

## The Epistle to the Romans

(Romans 1)

### God Promised the Gospel

1 Paul, a bond-servant of **Christ Jesus**, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of **God**,

God Spoke Through  
the Prophets

2 which **He** promised beforehand through **His** prophets in the holy Scriptures,

Jesus was a Biological  
Descendent of David

3 concerning **His Son**, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,

The Son of God Rose  
from the Dead; Jesus  
Resurrected by the  
Holy Spirit; Jesus was  
Declared the Son of  
God By His  
Resurrection

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,

God is the Father of  
the Saints

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**.

8 First, I thank my **God** through **Jesus Christ** for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

God Knows That  
Done in Secret

9 For **God**, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of **His Son**, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you,

God Exerts  
His Will

10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of **God** I may succeed in coming to you.

### God Pours Out His Power for Salvation

11 For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;

12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

13 I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, 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, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

## God Reveals His Anger

God is Angry at Ungodly Thoughts and Deeds; God is Angry at Unrighteous Deeds

18For the wrath of **God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

God Reveals His Nature through Creation

19because that which is known about **God** is evident within them; for **God** made it evident to them.

20For since the creation of the world **His** invisible attributes, **His** eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

God is God

21For 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.

22Professing to be wise, they became fools,

God is Glorious; God is Incorruptible

23and 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.

God Gave Mankind Free Will

24Therefore **God** gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

God is the Creator

25For they exchanged the truth of **God** for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

God is Blessed Forever

26For this reason **God** gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

27and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

28And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge **God** any longer, **God** gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

29being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,

30slanderers, haters of **God**, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

31without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

32and although they know the ordinance 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.

(Romans 2)

1Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

## God Rightly Sentenced Those Who Practice Sin to Death

God is Just

2And we know that the judgment of **God** rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

God is Judge

3But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of **God**?

God is Kind; God is Patient;  
God is Tolerant

4Or do you think lightly of the riches of **His** kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of **God** leads you to repentance?

God Judges  
Individuals  
According to  
Their Deeds

5But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of **God**,

6who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

7to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;

8but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

9There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

10but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

God is Impartial

11For there is no partiality with **God**.

12For 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;

13for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before **God**, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

14For 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,

15in 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,

God Judges the Secrets  
of Men; God will Judge  
Through Christ Jesus

16on the day when, according to my gospel, **God** will judge the secrets of men through **Christ Jesus**.

17But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in **God**,

18and know **His** will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,

19and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

20a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,

21you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?

22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

23 You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor **God**?

24 For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.

25 For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

26 So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

27 And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

**The Spirit Circumcises the Heart; God Determines Who Deserves Praise**

29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the **Spirit**, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from **God**.

(Romans 3)

1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

**God Gave His Oracles to the Jews**

2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of **God**.

**God is Faithful**

3 What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of **God**, will it?

**God Cannot Lie**

4 May it never be! Rather, let **God** be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

**God is Righteous (1)**

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 slanderously 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,  
16DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,  
17AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN."  
18"THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

**God Holds Mankind  
Accountable**

19Now 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**;

20because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in **His** sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

### **God Has Unveiled a Righteousness Through Faith**

21But now apart from the Law the righteousness of **God** has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

22even the righteousness of **God** through faith in **Jesus Christ** for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of **God**,

**God is Gracious (1); Jesus  
is Mankind's Redeemer**

24being justified as a gift by **His** grace through the redemption which is in **Christ Jesus**;

**God Gave Jesus to Save  
Mankind; Jesus Appeased  
God's Anger Over Sins; God is  
Righteous (2); God  
Demonstrated His  
Righteousness through Jesus'  
Sacrifice; God Now Justly  
Justifies Those Who have  
Faith in Jesus**

25whom **God** displayed publicly as a propitiation in **His** blood through faith This was to demonstrate **His** righteousness, because in the forbearance of **God** He passed over the sins previously committed;

26for the demonstration, I say, of **His** righteousness at the present time, so that **He** would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in **Jesus**.

