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ROMANS

Part II - Chapters 9-16

In Part I in our study of Romans which covered chapters 1-8, the complete plan of salvation unfolded in a definite manner. These chapters explained the unrighteousness of man, our justification through faith in Jesus Christ, and the believer's separation and sanctification unto God.

In this second part we will study the fourth and fifth divisions in order to gain a more complete understanding of our salvation and God's working in our daily lives.

DIVISION IV "HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS REJECTED" (Why Israel is set aside)

This division is characterized by sovereignty and dispensation.

God's past dealing and future plans for the nation of Israel! **Read chapters 9-11.**

CHAPTER 9 - "Israel's Rejection" Please read chapter 9 before continuing.

1. What were Paul's feelings toward his Jewish brethren? vv. 2,3 _____

The foremost and most costly sins of Israel were:

1. They shunned God's favor. (See Matthew 23:37.)
2. They disregarded their opportunity. (See Luke 19:41,42.)

2. What does Paul say about Israel's position nationally? List the benefits. vv. 4,5 _____

In verses 6-13 Paul speaks of Israel's election spiritually, and illustrates the doctrine of God's sovereign election.

3. What are the two kinds of children? v. 8 _____

4. Explain in your own words what you think Paul means by the statement, “They are not all Israel, which are of Israel.” (v. 6) _____

Note how the Bible directly refutes the “brotherhood of man, fatherhood of God” philosophy which is so prevalent today. Read John 8:39-44 and Romans 4:11-16. Note that the children which are counted for seed are those who believed God’s promise of a supernatural son. Likewise, we who believe in Jesus Christ, God’s promised Son, are the children of God. (See John 1:12.)

5. What was the basis for God’s choice of Jacob over his twin brother Esau? v. 11 _____

God’s right to choose is SOVEREIGN! (unquestionable) Through foreknowledge, He knew both of these men before they were born. Read Genesis 25:26-34 and Hebrews 12:15-17.

6. What do you think God hated about Esau? _____

7. What do you think God loved about Jacob? _____

In verses 14-24 Paul answers those who would question God’s righteousness.

8. What illustration does Paul use to silence this argument? vv. 20,21 _____

9. What is God’s purpose in making two kinds of vessels? vv. 22,23 _____

God is going to use who He wants to use, and how He wants to use them. And, He will even foretell exactly what He is going to do.

10. Was the setting aside of Israel and the adoption of the Gentiles foretold? vv. 25,26 Also see Hosea 2:23. _____

11. In spite of God's setting aside of Israel, what does He plan to do with the remnant, or small group He saves? v. 28 _____

12. How is it that the Gentiles were able to attain to righteousness? v. 30 _____

It should always be kept in mind that the righteousness which is attained by faith is not our own righteousness, but the righteousness of God. The Bible says in Isaiah 64:6 that our own righteousness is as filthy rags. The only righteousness God recognizes is the righteousness of His Son, which He imputes to those who believe in Him.

13. Why were the Jews not able to attain righteousness? v. 32 _____

14. Who is the stumbling stone of verses 32 and 33? _____

Study the chart below and look up the scriptures given. Note that Jesus, the Rock of our salvation is also the rock of offense to many, particularly to the Jews. Daniel envisioned Christ as a stone with which God would smite the nations. Also read Matthew 21:42-44.

	THE STUMBLING STONE OF THE PAST	THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE PRESENT	THE SMITING STONE OF THE FUTURE
Attitude of People	Rejected by the Jews	Accepted by anyone	Neglected by nations
The Result	Scattered	Built up	Disintegrated
Bible Reference	Matt. 23:37-39 Luke 21:20-24	Ephesians 2:19-22 I Peter 2:4-8	Daniel 2:34,35 Rev. 19:11-18

CHAPTER 10 - "Israel at present" Read Romans 10 before continuing.

