

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Chapter 1

I ask that God give grace and mercy to understand this chapter, as it is a foundational chapter of this book. If you do not understand the foundational chapter (or foundation) I would ask you this; what is the remainder of the house going to look like? The walls will be crooked and the top is going to fall in on us. So we must have our foundation correct. So we must pay attention to what Paul is saying from the very beginning.

Verse:

1. Paul a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.
2. Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures
3. Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
4. And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
5. By whom we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:
6. Among whom are you also the called of Jesus Christ:
7. To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. First I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
9. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;
10. Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.
11. For I long to see you that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift to the end that you may be established.
12. That is that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.
13. Now I would not have you ignorant brethren that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you (but was let hitherto) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.
14. I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.
15. So as much as is in me is I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.
16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
18. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness.
19. Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God has shown it unto them.
20. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
21. Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened.
22. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
23. And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things.
24. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:
25. Who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and serviced the creature man than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
26. For this cause God gave them up into vile affections, for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
27. And likewise also the men leaving, the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves the recompense of their error which was meet.
28. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient,
29. Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers.
30. Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
31. Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
32. Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Vs 1) *‘Paul (which means small) a servant, or a slave, of Jesus Christ’*. Do you know, as long as you see yourself as a ‘big person’, you’ll probably not be much of a servant or a slave will you? Because a ‘big person’ is in control. There has to be some humility, that means reducing. Remember what John the Baptist said, *‘I must decrease, that Christ increase in me’*. That is what Paul is saying here in his nature, or his name, is the fact that he has been decreased. God has made him small. He really was a short guy, but that’s not the issue. He is telling us a parable. *‘Called’*, or literally the word ‘called’ is ‘divinely appointed’. Paul is not saying ‘hey, I made a choice at the altar and I asked Jesus to forgive me and now because I did it, I get to be an Apostle’. You see that is what the church teaches

that you make a choice, but Paul tells you right from the start: It isn't about me. It's about what my Father has divinely appointed. And if anyone thinks anything different than that, then they have a hole in their head and all their intelligence and understanding has rolled out. God makes the appointments. It's not about us appointing ourselves. That's what's wrong with the church. The church has set up all of these cemeteries; I mean seminaries (cemetery, seminary; same things. There's a bunch of dead people in them) both of them.

But this is what I'm saying. They set up their own idea. They said, 'Look, what we'll do is this, we'll train them the way we want them, and they will tell us what we want to hear'. Hello! And that's all they're doing. They are not listening to God. You know, God has got a plan set up, and because of what God did about 2,000 years ago, is that the same thing He is going to do today? No, He still has a plan, and it's not going to be the same thing all the time. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever; He has a purpose, but I'm saying He may choose to work through you differently than He does someone else. Right? So why should I try to be mimicking or following like a bunch of penguins in a row, or a bunch of sheep walking down a path. I'm supposed to be who I am. You're supposed to be who you are. And I can't tell you what God has got for your life. The only way you are going to find out what God has got for your life is that you have to talk to Him. You have to have the intimacy with God. You have to have that communion and relationship, and see, part of that is through our fellowship. It is by talking to each other and sharing our troubles and problems that I know more about God and how God deals with people, and I can understand in my mind. Because the pattern that God did in my life, is not like yours. It is not the same. We might have some parallels similar but I guarantee you there are things that are different. Do you know why? Because Your DNA is a little different than mine, but it's still part of God's DNA. It is just a part of it.

But Paul is this servant of Christ, divinely appointed, as an Apostle. Do you know what an Apostle is? It's an ambassador of the Gospel; we hear that all the time, "I'm an Ambassador". I had a man come here one time and said, "I'm an ambassador of Jesus Christ and wanted to punch me out before he went out the door. I think there was some duality in that man. And the reason he wanted to punch me out is because I said I had resurrection life in me. It didn't make much sense, but that's where the man was at the time. An Apostle is someone that is sent with orders. Do you hear that? It is not just an Ambassador of the Gospel, but an Ambassador is someone who is sent out to do good will for whoever he is working for. Isn't that true? We have ambassadors from our country to different nations, and they are ambassadors that carry the message of our country to other countries.

We are ambassadors sent out with a mission from the head person, ‘**God**’ to do certain things, and when my mission is sent one direction; it doesn’t mean that you’ve got the same order that I got. Everybody has an order. And you don’t get your order from me. You don’t get it from another person; you don’t get it from someone laying hands on you. You get it from the head, and your head like it says in Corinthians, ‘the head of all humanity is Christ.’ All humanity’s head is Christ. We have to get away from all these things that **people** are doing it all.

And then he says; when he is divinely appointed to be an apostle. *He was separated*, or literally he was appointed ‘*The Gospel of God*’. **Now, everybody says, ‘whoa, he’s got the Gospel’**. If you walked down the street and asked one hundred people, “What is the Gospel of God?” I seriously doubt if one person (or you) could stand in front of a church and ask all the church people to do it. If you ask every church person within a hundred miles of where you are seated right now, when they come out of church today, “What is the Gospel?” They say, ‘OH, Good News’. Okay, now what is the good news? Don’t tell me you have good news if you can’t tell me what it is. You’re just jerking my chain; you’re stroking me. Come on tell me what it is. Don’t just tell me you’ve **got** the good news tell me what it **is!** Why are you sitting on it if you know it? Why aren’t you telling someone if you’ve got the good news? You see the church hasn’t got any good news. If they told you the truth they would lose their money; they would lose their control over someone. Well hello, they never really had it anyway. God is in control. And everyone gets caught up in what they think the good news is. Well I’m going to tell you what the Good News is, because I’m not ashamed of it. That’s what Paul said, ‘*I’m not ashamed of the Gospel*’. The Gospel of God is this: ‘**God is going to reconcile all of creation back to Himself.**’ I’m not afraid of stating that. I get persecuted for it all the time, so what? They can’t touch me until God gives them the permission. I can read the book; I know what my Father says. He is in control. No one can come and touch me unless He lets them do it. If I’ve got something to do, I must perform it before anyone can take me out. It is the same with you. That is what knowing the truth and having a relationship with God will do for you. It will make you so bold it scares people because you are not afraid to say what you believe. You see, most people are afraid to say what they believe. There are a lot of people that believe what I just said, but they are afraid to say it. I’ve talked to preachers and they say this, “Do you realize what that would do if I would say that?” I say, “Yeah, it would put you back in your place.” I know what it would do to you, it would put you right back in your place: AS A SERVANT. Jesus didn’t come to be served; he came to be a servant to the body of Christ. He said I give you gifts; the son of man gave gifts to the body of Christ. Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers; Gifts don’t come to take. A gift isn’t

coming to take from you is it? And he says, *'He was separated to the Gospel of God, or 'appointed' to the Gospel of God.'*