27Where then is boasting? It is excluded By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

28For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

**God is the Only God Over  
all Mankind**

29Or is God the **God** of Jews only? Is **He** not the **God** of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

30since indeed **God** who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.

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

(Romans 4)

1What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

2For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before **God**.

3For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

4Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.

5But to the one who does not work, but believes in **Him** who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

6just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man 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 MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

9Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

10How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised;

11and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,

12and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

13For 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.

14For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;

15for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.

16For 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.

18In 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."

19Without 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;

20yet, with respect to the promise of **God**, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to **God**,

21and being fully assured that what **God** had promised, **He** was able also to perform.

22Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

23Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him,

**God Raised Jesus from the Dead (1)**

24but 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.

Jesus Reconciled to God  
Those who have Faith in  
Him (2)

God Deserves All Glory (1)

### God is Gracious (2)

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, proven character; and proven character, hope;

God is Loving; God Poured  
Out Love Into Our Hearts  
Through the Holy Spirit; God  
Gives the Holy Spirit to Those  
Who Have Faith in Christ

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.

Christ Died for Mankind  
While We were Still Sinners;  
God Demonstrated Love for  
Mankind Through Christ's  
Sacrifice; Jesus Appeased  
God's Anger Through His  
Sacrifice

7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

8 But **God** demonstrates **His** own love toward us, in that while we were yet 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**.

### Jesus Offered Mankind a Righteous Life Through His Death and Resurrection

Jesus Reconciled to  
God Those who have  
Faith in Him (2)

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 men, 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.

17For 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 in life through **the One, Jesus Christ.**

18So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

19For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the **One** the many will be made righteous.

20The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

**God Extends Eternal Life to Mankind through Christ Jesus**

21so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through **Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**(Romans 6)**

1What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

2May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

3Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into **Christ Jesus** have been baptized into **His** death?

4Therefore 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.

5For if we have become united with **Him** in the likeness of **His** death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of **His** resurrection,

6knowing this, that our old self 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;

7for he who has died is freed from sin.

8Now if we have died with **Christ**, we believe that we shall also live with **Him**,

9knowing that **Christ**, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over **Him**.

10For the death that **He** died, **He** died to sin once for all; but the life that **He** lives, **He** lives to God.

11Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to **God in Christ Jesus.**

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

13and 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 as instruments of righteousness to **God**.

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

15What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

16Do 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?

17But 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,

18and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

19I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

20For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.

22But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to **God**, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

23For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of **God** is eternal life in **Christ Jesus our Lord**.

(Romans 7)

1Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?

2For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

3So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

4Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of **Christ**, so that you might be joined to another, to **Him** who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for **God**.

5For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.

### **The Spirit is the Agent of the Righteous Life**

6But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the **Spirit** and not in oldness of the letter.

7What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."

8But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead.

9I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;

10and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;

11for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

12So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

13Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so

that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.

14For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

15For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

16But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good.

17So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

18For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

19For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

20But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

21I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

**God Placed His Law  
Within Mankind**

22For I joyfully concur with the law of **God** in the inner man,

23but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

24Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

25Thanks be to **God** through **Jesus Christ our Lord**! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of **God**, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

(Romans 8)

1Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in **Christ Jesus**.

**God Sets Mankind Free  
Through Jesus Christ;  
The Spirit Establishes the  
Law of Life in Mankind;  
God Did What the Law  
Could Not Do Through  
His Son's Sacrifice; God  
Judged Sin Through His  
Son's Sacrifice**

2For the law of the **Spirit** of life in **Christ Jesus** has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

3For 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,

4so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the **Spirit**.

5For 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**.

6For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the **Spirit** is life and peace,

7because 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,

8and those who are in the flesh cannot please **God**.

**The Spirit is of God; The  
Spirit is of Christ; The  
Spirit Lives in Those  
Who are In Christ**

9However, 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**.

10If **Christ** is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

11But 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.

12So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--

**The Spirit Enables  
Mankind to Resist Deeds  
Done in the Flesh**

13for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the **Spirit** you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

## **God Makes Those Who Follow the Spirit His Sons**

14For all who are being led by the **Spirit of God**, these are sons of **God**.