15. What is the proper attitude for a Christian to have regarding the Jews? v. 1 _____

16. What is Paul's explanation for Israel's dilemma? v. 3 _____

17. What end result of the Law did the Jews fail to perceive? vv. 4,5 _____

18. In contrast to the Law, righteousness which is by faith, is not difficult at all. Why is it not necessary to ascend up into heaven to bring Christ down?
a. _____
Why is it not necessary to descend into the deep to raise Christ from the dead?
b. _____
19. How close and easy is the salvation which we preach? v. 8 _____
20. What are the two requirements for salvation? v. 9 _____

21. Is outward confession necessary? v. 10 _____
22. Memorize Romans 10:9 & 10 and write it here. _____

23. To whom is salvation available? vv. 11,12 _____

24. What is man's part in God's plan of salvation? vv. 13-15 _____

25. How does faith come? And how does hearing come? v. 17 _____

But what about the Jews? Have they not heard? Paul now deals with questions regarding Israel's present condition and how it was foretold by the prophets.

26. What passage from the Old Testament is Paul quoting in verse 19? _____

27. What passage from the Old Testament is he quoting in verses 20 and 21? _____

Note: Use a reference Bible or concordance to look these up, then write the scripture references in the spaces above.

CHAPTER 11 - "Israel and the future" Read chapter 11 before continuing.

28. Is God through with His dealings with Israel? vv. 1,2 _____

29. What exists even at this present time which testifies of God's intent to the complete restoration of Israel? v. 5 _____

30. For what reason did the Jewish people as a whole fail to recognize their Messiah? vv. 7,8

31. Where in the Old Testament was this blindness foretold as quoted in verse 8? a. _____

As quoted in verse 9? b. _____ As quoted in verse 10? c. _____

32. Why did God allow Israel to stumble? v. 11 _____

33. Explain verse 12 in your own words. _____

34. Who is the Root of verse 16? (Also see Isa. 53:2.) _____
Who are the branches? _____
35. Who is the wild olive tree of verse 17? _____

Note the strong warning set forth in verses 19-22 to **continue** in God's goodness!

36. What is the example of the severity of God to which Paul refers in verse 22? _____

37. What is God able to do with the natural branches of the olive tree? vv. 23,24 _____

38. What is the "mystery" of Israel's blindness? vv. 8,25 _____

39. What does God plan to do with Israel when the fullness of the Gentiles has come in? vv. 25,26 _____

40. What is the typical Jewish attitude toward the Gospel? v. 28 _____
41. What does verse 29 say about the gifts and calling of God? Explain fully. _____

42. Memorize Romans 11:29 and write it here. _____

43. What is our responsibility toward the Jews? vv. 30-32 _____

44. Give the scripture references for the Old Testament passages quoted by Paul in verses 33-35.

DIVISION V “HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH US” (How to serve God) 12:1-15:13

This division is characterized by service and glorification.

Putting into practice the principles set forth in earlier chapters!

CHAPTER 12 - “Glorifying God by the life we live” Read chapter 12.

45. What does the Bible consider to be reasonable service for every believer? v. 1 _____

46. Memorize Romans 12:1; then write it here. _____

47. What does Paul warn us to avoid concerning the world? v. 2 _____

48. How does the transformation come which is so necessary in proving what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God? v. 2 _____

Some teach that there are three choices in doing God’s will—the good, the acceptable, or the perfect. God only has one will, however; it is good because it is His best for you. It is acceptable because God wants nothing less. It is perfect, therefore, because it meets **your** need and God is glorified.

49. What does Paul say about the relationship between fellow Christians in verses 3-5? _____

50. How can we glorify God through our relationships with each other? vv. 6-8 (Answer briefly in your own words.) _____

51. What does Paul mean when he says, “Let love be without dissimulation”? v. 9 _____

52. Even if we know many high and lofty principles of Christianity, God is not glorified until these principles are put into practice in daily living. List the duties for a victorious Christian life found in verses 10-15. _____

53. In the Old Testament it was said, “an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth”! But, a life that glorifies God requires the manifestation of higher principles. Explain this, basing your comments on verses 17-21. _____

CHAPTER 13 - “Glorifying God in our relationships with society” Read chapter 13.