Vs 2) *'Which he had promised or 'announced' prior through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures'*. So what he is telling you is that this Gospel has been announced from the very beginning. No one paid attention to it; no one saw it. Do you know why? There was a veil on their minds. The 'I' was in the way. The 'I, me, my, mine' they were concerned about themselves. They weren't concerned with what God had for everybody else. Now, do you want to know where it starts? In the beginning of course, but in Scripture: Genesis 12:3 Abraham was told by God to leave his father's house, his country, his kindred; get out of this place and go to the place that I show you. Well guess what Abraham did not do? He didn't do what he was told. He wasn't obedient. Did you know that? Boy, O' faithful Abraham. He was a liar, a coward, and disobedient. Boy that's a shock isn't it? That's the way the church preaches him. Faithful Abraham, he walked on gold; he walked on water you may as well say (the way the church preaches it). Abraham was a liar and a thief; he did a lot of things that were bad. He told his wife, 'you pretend that you're my sister'; she was his sister. It was a half-truth. Do you know what a half truth is? A lie. He was a coward; he couldn't defend his own wife; he wanted someone else to have his wife, just so he could save his own skin. Faithful Abraham, yeah right. He was God's but God showed you 'I am working through a vessel that is not in perfection.' Don't think that you have to walk in absolute perfection and never make a mistake or never have a thought go awry in your mind before God can use you. All you are doing by that thinking is keeping God from using you. You're saying God I can't work for you, I can't do for you because I'm not perfect. God never asked you to be perfect so He could work with you. Did He? It's the concept that people give you.

But he promised in Genesis 12:3, and Paul brought this up and reiterated this, and let me turn you there to Galatians 3:8, 9. Paul is speaking here of Abraham, and through the whole passage there, you can see that. He is speaking about foolish Galatians to start with; which don't believe the truth. In verse eight he says; *'The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify or render innocent the heathen through (or from out of) faith preached ahead of time (or announced the good news in advance) to Abraham saying,* (now if he would have stopped right there 'He announced to Abraham' we wouldn't know what it was, would we?) But he put that word in there 'saying' guess what? Now there is something else going on here. He said, *'This is the Gospel that I preached to Abraham, before the foundation'* way back there. And he says: *'in you shall all nations be blessed'*. Abraham, in you, shall all nations be blessed. It is the same thing He said back in

Genesis 12:3 when He said, *'Abraham, if anybody blesses you, I will bless them. If anybody curses you, I will curse them, but in you shall all families be blessed'*. There is the Gospel of God: All shall be blessed. Well then how can you have this eternal hell the church preaches and still have everybody being blessed? Do you think I'm going to be blessed burning in hell? How can anybody say that? It's an oxymoron; it totally contradicts itself. Jesus said very clearly in the Gospel, *'I created hell for the devil and his angels'*. And it isn't the guy with the pitchfork. We'll get through that, it's another story. But he said I created hell for the devil and his angels. He never said one time in scripture, not even one time, that I will place a human being in hell. So guess who did? Preachers. Preachers told you that you are going to hell. Do you know why? So they can control you and control your pocket book. That's all it's about. It's that injection into your mind. And see all of us have heard this injection about 'hell' into our minds. It's not real. Oh, I'm saying there's hell, but not the hell the church preaches. And if Jesus created something, it couldn't be eternal. The only thing eternal was God. So if hell was created that means it started. Anything that is eternal has no beginning and no end. So hell can't be eternal because it was created, by God's own word. So it can't be. Hell is temporal; it's between your ears. And you can stoke the fire or put it out, whichever way you want it. You can determine how much you've got of it and how long it's going to be there and how much time are you going to wrestle with God.

Vs 3) *'Concerning his son* (now the next four words are added words) *Jesus Christ our Lord* (are added words, they are not in the writings). *'Concerning His son, which was made from out of the seed of David, according to flesh'*. Jesus came by the flesh through the seed of David.

Vs 4) *'And declared or appointed, the Son of God in power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from (or through) the dead by the resurrection through death from death'*. That's how it marked him, who he was.

Vs 5) *'By whom we have received grace'* How many of you think that you need grace? You've already got it. He said, **received**, past tense word; then you don't have to wait on it. Guess what you've got? You've got grace in your life whether you know it or not. God gave you grace, you didn't ask for it; it's not something you beg for. God gives you grace because it's His heart. The word grace means 'a divine influence in your heart' God has divinely influenced your heart whether you like it or not. He didn't ask your permission. The word **grace** literally means this: A divine influence in your heart and a reflection of what is going on inside, outside. It's reflecting into your lifestyle. Now here is a misconception: God's working in my life so it must be a walk through the tulips; oh it is so wonderful.

BULL! You're going through pure hell when God works in your life. There is when the conflict comes; there's when the two natures collide. It's like the hot air and the warm air colliding and you have hurricanes and tornadoes. That is what is going on in your life. That is what it speaks of in the Revelation. About the greatest earthquake that has been on the earth since man has been. There is the earthquake that is going on in your life, because God is working in your life. So why are you fighting? You're just like Jacob wrestling with God all night long. In all of your ignorance, you are wrestling with God. Just let it lose and let God touch you in your innermost being. He touched him in his thigh and that speaks of his reproduction and his strength; and he changed the way he walked. Do you know what? The man never walked the same. But he slowed down his gait. Just like Isaiah said; the eagles fly, and then you run, and then you walk. When you get mature, you'll walk. You're not in a hurry about anything because time has no bearing on anything. It's a rest of God, because God is in control. He changed everything about him. His reproduction changed. You know, he never had anything but flesh up to that time. The first thing that he produced was a flesh son, wasn't it? Ishmael, and when God got a hold of him, He said, 'Just wait up son, don't run ahead of me wait on me. And he slowed him down to where he couldn't run too well. So he had to just take his time and God got him to the place.

Abraham was 99 years old when he conceived a son. He was 100 when he was birthed. We get in a hurry. Well its passed what it should be, it's not possible. Everything is possible with God. He'll take you past the limit. He's the one that sets the limit anyway. He has a time and a purpose and a place for everything under the sun. Let Him be what He wants to be in your life. Quit trying to wrestle with God. When you see this turmoil, don't think it's some devil; don't think it's something that you did wrong. It's what God is doing right in your life that is causing the turmoil. And because of my wrong thinking, He is realigning it and there is turmoil in there. You aren't going to get anybody to change their mind and say, okay go ahead and change me I'm ready. Huh! There isn't anybody that is going to give that up. The 'I' in you won't let it go out. 'I' is going to hold on. The ego is going to hold on to everything. Let God do what He wants to do.