**The Spirit Testifies with  
Our Spirits that We Are  
God's Children**

15For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! **Father!**"

**God Offers an Inheritance  
to Those Who are United  
with Christ's Suffering**

16The **Spirit Himself** testifies with our spirit that we are children of **God**,

17and 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**.

18For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

19For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of **God**.

20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of **Him** who subjected it, in hope

21that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of **God**.

22For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

23And 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 sons, the redemption of our body.

24For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?

25But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

**The Spirit Helps Those in  
Christ To Pray; The Spirit  
Intensely Intercedes in  
Accordance with God's Will**

26In 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;

**God Works All Things to  
Work Together for the Good  
of Those Who Love Him; God  
Works All Things Together for  
the Good of Those Called  
According To His Purposes**

27and 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**.

28And we know that **God** causes all things to work together for good to those who love **God**, to those who are called according to **His** purpose.

God Foreknew Those Who Would Be In Christ; God Predestined Those in Christ to Be Conformed to Christ's Image; Jesus is the Firstborn of Many Sons

29For those whom **He** foreknew, **He** also predestined to become conformed to the image of **His** Son, so that **He** would be the firstborn among many brethren;

God Called Those He Predestined to be Conformed to Christ's Image; God Justified Those He Called; God Glorified Those He Justified

30and these whom **He** predestined, **He** also called; and these whom **He** called, **He** also justified; and these whom **He** justified, **He** also glorified.

God is For His Sons  
God Will Give His Sons Everything They Need

31What then shall we say to these things? If **God** is for us, who is against us?

32 **He** 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?

God is the Justifier

33Who will bring a charge against **God's** elect? **God** is the one who justifies;

Christ Intercedes for God's Sons

34who 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.

35Who will separate us from the love of **Christ**? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36Just as it is written,

"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;  
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through **Him** who loved us.

Christ Loves God's Sons No Matter What

38For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

Christ Jesus Possesses the Love of God Within Him

39nor 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**.

(Romans 9)

## God Had a Purposed in Choosing Israel as His Nation

The Holy Spirit Testifies with Mankind's Conscience and Mind

1I am telling the truth in **Christ**, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the **Holy Spirit**,

2that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

3For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from **Christ** for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

4who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises,

Christ was Biologically Jewish; Christ is Over All; Christ is God Blessed Forever

5whose are the fathers, and from whom is the **Christ** according to the flesh, who is over all, **God** blessed forever. Amen.

6But it is not as though the word of **God** has failed For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel;

7nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."

8That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of **God**, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

9For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

10And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

**God is the One Who Calls**

11for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that **God's** purpose according to **His** choice would stand, not because of works but because of **Him** who calls,

12it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

13Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

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

15For **He** says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."

**God is Merciful**

16So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on **God** who has mercy.

17For 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."

**God Chooses Those to Whom He will Be Merciful; God Chooses Those Whom He will Harden; God Finds Fault with Some**

18So then **He** has mercy on whom **He** desires, and **He** hardens whom **He** desires.

19You will say to me then, "Why does **He** still find fault? For who resists **His** will?"

20On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to **God**? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?

21Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?

**God Demonstrates His Anger (2); God Reveals His Power**

22What if **God**, although willing to demonstrate **His** wrath and to make **His** power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?

**God Revealed His Glory by Planning Beforehand to Show Mercy to Both Jews and Gentiles**

23And **He** did so to make known the riches of **His** glory upon vessels of mercy, which **He** prepared beforehand for glory,

24even us, whom **He** also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

25As **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 SONS OF THE LIVING GOD."

27Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;

28FOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD ON THE EARTH, THOROUGHLY AND QUICKLY."

29And just as Isaiah foretold,

"UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOth HAD LEFT TO US A POSTERITY,

WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE RESEMBLED GOMORRAH."

30What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith;

31but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law.

32Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,

33just as it is written,

"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

(Romans 10)

1Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to **God** for them is for their salvation.