54. What is the Christian’s responsibility concerning the authorities? (civil authorities such as police, government, etc.) vv. 1-4 _____

55. Give the two reasons why we must be subject to the laws and government of the land. v. 5

a. _____ b. _____

56. What is the Christian duty regarding the issue of taxes? vv. 6,7 _____

57. How can we glorify God in our relationships with our neighbors? vv. 8-10 _____

58. What does Paul say should motivate every believer to a life style that is radically different from that of unbelievers? vv. 11-13 _____

59. Since we have been made partakers of His divine nature (II Peter 1:4), what advice does the Apostle Paul give in verse 14? _____

CHAPTER 14 - "Glorifying God in our relationships with weaker Christians" Read chapter 14.

60. Paul says we should accept him who is weak in the faith without passing judgment on disputable matters. vv. 1-4 True _____ or False _____
61. What does Paul say concerning our convictions about the sabbath? v. 5 _____

62. Since we each must answer to God for our own conduct, what should our attitude be toward one another? vv. 12, 13 _____

63. Paul tells us that there are some things that are a matter of personal conviction. v. 14
True _____ False _____
64. Paul teaches us that to walk in love demands that we are willing to give up things which are not necessarily wrong or evil. v. 15 True _____ False _____

65. What do you think Paul means in verse 17? Explain in your own words. _____

66. What does Paul say about taking our liberty at the expense of stumbling a brother or sister? vv. 20,21 _____
67. Anytime we act against our own conscience or against the conscience of a brother or sister who is present, we sin. vv. 22,23 True _____ False _____

CHAPTER 15 - “Glorifying God by pleasing others and not pleasing ourselves” Read chapter 15.

Note that chapter 14 began “Him that is weak,” and chapter 15 begins “We that are strong.” Paul includes all his readers as strong—”WE.”

68. What are three specific duties of one who would be strong? vv. 1,2
 a. _____
 b. _____
 c. _____
69. What is the goal of true Christian conduct? v. 6 _____
70. What are the three reasons for which Jesus was a minister of the circumcision? vv. 8,9
 a. _____
 b. _____
 c. _____
71. What passage of scripture in the Old Testament does Paul quote regarding the ministry of Christ to the Gentiles? v. 12 _____
72. What were the Apostle Paul’s feelings in connection with the Gentiles and his ministry toward them? a. vv. 9-12 _____

b. v. 16 _____

c. vv. 18,19 _____

d. v. 20 _____

73. What was one of Paul's great desires for many years? v. 23 _____

74. Where else did Paul plan to journey? v. 24 _____

Where did he plan to go first? vv. 25, 26 _____

75. Explain in your own words what you think Paul meant by his saying that the Gentiles are debtors to the Jewish people. vv. 25-27 _____

76. What was Paul's prayer request to the believers at Rome? v. 31

a. _____

b. _____

77. What additional prayer request does Paul make in verse 32? _____

CHAPTER 16 - "Salutations and final exhortations" (15:14-16:27)

It should be noted that the Apostle Paul entrusted a woman (Phebe) with the responsibility of delivering this important Epistle to the church at Rome. She carried it safely from Corinth where it was written during Paul's second missionary journey.

78. What can we learn from the following scriptures about Paul's beloved friends, Priscilla and Aquila? a. Acts 18:1-3 _____

b. Acts 18:24-26 _____

c. Romans 16:3,4 _____

79. List the names of all those to whom Paul sends a greeting in verses 5-15. _____

80. About whom does Paul warn us in verse 17? _____

81. What does Paul say that we should do about such people? v. 17 a. _____

b. _____

82. Who is it that such people really serve, rather than Christ? v. 18 _____

83. By what means do these people deceive the hearts of the simple? v. 18 _____

84. Explain in your own words what you think Paul means in verse 19 about being wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. _____

85. List the names of those who were with Paul, from whom he sends a greeting. vv. 21-23 _____

86. What is the condition for which the revelation of the mystery of the Gospel is made known to all? vv. 25, 26 _____

I have answered all questions and completed all memory work to the best of my ability.

Name _____ Address _____

Date _____

Please indicate the version of the Bible you used to complete this study. _____