'And Apostleship, or a commission into obedience'. We have received grace and the commission to obedience. The only thing God is concerned with in your life is one thing: O-BE-DI-EN-CE. **Obedience**. Nothing else is going to impress God. You can do all the things you want, all the do-do's then you'll just have to shovel it up, because it's not going to please God. The only thing that is going to please God is obeying what He has to say. And the word 'to' there in verse five right after the word *obedience* 'to the faith' is 'concerning' *the faith to all nations*. Obedience

where? It's in all minds. God is not concerned with a few people like the church is. The church is concerned with getting a few people saved. God has a better view than that. My God has a whole lot better view than that. Because He is looking for a much loftier position, and He can see all. And you know what His picture is? ALL. Nobody wants to hear that, but God wants it and He is going to get it. I don't care what anybody thinks. He didn't ask for our permission to do this thing. He said in all nations concerning his name (nature, character) it's the word *anoma*; it means nature and character. Concerning all nations; they are all going to end up with this same nature. You see we can't come to the end of what we call time and say, 'okay all the bad people, you have to go over there'. You see this is what the problem is with Kingdom folk. They think because I'm Kingdom, the rest of you still have to go do your thing in hell. That's what they think, but that was under the law. Even that parable was given under the law. So guess what? We have to realize that everyone is going to end up with this mind of Christ. But see, some are going to have rewards and some are not. Those that are obedient it says shall have rule: in Proverbs 17:2 *Wise servants shall have rule over a son that causes shame, and he'll have part of the inheritance among the brethren.* How could God leave us in our worldly thinking and give some people the mind of Christ and say, 'okay now you're all together'? They oppose each other. Do you see what I am saying? They are opposing to each other. When He finishes removing the wickedness from the earth, (and we're the earth) and He takes that wickedness, that Adam thinking out of us, it can't be any more; it's gone. He said, 'I'm going to take that stony heart out of you and put that soft heart in you'. You have to realize that it is going away. You can hang on to it as long as you want to here, but it's going to go. It's going to go.

Vs 6) *'In whom are you also appointed by Jesus Christ.'* You're also the appointed of Christ. We're appointed, because we're in Him. It's not about Dave, it's not about you, and it's not about anybody else. It's about me being in Him and when I am in Him, it's not the same as Him being in me. Because when He is in me, I am still in control, I'm the one you will look at because He is hid in me. But when I'm hid in Christ, you don't see me; you should be seeing Christ. That's where we should be. I'm hid in Christ. Did he say we're hid in Christ? Then that is where we should be. I'm hid in Christ and it's not about me is it?

Vs 7) *'To all in Rome'*. He said I'm talking to everybody in Rome. What did Rome represent? It represented the world of that day; all they knew to be the world. Rome was in control of everything; the natural world; the age that was then; controlled by the natural man. That is what he is talking about. Everybody that's in the world, *'beloved of God'* *'appointed'* *'saints'*. Look at what he says: *'Grace to*

you.’ If you’re sons of God, what do you have coming? **Grace.** He didn’t say, ‘Ah I remember what you did on December the 13th 1922, and you’re going to pay for that’. He said, ‘*Grace to you*’. If you’re in the world, you’re sons of God, He said, I have grace for you, c’mon. God is not mad at anybody. He said grace to you and peace. When are you going to get it? You’re not going to get it, you’ve got it and you don’t believe it. Guess what the only thing keeping you away from the peace of God is? It’s the way you think. You see it’s that other man that is wrestling with God. In our ignorance, in our carnality we want to wrestling with God. I don’t want to give up my way of doing something. You can’t hang on to what you’ve got and receive God too, because you can’t have it. I had it expressed to me one time by one of our daughters. She said, “ I feel like a ping-pong ball going back and forth between the two. I want this but I don’t want that”. I said, “I understand. But you have to make a choice here, which side of the net are you going to live on? You have to make a choice. Somewhere you do have to make a choice’. Everyone gets the opportunity to look at all this confusion.” Somewhere I have to say stop. Stop the world. Make the world go away? Stop the world; let me get off. I have to say that somewhere. I have to say that to my mind, Stop! You don’t have the right to control me anymore. My Lord and Master is God, not me. You have the authority. He said, “I give you authority over all of the power of the enemy, and the enemy is the carnal mind. I have authority over that, and you do too. Why don’t you just jack-slap that thing and throw it in the back seat. You don’t have to put up with it. When it starts talking crap to you, just slap it and throw it in the back seat. You’re not driving; God is driving this thing. It’s His vessel, not yours. Put it in the trunk and lock the door; sink the car in the lake. ‘*Peace from God our Father*’ the word ‘*the*’ isn’t in that verse. *Peace from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ.* Everyone tries to think there are two entities here. Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When you say it that way it makes it sound like two. Take the word ‘*the*’ out of there. From *God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ*; it’s one. Didn’t Jesus say, ‘I and the Father are one’? There are those that try to make two or three entities here, and also don’t ever forget that empty chair with the Holy Ghost sitting in it, because you can’t see the Spirit. Forget that stuff; God is one, and He can appear in any form that He wants to appear in.

Vs 8) ‘*First I thank my God through Jesus Christ because of you*’ (Because of you all) *that your faith is spoken of throughout* (or in) *the whole world* (or the whole cosmos) all the orderly arrangement of humanity. People are talking about your faith.’ Who is he speaking of here? He is speaking about the first-fruit, the Christ in you. People are talking about it; because of the way you live your life. You know, you’re like an infection in the world; you’re like a disease in the world, and

the world might see the true sons of God as being some kind of disease. And they want to call you OCD or fanatics or something because you're so into God. I watched the ballgame yesterday and the guys had their faces painted and bellies way bigger than mine and they were bumping bellies, painted all different colors and everything and had words written over them, screaming and yelling, acting like absolute fools, and they say 'Boy, they're having fun aren't they? And I'm excited about God and life in me and His plan for me and I'm a fanatic; I'm obsessive, compulsive. I'm crazy, I'm a heretic, because I love God and I have the Good News Message that He has in His book and I'm not afraid to tell you. That makes me bad. Well just label me bad then, because I am going to continue to give the same Good Message that He gave me. The good news when He came to me was, 'Son, I've already taken care of you. That's why my son went to the cross. It's already taken care of'. Whew, man...I needed that, I guarantee you, because I had nothing but condemnation from church and a first class ticket to hell. And God came along and said, 'Son, don't believe that stuff; look at my word. Know my word; you can't be deceived if you know my word. Let me show you my nature and character.' And when He showed me that guess what? Heh, heh, heh wooooo, I'm free and I'm dangerous to the church world because I'm going to tear up their traditions. Well you know what? I love to do that. When I tear up those traditions, someone is going to get free. And there is nothing better than that. I know because I have experienced it. I'm free from it. They don't sign my paycheck and they don't sleep with me, so they don't have much of an effect on me. Oh, I forgot, I don't have a paycheck do I? *'I thank my God for you throughout the whole world, (Cosmos)'*