2For I testify about them that they have a zeal for **God**, but not in accordance with knowledge.

**God is Righteous (1)**

3For not knowing about **God's** righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of **God**.

### **Christ Ended the Need to Obey Law to Obtain**

4For **Christ** is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.

6But 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),

7or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' (that is, to bring **Christ** up from the dead)."

8But 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,

**Jesus is Lord**

**God Raised Jesus from the Dead (2)**

9that 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;

10for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

11For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

**Jesus is Lord of Both Jew  
and Greek**

12For 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**;

13for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

14How 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?

15How 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!"

16However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"

17So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of **Christ**.

18But 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."

19But 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."

20And 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."

21But as for Israel **He** says, "ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE."

(Romans 11)

## **God Has Not Rejected The Nation of Israel**

I say then, **God** has not rejected **His** people, has **He**? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

**God Foreknew the  
Formation of the Nation  
of Israel**

2God has not rejected **His** people whom **He** foreknew Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

3"Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE."

4But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL."

**God Graciously Chose  
that He would have a  
Remnant in Israel**

5In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to **God's** gracious choice.

6But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

7What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;

8just as it is written,

"GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR,  
EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT,  
DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY."

9And David says,

"LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP,  
AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM.

10"LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT,  
AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."

11I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.

12Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!

13But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

14if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them.

15For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

16If the first piece of dough is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are too.

17But 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,

18do 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.

19You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

20Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith Do not be conceited, but fear;

## **God Distributes Due Judgment to Both Jews and Gentiles**

21for if **God** did not spare the natural branches, **He** will not spare you, either.

**God is Kind; God is  
Severe in His Judgment;  
God is Able to Reinstates  
Jews into His Kindness**

22Behold then the kindness and severity of **God**; to those who fell, severity, but to you, **God's** kindness, if you continue in **His** kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

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

24For 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?

25For 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;

26and 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."

**God Loves Israel for the  
Sake of the Patriarchs; God  
Keeps His Word**

28From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake,  
but from the standpoint of **God's** choice they are beloved for the sake  
of the fathers;

29for the gifts and the calling of **God** are irrevocable.

30For just as you once were disobedient to **God**, but now have been shown mercy because of their  
disobedience,

31so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may  
now be shown mercy.

**God Gathered All Together  
Under Disobedience in  
Order to Show Them All  
Mercy**

32For **God** has shut up all in disobedience so that **He** may show  
mercy to all.

**God is Rich in Wisdom;  
God is Rich in Knowledge**

33Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of  
**God!** How unsearchable are **His** judgments and unfathomable **His**  
ways!

34For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS  
COUNSELOR?

35Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

**God is the Source of All  
Things; God is the  
Enabler of All Things;  
God is the Receiver of  
All Things; God  
Deserves All Glory (2)**

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

(Romans 12)

**God is Merciful (2)**

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 spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that  
you may prove what the will of **God** is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **God Has Allotted Faith to Every Person**

3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of  
himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as **God** has allotted to  
each a measure of faith.

4For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same  
function,

5so 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 his faith;

7if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;

8or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence;  
he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

- 9 Let love be without hypocrisy Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly 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.

### **God Will Avenge His Sons**

- 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 in mind, but associate with the lowly Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- 17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
- 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for 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 HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."
- 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

(Romans 13)

### **God is the Source of All Authority**

#### **God Oversees Government Authority**

1 Every person is to be in subjection 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;

#### **God Can Use Human Government to Reward Those Who Do Good; God Can Use Human Government to Punish the Wicked**

4 for it is a minister of **God** to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of **God**, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices 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.

8Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

9For 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."

10Love does no wrong to a neighbor; 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.

12The 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.

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

**Jesus Christ is the Example  
for God's Sons**

14 But put on the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

(Romans 14)

## **God is the Judge of His Servants**

1Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.

2One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only.

3The 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 him.

4Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for **the Lord** is able to make him stand.

5One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.

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

7For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself;

8for 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**.

