overcome --through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to Separate us from the Love of God -- which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 9

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; 5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all --the eternally blessed God. Amen.

6 But it is not that the Word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “In Isaac your seed shall be called.” 8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. 9 For this is the word of promise: “At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.”

10 And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac 11 (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), 12 it was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.”

14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never

be. 15 For God says to Moses, “I will have Mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have Compassion on whom I have compassion.”

16 So then it does not depend on the person who wills or the person who runs but on God who has Mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My Name --might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.”

18 So then, God has Mercy on --whom He desires --and He Hardens --whom He desires.

19 You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?” 20 On the contrary, who are you, O person, who answers back to God? The thing created will not say to the Creator, “Why did you make me like this,” will it? 21 Or does not the Potter have the right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? 22 What if God --willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known --Endured with much Patience --the vessels of wrath/sinners prepared for destruction?

23 And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles. 25 As He says also in Hosea, “I will call those who were not My people, ‘My people,’ And her who was not beloved --‘Beloved.’

26 “And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ There they shall be called people of the living God.”

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, “Though the number of the people of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved; 28 for the Lord will execute His Word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly.”

29 And just as Isaiah foretold,

“Unless the Lord had left to us a remnant --We would have become like Sodom and would have resembled Gomorrah.”

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained Righteousness --even the Righteousness which is by Faith -- 31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. 32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by Faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 just as it is written,

“Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And whoever Believes in Him/Jesus Christ --will not be disappointed.”

CHAPTER 10

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them/Jews is for their Salvation. 2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. 3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for Righteousness --to everyone who Believes.

5 For Moses writes that the person who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. 6 But the righteousness based on Faith speaks as follows: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down), 7 or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the Word of Faith which we are preaching,

9 that if you --Confess with your mouth --Jesus as Lord,--
and Believe in your Heart that God raised Him --from the Dead
you will be Saved;

10 for with the Heart a person Believes --resulting in righteousness,
and with the mouth --Confession is made --resulting in Salvation.

11 For the Scripture says,

"Whoever Believes in Jesus Christ --will Not be Ashamed of Him."

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; 13 for "Whoever will Call on the Name of the Lord will be Saved."

14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they Believe in Him whom they have not heard?

--And how will they hear? --without a Preacher/or a Christian --Witnessing to them?

15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things."

16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has Believed our report?"

17 So Faith comes from --Hearing the Word of God/and Believing it completely.

18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have;

"Their voice has gone out into all the earth,
And their words to the ends of the world."

19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says,

"I will make you jealous by that which is not a nation,
By a nation without understanding will I anger you."

20 And Isaiah is very bold and says,

“I was found by those who did not seek Me,
I became manifest to those who did not ask for Me.”
21 But as for Israel He says, “All the day long I have
--stretched out My hands --to a disobedient and obstinate/stubborn people.”

CHAPTER 11

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, 3 “Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”? 4 But what does God say to him? “I have reserved for Myself seven thousand people who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”

5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the Election of Grace. 6 And if by Grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise works is no longer works.

7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the Elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. 8 Just as it is written:

“God has given them a spirit of stupor,
Eyes that they should not see
And ears that they should not hear,
To this very day.”

9 And David says:

“Let their table become a snare and a trap,
A stumbling block and a recompense to them.
10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see,
And bow down their back always.”

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, Salvation has come --to the Gentiles. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness.

13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an Apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. 15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

16 For if the first fruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” 20 Quite right, they were -- broken off for their Unbelief,

--but You Stand by your Faith. Do not be conceited/high-minded --but Fear God.

21 for if God did Not spare the natural branches/Israelites --He will Not spare you, either.

22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God’s kindness,

--IF you Continue/abide --in His goodness/holiness/presence --
--otherwise you --also will be Cut Off.

23 And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

“The Deliverer will come from Zion,
He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.”

27 “This is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins.”

28 From the standpoint of the Gospel/of Jesus Christ they/the Jews are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God’s choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;

29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable/without repentance. 30 For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. 32 For God has declared all in disobedience --so that He may show mercy to all.