Vs 9) *'Because God is my witness'*. Who's my witness? You don't have to worry about anybody else. It's great to have a friend that you can trust in, but God is my witness. *'Whom I serve not 'with' but 'in' my spirit in the Gospel of His Son'*. The only way you can do it is 'in'. Do you know why? It's because God is 'in' the internal. God doesn't work external; God is working internal. That's where He dwells and that's where He does His work. *'That without ceasing, I make mention of you always in my prayers'*. I had a request from a lady, or a statement, question; I don't know how to really categorize what she was saying in the letter she sent us from Canada. And she was concerned about prayer. How come all of these people coming from the Kingdom message don't want to pray? And I said, 'Well, it's a perversion of the truth. I don't pray; I only pray what my Father tells me. It's not about praying about Aunt Susie's hangnail. If people say to me 'come and pray that God will give me this certain thing'. Well I don't know if that's what God wants or not, so if I pray it I am wasting my breath and giving false hope to the person that asked me to pray. And what I tell them is this, "I'll pray God's will in

it, how about that?" And they usually say, ' Well, I didn't want that'. Well if you don't want that then what do you want? You are trying to serve yourself. I want to pray what God wants. If I don't pray what God wants, would it come to pass? No. So why waste my breath. I took my breath and my energy and prayed about something that has nothing to do with nothing. Jesus said. 'I only say what my Father says; I only do what He tells me to do. Or what I see Him do; that's it'. When you come to the Tabernacles realm. And God, I don't know how many people have asked me this question, "Why can't I pray like I used to?" Well what you prayed before wasn't much. You might have been impressed by it, because of all those long prayers that Jesus said the Pharisees used, and we were all Pharisees at some time in our walk. We were doing what we were told, but we didn't have the communication with the Father; we were just repeating long prayers to impress somebody. That is worthless; we have all been through it. The best thing that you can do is let that be that hay, wood, and stubble and let it be burned up. Forget about it, step into maturity. Now when I speak, I want to speak what God speaks. And I can say this right now, since I've come to Tabernacles; you all know that you don't hear me doing a whole bunch of praying do you? Does that mean that I am not talking to my Father? It just means that I am not putting a show on for anyone. My lifestyle should be a whole memorial to God. But when I pray something, I will have no doubt in my mind when it comes out of my mouth that it's a done deal. I'm not saying that in arrogance; I'm saying that in confidence. I don't pray things I don't believe are going to come to pass. If I don't have the unction from the Spirit of God to pray them, then I am not praying them. I don't care who gets upset about it, it's okay because God doesn't want me to go out there and prophesy to the trees. Practice prophesying? Oh God, I've heard it all. Just say whatever you want to say and God will fulfill it. God is not my puppet on a string; I'm His servant. I'm His, so He doesn't have to do anything for me. It's all crazy what they have taught us; we've got to get that stuff out of our heads. But this prayer thing, don't worry about it; it will all settle out when you listen to the truth.

Vs 10) *'Making a request if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey (literally the language says: that I might succeed in reaching you) in the will of God to come to you.'* You see he is saying, I'm making prayer about this, but I want to make sure that it is in the will of God. Isn't that what I just said? Whenever I pray, I want to make sure that it's the will of God. Do you understand what I'm saying? It's got to be Father's desire for me to do it to be prosperous. I want to make sure that I stay in God's will. Don't just be saying some kind of prayer because you've been told that is what you're supposed to do. You only say what the Spirit of God births inside of you. Anything else is just words bouncing off the floor and it will not leave the room. When you speak the truth of God,

which is birthed in your spirit, by the Spirit of God, it will come to pass. Because you know that it's from Him.

Vs 11) *'Because I long to see you'*, do you know what these words *'see you'* in this verse really means? Know **k-n-o-w**, I long not just to see you, but I long to **know** you. I can drive down the road and see thousands of people. You know what that does for me? Nothing. Looking at someone means nothing to me. I can look at you and say, "Oh, that's just so and so over there; I could slough that off that way if I wanted to. But I have begun a relationship with you because I take time to find out who you are. You can't just take a relationship and say, 'Oh, yeah I see a person', I see these people. That is not having a relationship. And this is about a relationship; you get to know. Paul says 'I want to know you. It doesn't do any good to look at somebody; I need to know you so that we can communicate. If I don't know who you are then I don't know what you are about. But if I know you.... and here's the thing, it has to be a two way street. Paul isn't hiding from anybody is he? He never held anything back. And see in that relationship he is telling you the same thing: You have to be open and honest with me; you can't hide anything. What good would it do you to hide it? Who are you deceiving? Yourself. You are only deceiving to yourself. So be honest in relationships, put it right on top of the table. I know some that say that they get a lot of flack for being right on top of the table and saying what they believe. But I like that because I don't have to wonder where you're at; I know where you are because you let me know just like that; there is nothing wrong with letting people know where you're at. *'I long to see you in order that I may impart to you some 'non-carnal' gift.'* That is what the language says; it doesn't say *'spiritual'* it says *'non-carnal'*. Of course if it's not carnal, guess what it is? It's spiritual. The language says, some non-carnal gift. He says I want to give you something that is not carnal. *'To the end that you might be established'*. The word *'established'* is a little more than what we might think it is; the language says it this way: *'that you may turn resolutely in a certain direction'*. That is what he is saying, I want to impart something that is not carnal to you, I want to give you something from the Spirit of God so that you will change your direction in a set course and you will go that direction. When I give you this gift, impart this spiritual thing to you that you will change the direction in which you are going and go toward the Spirit of God. Does that make sense? That is repentance; it will change my course; it will change the way I think.