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

10But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of **God**.

11For it is written,

"AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME,  
AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD."

12So then each one of us will give an account of himself 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's way.

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

15 For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom **Christ** died.

16 Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil;

**God is King of His Kingdom**

**The Holy Spirit Produces Righteousness; The Holy Spirit Produces Peace; The Holy Spirit Produces Joy**

17 for the kingdom of **God** is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the **Holy Spirit**.

18 For he who in this way serves **Christ** is acceptable to **God** and approved by men.

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 man 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 stumbles.

22 The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before **God**. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

(Romans 15)

1 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves.

2 Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.

**Jesus pleased God the Father**

3 For even **Christ** did not please **Himself**; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME."

4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

5 Now may the **God** who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to **Christ Jesus**,

6 so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.

**Christ Accepted the Sons of God to the Glory of God**

7 Therefore, accept one another, just as **Christ** also accepted us to the glory of **God**.

## **Christ Became a Servant to the Jews According to God's Promises to the Patriarchs**

8For I say that **Christ** has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of **God** to confirm the promises given to the fathers,

## **Christ Became a Servant to the Gentiles to Glorify God for His Mercy**

**God is Merciful (3)**

9and for the Gentiles to glorify **God** for **His** mercy; as it is written,  
"THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES,  
AND I WILL SING TO YOUR NAME."

10Again he says,  
"REJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE."

11And again,  
"PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES,  
AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM."

12Again Isaiah says,  
"THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE,  
AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES,  
IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE."

## **God is a God of Hope**

**The Holy Spirit Empowers God's Sons to Be Hopeful**

13Now may the **God** of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

14And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.

## **God Chooses His Ministers**

15But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from **God**,

**The Holy Spirit Sanctifies The Activities of God's Sons**

16to be a minister of **Christ Jesus** to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of **God**, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the **Holy Spirit**.

17Therefore in **Christ Jesus** I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to **God**.

**Christ Works Through God's Ministers**

18For I will not presume to speak of anything except what **Christ** has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

**The Holy Spirit is Powerful**

19in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the **Spirit**; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of **Christ**.

20And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where **Christ** was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation;

21but as it is written,

"THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE,  
AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND."

22For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you;

23but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you

24whenever I go to Spain--for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while--

25but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.

26For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

27Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.

28Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain.

29I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of **Christ**.

### **The Spirit Loves Selflessly**

30Now I urge you, brethren, by our **Lord Jesus Christ** and by the love of the **Spirit**, to strive together with me in your prayers to **God** for me,

31that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;

32so that I may come to you in joy by the will of **God** and find refreshing rest in your company.

### **God is a God of Peace**

33Now the **God** of peace be with you all. Amen.

(Romans 16)

1I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea;

2that you receive her in the **Lord** in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.

3Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in **Christ Jesus**,

4who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;

5also greet the church that is in their house Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to **Christ** from Asia.

6Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.

7Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in **Christ** before me.

8Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the **Lord**.

9Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in **Christ**, and Stachys my beloved.

10Greet Apelles, the approved in **Christ**. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

11Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the **Lord**.

12Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the **Lord**. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the **Lord**.

13Greet Rufus, a choice man in the **Lord**, also his mother and mine.

14Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them.

15Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

16Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of **Christ** greet you.

17Now 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 men are slaves, not of our **Lord Christ** but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

19For 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.

**God will Crush Satan under the feet of His Sons**

20The **God** of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet

**Jesus is Gracious**

The grace of our **Lord Jesus** be with you.

21Timothy my fellow worker greets you, and so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

22I, Tertius, who write this letter, greet you in the **Lord**.

23Gaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you Erastus, the city treasurer greets you, and Quartus, the brother.

24[The grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be with you all. Amen.]

**God is Able to Establish His Sons in the Obedience of Faith**

**God Commanded the Gospel be for All Nations**

25Now 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,

26but 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;

**God is Wise; Jesus is the Channel of Glory to God**

27to the only wise **God**, through **Jesus Christ**, be the glory forever. Amen.