33 Oh, the Depth of the Riches both of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways.

34 For who has known the Mind of the Lord --or who became His Counselor?

35 Or who has first given to God --that it might be paid back to them again?

36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To God Almighty be the glory forever. Amen.

CHAPTER 12

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to
--Present your Bodies a living and Holy Sacrifice --acceptable to God, which is your reasonable/very fair service.

2 And do Not be conformed to this sinful world --but be Transformed --by the Renewing of Your Mind/by God's Word so that you may Prove what the Will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of themselves than they ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has given/allotted to each person --a Measure of Faith.

4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Since we have Gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of their faith.

7 If service, in their serving; or who teaches, in their teaching; 8 or who exhorts, in their exhortation; who gives, does with liberality; who leads, with diligence; who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let --Love be genuine --Abhor/resist what is evil --cling to that which is good.

10 Be devoted to one another in saintly love; give preference to one another in honor; 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit --serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in Hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 Contributing to the Needs of the Saints, practicing hospitality.

14 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 be haughty/arrogant/puffed-up in mind but associate with the lowly/humble. Do not be wise in your own conceits/estimations.

17 Never pay back Evil --for evil to anyone.

Be Respectful/do what is right in the sight of all people.

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you --be at Peace --with all people.

19 Never take your own Revenge, beloved, but give place instead --to the Wrath of God --for it is written --“Vengeance is Mine --I will Repay,” --says the Lord. --

20 “But if your enemy is hungry --feed them, and if they are thirsty, --give them a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on their head.”

21 Do Not be overcome by evil --but Overcome Evil --with Good/righteous deeds.

CHAPTER 13

1 Every person is to be in subjection/respectful to the governing authorities.

For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. 3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior --but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority?

Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for they are a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for they do not bear weapons for nothing; for they are a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath/justice --on the persons who practice evil.

5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

8 Owe Nothing to Anyone --except to Love one another;

for whoever loves their neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For this, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,”

and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying,
“You Shall Love your Neighbor --as Yourself.”

10 Love does No Wrong to a person --therefore Love is the fulfillment of the Law.

11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now Salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. 12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us Lay Aside --the Deeds of Darkness and Put On --the Armor of Light.

13 Let us behave properly as in the day, Not in carousing and drunkenness, Not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, Not in strife/fighting and jealousy.

14 But Put On --the Lord Jesus Christ -- and make No Plans --for the Lusts of your Sinful fleshly desires.

CHAPTER 14

1 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on their opinions. 2 One person has faith that they may eat all things, but another who is weak eats vegetables only. 3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to Judge --the servant of another? To their own master they stand or fall; and they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 One person regards one day/Saturday/Sabbath above another, -- another regards every day alike/the same. --Each person must be fully convinced --in their Own Mind.

6 Whoever observes the day/the Sabbath, observes it for the Lord, and whoever eats, does so for the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever eats not, for the Lord they do not eat, and give thanks to God. 7 For not one of us lives for themselves, and not one dies for themselves; 8 for if we live --we live for the Lord, or if we die --we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die- we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

10 But you, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or you again, why do you regard your brother or sister with contempt? For we will --All Stand before the --Judgment Seat of God.

11 For it is written, --“As I live, says the Lord --Every Knee --shall Bow to Me, And every tongue shall --give praise to God.”

12 So then --Each one of us will give --an Account of Ourselves --to God.

13 Therefore let us Not Judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—

Not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block --in a brother or sister's way.

14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to the person who thinks anything to be unclean, to them it is unclean.

15 For if because of food your fellow saint is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food anyone for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing 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 whoever in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by people. 19 So then we pursue the things --which make for Peace and the building up of one another.

20 Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the person who eats and gives offense.

21 It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother or sister stumbles. 22 The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God.

Happy is whoever does not condemn themselves --in what they approve of doing.

23 But whosoever doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from Faith; and --Whatever is Not done in or from having Faith --is Sin.

CHAPTER 16

17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned --and Turn Away from them.

18 For such people are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own lustful desires/appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

19 For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.

20 The God of Peace will soon crush satan under your feet.
The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my Gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,

26 but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God,

has been made known to all the nations, leading to Obedience of Faith;
27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the Glory forever. Amen.

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