Vs 12) *'That is that I may be comforted together with you, (or in you) through the mutual or 'reciprocal' faith both of you and me'*. How can two walk together except they be agreed? How many relationships do we see where one is in the

faith of God and one is not and look at the turmoil in the families; it's all the time. But if we are both walking the same course, how much easier is it? One can put a thousand to flight; two can put ten thousand to flight. If we are walking the same course yeah there are still going to be twice as many attacks, but together we are much stronger. We are much stronger. I had a man call me not to long ago and he said, "you know, my wife and I are separating, we are going in different directions." I said, 'no you're not'. He said, "Oh yeah, she stopped". I said, "Well, let me show you something, when two people are walking together and one person is stopped, that person isn't going anywhere are they? You are going on? Guess what you are doing everyday? You are getting farther away from that person, and not because they are going anywhere, it's because they stopped. That is the only thing that will defeat you and it is because you stopped. In the desert they were called Nomads weren't they? Nomads didn't stop very often did they? They just kept going. You know why? Because they didn't feel they had a permanent place. And the only place that you can stop in is when you find your permanent place. We don't stand there; we are getting established in our permanent place. And my permanent place is in Christ. When I get there I can stop, but now, I am going to continue in Him because He is directing me. I can rest in Him, because now He is the boss and I'm just doing what He wants.

Vs 13) *'Now I would not have you ignorant brethren, because often times I was purposed to come to you but was **let** hitherto'*. Now in this verse the word 'let' is used. King James says l-e-t doesn't it? Most people will tell you this, 'Oh the King James is the inspired word of God'. No, it's a translated word of God. It was translated from the Greek language into this English language. We do not speak in this English language. (KJV) The word 'let' in this verse; if we would speak it in our English language today it would say this. I will **let** you go to the door." It's allowing you to go, it's a permissive word. But this word '**let**' in the language says he was hindered. He was stopped. So it's a restraining word; it's a hindering word. It's one hundred and eighty degrees different isn't it? That is why I am telling you, you cannot just read this English language and think that you know what this Bible says. You have got to understand that this language is written a long time ago. So when he was speaking back then, we have to go back and see what that word meant back then. You will never understand what the Spirit is saying unless you get into the same realm He is. So *'he was led hitherto that I might have some fruit in you also, even as the rest of the Gentiles'*. So what he is saying is: I'm looking for fruit in you and he was speaking to the Romans, that is where the Epistle was going, to the ones in the world. *'I want fruit in you as the rest of the Gentiles.'* So who was he talking about? He said, I want fruit in you and I want it in the rest of the Gentiles too. So how many is that? That is ALL. That is what Paul is saying; I

want fruit in every one of you. And that is what the Book says our purpose is, that we bear much fruit back to our Father.

Vs 14) *I am debtor* (or I am under obligation) *both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and the unintelligent, or the foolish*. That covers it all. To the fools and to the wise, I am under obligation to all of them.

Vs 15) *So, as much as is in me*...let me state it a different way. He says, *So as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the Gospel.* But it should say this: *So as much as the Christ is in me.* Does that make it a little clearer? So as much as Christ is in me, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you, the ones in where? Not to the ones in the church. He is saying I'm not ready to preach to the church, I'm ready to preach to Rome; this is **self**. The one's who are in humanity or the ones that are in the world. Remember Isaiah 6. *"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord high and lifted up and his train filled the temple"*. You are that temple. And when King Uzziah died, King Uzziah means 'strength'. When your own strength dies, that is when you are going to see the Lord high and lifted up. That is when you are going to see the temple filled with His train. That is when you are going to be filled, when you die. It is when your strength dies out. Oh God, help us. He said, *I am ready to preach the Gospel*. Do you know why Paul was ready to preach the Gospel? It was because **he knew** the Gospel. He was intimate with the Gospel. He was the only man in this book that had the guts, I'm talking about human beings, that had the guts to stand up and say, **"This is my Gospel"** it is no longer a gospel of someone else because I have become one with God. This I'm not ashamed of and this is the Gospel of God: He is going to reconcile all of you, even if you want to cut my head off you are still going to be reconciled, and I am going to love you; go ahead and cut it off. That is what Paul did. He never backed down because they were going to cut his head off. He never backed down because they were going to take him to Rome and put him before the emperor and say hey, you're a bad guy and let's just kill him. He could have backed up any time he wanted to and could have recanted that and they would have let him loose. All they wanted him to do was compromise. And that is all the world wants you to do is compromise and they've got you. The first time you compromise it's the hardest; the second one is a whole lot easier, and the third and the tenth and the fiftieth don't mean a thing then. Compromise is not even in my mind, I can't do it; and I didn't do that, God did it. So you have to be ready to preach the Gospel, the truth, that all will be reconciled; it is to everybody.

Vs 16) *Because I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ*, (the good news'). And you see, I have Good News. God is going to get you all back to where you belong, that is the Good News. *Because it is the power of God* (not to 'salvation', but to

'deliverance'). Jesus died for our salvation. But now we need deliverance; we need delivered from the way we think. We need deliverance from this mind of Adam, this mind of 'self' back to the mind of Christ what we had before the foundation of the world. We were with Him. In the day we were created we were perfect. That is what the book says. We loved God and hated evil, but we hadn't been tested. Hello!!! Test, test, test. We have them coming. It's the only way it's going to get you back to the way you are supposed to be in your mind. *'It's the power of God to deliverance to everyone that believes, or has faith; to the Jew first and also to the Greek.'* I want to read something out of Romans 12:3 *For I say through grace give to me, to every man that is among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.* God has given you a measure of faith; so don't tell me you don't have faith. My book says that God gave faith to all men. Now you may have different measure than what I have, but you have a measure, and do you know what a measure is? It's a seed. God has deposited a seed of faith in everyone. And when it is time, He will call that thing up, "Come on up its time, I will resurrect that faith in you when it's time for you to come." When you plant a seed in the ground and you look and look and look and it doesn't come out of the ground for days or weeks, you cannot make that seed come out of the ground, God has already set a time when that seed would be (with the right amount of moisture, the right temperature, and the right light penetration in that soil, and that thing will come out and you can't stop it; it's coming. It's germination set up by God, not us; we don't do that.) He said, *The Jew first and also the Greek.* Now everyone wants to believe that the Jew being the Christian people and the Greek being the non-believers or the pagans or whatever you want to call them. But He didn't say, I am going to get the Jews and leave them to go to hell did He? He said, the Jew first; the Jew had the opportunity didn't they? The Jew first; and then the Gentile. Who is left out of that? You are either Jew or Gentile the only way you can look at it. He said, 'I am going to get the Jew first and then I am going to get the Gentile'. And He wasn't speaking of the natural, physical Jew to start with; He is speaking of the Spiritual Jew. I'll get them first, and that's my first fruit and then they will take care of the rest of it for me. He will get them all.

Vs 17) *'For out of it is the righteousness of God revealed; from faith to faith as it is written the just shall live from out of what? Out of His faith; Habakkuk 2:4 the just shall live by **His** faith, not our faith.*

Vs 18) *'For the wrath (or the 'desire' or passion) of God is revealed from heaven over all wickedness and unrighteousness or deed and violating the law and justice of humanity who are holding the truth in unrighteousness'. Guess what? What is the truth? Jesus said, "I am the truth". Do you know how many people are holding*

Christ in unrighteousness or in violation of the law and their deeds and of justice? They don't know they are doing it. I'm talking about church folk too; most of them, but they don't know it because they are only living on what someone told them. They are living on someone else's manna. They have not gone to the hill to get it themselves. And you have to go get it every day or else you will get pretty skinny.

Vs 19) '*Because that which is known* (not 'may be' that is not correct) *of God is manifest*'. The word *manifest* is 'apparent' *it's made apparent in them because God made it apparent to them.*' It was before the foundation of the world, it's already there; there are no excuses, because that which is known of God is apparent in them, because God has made it apparent to them.

Vs 20) '*Because the invisible things of him from the creation of the world* (that is from the foundation or conception) *are clearly seen*'. You see, when you step into this realm of God in the Spirit, in the Tabernacles.... I'm not saying that this one is better than that one; I am just saying that when you walk into this Holy of Holies in God, you are going to see things that other people's eyes do not see. And if you say anything, they will just say you are crazy, and the church folk will do the same thing, they will just tell you that you are crazy. I'm not talking about all this emotional stuff their talking about; I'm talking about walking in the presence of God. You will see things that other people don't see, and by seeing those things you're not disturbed. And there is a passage in scripture that says, and I will paraphrase. 'And the man prayed, the prophet prayed; the one man that was helper to the prophet said, "Look, aren't you scared? We're surrounded." And the prophet woke up and he didn't say, "Lord, bring an army and defeat all of these people that have us surrounded", he said, "Lord, open his eyes, so he can see." Hmm, chariots of fire surrounded him; no one could touch him; it was only an illusion in his mind. It's the same thing in your mind, if you understand this. Open your eyes and see what God has for us. You don't have to worry about what they threaten you with, all God has to do is open your eyes and there's no more fear. How many people would like to live with no fear? It's your choice. Open your eyes and see what God has before you. You have no reason to fear anything because God said it's all right. I don't care what your mind tells you, God says **it's all right**. '*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made.*' Do you know what the things are that's made? US. We can see what God has done. '*Even his eternal power and God head.*' The word Godhead doesn't exist in scripture that is a religious word. It should say: '*Even his eternal power and divine nature.*' That is what the language says, 'his divine nature'. Not Godhead; you see, when you say Godhead you're

talking about three things again. And God is not three; God is one. Someone has their math backwards haven't they? God is not dividing and separating; He is putting it together; He is combining. *'So that they are without excuse.'* Literally, that should say: *'Even His eternal power and divine nature to Him they are indefensible.'* They can't make an excuse. You can't make an excuse that God will buy. When you make an excuse, do you know what you're doing? You are lying to yourself. When you justify, you just lie. One of my sayings is this: 'Justifying is just a lying'. So all you are doing is fooling yourself.

Vs 21) *'Because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were they thankful but became vane (that means foolish, wicked, and idolatrous) in their imaginations'*. Hello! Most church folk are foolish, wicked and idolatrous in their imaginations. They think all kinds of wrong thoughts about God. God is not some big bad guy waiting to burn people in hell. Excuse me; God is LOVE; so which one is right? The preacher will stand up and say, "GOD IS LOVE, BUT HE IS GOING TO BURN YOU IN HELL!" Well, excuse me, don't love me that much; don't love me so much that you are going to put me in eternal hell and burn me. That doesn't make sense to me. And I don't think God is stupid, but I think people are. People are stupid; they listen to what people say and not what their creator says. God is the one saying this; listen to Him. He is not mad at you; He loves you. So why should you be mad at Him because He does something to help you. *'And their foolish heart is darkened'* and the word 'foolish' means: wicked, stupid and unintelligent. Their wicked, stupid and unintelligent heart is darkened. Well that isn't a big surprise. All you have to do is look and see it. See, everyone thinks that the heart is something that is hidden deep within you; *"From out of the abundance of your heart your mouth speaks. As a man thinks in his heart so is he."* Do you know what? That heart isn't hid. It's only hid to the ones that haven't walked into the truth. You're only deceiving yourself when you think you are hiding it from someone else. It's you, it's your nature; it's the way you act; it's what you do. You will tell me everything about you by just being who you are. When you walk into this truth, you will be able to look at people and know where they are. It's okay. It's not condemnation it is knowing where you are.

Vs 22) *'Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools'*, the language says **simpletons**. Do you know how many people come to me and try to impress me by what they know in the scriptures? I'm not impressed by what you know; I'm not impressed by what I know. What I know is a gift of God. So you know what impresses me? God. So when you come to me and speak something about God, you can impress me when it's the truth of God. Not something you learned in the cemetery. Can you hear this? Impress me by what God speaks to you. When I

hear you talk, I want to hear what God is telling you. Don't tell me what brother so and so told you, I'm not interested in that. I want to know what you have to say. Because God is in everyone of you and that's what I want to know, because you see, you have a piece of God that I don't have, and the only way that I'm going to get it is by having a relationship with you, and letting you put that injection into me. Let me have what you have and I will give you what I have. Then we've both got a bunch you see, and then we can add to it. We can't play the game: 'I know more than you know'. It's all about competition in the church realm. Most of the so called Kingdom realm is competition, and when you go to the conferences they'll have four and five preachers preaching, maybe ten, and everyone is competing. You can hear this: ('let me preach, I have a word; let me preach tonight because I have to get on the road to another place, man'). They're all vying for the place that they think is the best. I don't want to be part of that. If I'm going to speak, let me speak last, then I can set everything back in order. I'd rather be last. Because you see if I'm first, everyone is going to walk on top of me and no one is going to remember anything that I said. Let me have the floor last and I guarantee I will have their attention when I'm done. I'll put it back; and the last will be first. They become simpletons when they try to impress you.

Vs 23) *'And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God'*; (and that word, 'changed' is wrong; it's half way right, it should put two letters with it: **ex**, they exchanged) they exchanged the truth for a lie. *'They exchanged the glory of the uncorruptible God into the image resembling corruptible man'*. They took the ideas of God and they changed them and made them look like what they wanted them to look like. They wanted to make them look like humanity. Do you know why? They love humanity. They like the humanistic way of doing things, so that is why they try to change it into their view. In Psalms it says *'they tried to mark the holy one of Israel'*. Literally, it was to 'put a shape on him' and you can go to a Baptist church and they have a Baptist Jesus, you go to a Nazarene church they have a Nazarene Jesus, you go to the Church of Christ and they have a Church of Christ Jesus and everyone of them is different; GOD IS ONE. They are all taking it from their own view. And you hear people say this: 'Well you can take a hundred preachers and every one of them has their own view'. And I said, 'Yes, because it's **their** view'. There is only one view and it's the view of God, it has nothing to do with what I like, or I think. I don't preach about me, I preach about God. And if they would, they would have basically the same thought process that I have. I'm sorry I can't help it; I have to say the truth. If you read the book by the Spirit of God, God does not talk out of both sides of His mouth. So if He is speaking to His people they should be talking basically the same thing. Everyone has his or her own flavor to be able to add that to it, yes. But to say the same thing that contradicts each other, I'm sorry, that isn't God. God doesn't contradict

Himself; the house is not divided. I love this book of Romans. I like Paul, he was my hero; behind Jesus, this is my hero, in the book. He's my hero. Man, he said it like it was and I love that. *'They exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God into the image resembling corruptible man to birds, to four footed beasts, and creeping things'*. He is speaking of the beast nature. They took the godly nature and exchanged it for the beastly nature.

Vs 24) *'Through which God also gave them up to uncleanness in the lust of their own minds. To dishonor their own bodies between (or in) themselves.'* All the corruption is inside. What you express in your physical action is only coming from what is internally in you. What's going on in your heart: 'as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. If I think being a drug addict is cool, do you know what I am going to be? I am going to be a drug addict. As soon as I find out that's not me, that's not my true identity, I'm a Son of God. Do you know what I'm going to do? I am going to live like a Son of God. I'm going to scratch and claw every day of my life to get to that point that I know I'm doing what I am supposed to be doing. Maybe it is going to take me a while to come out of that old identity, but I'm going to get there if I really believe that. You have to endure.

Vs 25) *'Who changed the truth of God into **the lie**'*. Do you know what the **lie** is? Go to Genesis 3:5 and you will find out what the lie is. The lie started in the beginning didn't it? So you have to go back to the beginning, Genesis, to find out where it is. (This is the serpent talking, the one that is more subtle than any beast of the field that the Lord God created) Look in verses four and five (and you're the one that creates it in your own mind anyway, so we will get past that). Look what the serpent says in verse four: *And the serpent said to the woman, 'You shall not surely die, because God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and you shall be as gods knowing good and evil.'* Do you know what? All he was doing was convincing her that she wasn't of God. She was already formed in the image of God. The lie is 'you're not God'. Well, I'm not God; I'm God's son. And there is the lie, 'I'm not worthy to do that, or I'm not good enough' there is the lie. And that is what people have exchanged it to in this humanistic view that we live in today. And they worship and serve the creature more than the creator. They worship the creation; literally it's the Greek word *katisis*, which means creation. They worship the creation, which is each other, or animals, or possessions; they worship all of this stuff, more than the creator himself, who is blessed into the ages. Amen.

Vs 26) *'Through this, God gave them up unto disgraceful passions because both their woman did exchange the natural use'* (the word 'use' isn't what you think it

is.) The word ‘use’ the Greek word says ‘sexual intercourse’) they left the natural use of sexual intercourse that the woman was supposed to be with, into that which is against re-production, not nature; it’s against re-production. If a woman and a woman are in bed together, there is no reproduction. If two men are in bed together, there is no re-production. It takes the man and the woman to have a reproduction. And that is why God put man and woman together. He said Adam and Eve come together and didn’t he say, ‘Multiply and replenish the earth’? That’s reproduction isn’t it? So he is saying he is going to turn them over to themselves. If you don’t want to believe God and keep God in your heart, he said I will turn you over to that reprobate mind; I will let you have it, and you won’t have any reproduction. I am not necessarily speaking natural; this is spiritual. There is no fruit possible out of that.

Vs 27) *‘And likewise also man leaving the natural (sexual intercourse) of the woman, burned in there own lusts to one another. Men (not ‘with’ but men ‘in’ men; that is what the language says. The word ‘with is en’) men in men working indecent acts; receiving in themselves the recompense of their error, which is necessary. Do you know what Galatians 6: 7 and 8 says? ‘God is not mocked, man will reap what he sows; if he sows to the flesh of the flesh he will reap corruption; if he sows to the spirit he will reap the life of the ages’.* There is your witness to it. He said if you don’t want to love God, I will turn you over to yourself and you will just make a mess.

Vs 28) *‘And even as they did not like to retain God in knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate (or a worthless) mind to do those things which are not convenient (becoming) to sons.’* The word ‘convenient’ should be *‘not becoming to sons’*. If I’m a son, I am not going to do those things. There are people that say that Jesus was a homosexual because he hung out with twelve men. That is a worthless reprobate mind. They said God puts his blessing upon homosexuality. That is because their mind has exchanged the truth for the lie. Anything you want to hear you can hear it. But when I hear things like that, I just cast it off. It’s not because of what someone told me, because if I begin to believe what somebody told me, I begin to believe the church that I started in, they take homosexuals and make them Pastors. Many of them do it today. It’s because we have become insensitive to the truth. We’ve seen it so long that it doesn’t bother us anymore. You can see things for a period of time and you become insensitive to it. You’ve been desensitized; you don’t sense anything about it, and then you say, ‘Ah, just do whatever you want to do’. And you see that is what we’ve done. As a nation we have become that way; the whole world has become that way. Just let everybody do whatever he or she wants to. Well, that’s basically what I say, but know this:

you are going to reap what you sow. And I don't have to be part of what you're doing, because I am not of this world. My disciples, Jesus said, are not of this world. I'm an alien here. Hope you understand what I'm saying; I'm an alien.

Vs 29) *'Being filled with all unrighteousness'*. (Now this is what he is saying about the ones who choose not to retain God in their knowledge, in their hearts.) *'They're filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, and that's wickedness that is not ashamed to break the law.'* Maliciousness means this, (wickedness that is not ashamed to break the law). I'm not talking about the speed limit; I am talking about breaking the laws of God. They're not ashamed to go against what God said, man and woman will reproduce, they are going to go man to man and woman to woman and then we're going to get someone else to make a kid for us so we can still have babies and still do what we want to do, but we are going to do it our way. God is not saying that. *'Full of jealousy, murder, debate (quarreling) full of deceit, full of malignity* (malignity does not mean 'like a cancer growing on you'). The word 'malignant' means bad character. Bad character, that isn't hard to figure out, is it? Character is not who you are when everything is really good; character is who you are when all the hell has broke loose in your life. What are you then? What are you when all the tests come upon you? Who are you then? That is what God wants to know, who are you then? These people with this bad character, you step on someone's toe and you'll find out who they are, it's like stepping on a snake. It'll bite you. If you have the character of God and you step on that maggot, that crimson maggot, that worm, it feels the same pain that the snake felt, but it does not retaliate and bite you. Do you see the difference? That's why God said, 'you are a worm, Jacob'. He's a maggot, that's what he said. Now I know we don't have good thoughts about maggots, but they are a good thing. *'Whisperers'* do you know what that says? 'Secret slanderers; that's people who come and say, 'Hey, I like you, me and you are good; what's going on man, you got any gossip?' And then they get the gossip and say, 'Hey, that's cool, I won't tell anybody'. And then the next thing they say is 'Hey Bob, you know what he told me over there? That no good so and so you know, he slandered somebody.' 'Hey, what you got? You got something for me?' They are portraying to be your friend, and everybody's friend, and all they are doing is gathering gossip. Do you know how many people in church are like that? Wheeeew!!!! They say, 'let's go fellowship'; which means lets go get the gossip all lined up, so we can find out who is doing the bad things and whose talking about it and whose not talking about it and find out why they aren't talking about it.

Vs 30) *'Backbiters, haters of God, (despiteful, that literally means 'insulter' someone who is always insulting people) (proud, full of pride, we know what that is), (boasters, braggarts, did you ever hear anybody brag about everything), inventors of evil things.* Here's one, *disobedient to parents* (the first commandment with promise is *'honor your mother and father that your days may be long upon the earth.'* And that is serious; honor your mother and father. As much as my father abused me in my life, he did the best he could do and I will cover him in that; he did the best he could do in the circumstances he was put under. And what he went through, to put me where I was, for me to go through what I needed to go through, to make me who I am today; I am thankful for it. I sure didn't like it when I was going through it. But the whole time of all that I went through in my life, I never raised my hand to my father to hit him, I wouldn't let him hit me at a certain point in life, I stopped that, but I never raised my hand to hit him, and I never hated him for it. I didn't understand it; it was confusion to my young mind that I couldn't understand. Why would my father who is supposed to love me, do these things to me? And God gave me that ability to sense and experience those things and I'm not mad about it; I'm glad it happened. I don't want to go through it again, but I'm glad it happened because now I can have compassion upon my natural dad, who didn't understand. He has already passed through; I think he understands now. I **know** he understands now. It's either dust-to-dust, or spirit-to-spirit. I know where he is. He's with God, and I think he knows all he needs to know right now.

Vs 31) *'Without understanding'* do you know what that word means in the Greek? *'Stupid'*. To make it real simple, that is what it means, *'stupid'*.) *'Covenant breakers'*. Did you ever know anyone that is a covenant breaker? They say, *'I'm going to do this'* and they never do it? That is a covenant breaker; you see your word is a covenant. God's word is a covenant. We are God's children; we should be speaking the same thing out of our mouth. Life and death are in the power of the tongue. Which one are you speaking? If you make a covenant do you know what you should do? A lot of times we make a covenant, we write a check we can't cash. We say we are going to do something that we can't do. The best thing to do is make communication back to that person and say, *'You know I'm really sorry, something has come up'*. But most people, when they do that, and I had this just happen to me recently in the last few days; someone made a point about something and said, *'if you'll do this and wait for thirty days, then I will do this'* and it didn't materialize. There was no phone call, no communication. Three or four days later, I get a communication, *'I didn't make it'* Duh!!! He could have called me anytime he wanted to, but he didn't do it. That is because this person doesn't understand covenant. He's ignorant; and ignorance is not bad, it means he doesn't have the

knowledge of the truth. He just doesn't have the knowledge. And I can't get mad at this boy; all I can say is he is ignorant; he doesn't understand. If I get mad then who shows the maturity? I'm not showing any maturity if I get mad at that person; just let him go. It can be intentional or unintentional. Usually it's subconsciously that we do things and we think, oh well, it doesn't make any difference, but that is still kind of intentional anyway. But if something happens and we say we are going to do something, and something comes up and we can't do it, those things happen. But there are people who make commitments all the time and never fulfill them. You know what I'm talking about? Surely you have to be around someone in your life who is like that. It's a habitual thing, they habitually practice these things of saying you are going to do these things and then not doing them. That is what I am speaking of. *'Without natural affection, implacable.'* The word 'implacable' in the Greek language means this, 'you cannot be persuaded to enter into a covenant'. No matter what you do they will not become covenant; they're still going to be self-centered. That is as good word for it, self-centered. They don't trust anybody or anything, just themselves, and really they don't trust themselves. *'Unmerciful'* do you know what it says in Matthew 5:7? *The merciful shall inherit the earth.* Do you know what it says in James 2:13? *If you don't give mercy, you will not receive mercy.* So guess what? God has given you and I, more mercy than anybody deserves, so how can we deny anyone the mercy and the grace of God? How can we say anything except this, 'ALL WILL BE RECONCILED BACK TO GOD?' **ALL.** And all I can say whenever I see this, every time I see it in scripture is Amen, Amen. Boy, I'm glad God is going to do it right; I'm glad he isn't listening to the preachers that I hear all over the television, radio, and internet. I thank God that God is not being persuaded by the preachers, because if he was, we would all be in some serious trouble right up around our ears somewhere. We would be in serious trouble, if God listened to preachers. Preachers are supposed to be heralding God's good news, but people think that these preachers are preaching what God says, but they are preaching to God, trying to make God do what they want. It's not going to work, I'm very sure of that, very sure.

Vs 32) *'Who knowing (literally, 'fully acknowledging') the decision (not judgment) of God, that they which commit (or 'habitually commit' is what the language says) such things are deserving of death. Not only do they do the same, but they have pleasure in them that habitually practice the same thing'*. This is not speaking about someone going down the road and they stub their toe and say 'oop, oh, shouldn't have said that, one of them old bad words.' That is not what I am saying here. It is speaking of somebody habitually practicing this unforgiveness; no mercy, no grace, doing all the spiteful things; the quarreling, the backbiting; all of these things. It's a nature that it's speaking of. Is it the nature of God to do

those things? If it was God's nature to be like what preachers say, man we would all ready be wiped out. We wouldn't be here. God would say 'hey, zap they're gone; I'm not putting up with them anymore'. This book, if you have the guts to hear what God says about it, it will change your mind. It will strain that natural mind plumb out of you. And that is what it's supposed to do. It's supposed to take that natural mind out of you, if you'll listen to what Paul says. Paul is being guided and directed by the Spirit of God. If you'll hear what he has to say in this book of Romans. God, you can't even begin to go back to where you were. These are powerful, powerful words... I'm not speaking about myself; I'm speaking about what God has to say.

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