



ROMANS

Chapter 1*Greetings*

1 ¶ Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, ^acalled *to be* an apostle, ^bseparated unto the gospel of God

2 ^cwhich He had promised beforehand ^dthrough His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,

3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was ^eborn of the seed of David according to the flesh,

4 and ^fdeclared *to be* the Son of God with power, according ^gto the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead,

5 through whom ^hwe have received grace and apostleship, for ⁱobedience of faith among all the nations, ^jfor His name,

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

7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, ^kcalled *to be* saints: ^lGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Longing to Visit Rome

8 ¶ First, ^mI thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because ⁿyour faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9 For ^oGod is my witness, ^pwhom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that ^qwithout ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10 making request, if by any means now at length I might have a successful journey by the will of God to come to you.

11 For I long to see you so that ^rI may impart to you some spiritual gift, to the end *that* you may be established,

12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the ^smutual faith both of you and me.

13 ¶ I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you. But I ^twas hindered until the present, so that I might have some ^ufruit among you also, even as *I have* among the other Gentiles.

14 I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise.

15 So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you also who are at Rome.

16 ¶ For ^vI am not ashamed of the gospel, for ^wit is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes, to the ^xJew first and also to the Greek.

17 For ^yin it is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, ^z“*The just will live by faith.*”

Wrath Against Humanity

18 ¶ ^aFor the wrath of God is revealed

Chapter 1: a 1 Tm 1:11 b At 9:15; 13:2 c At 26:6 d Gl 3:8 e Ps 89:3,4; 132:11; Is 11:1; Gl 4:4 f Ps 2:7; At 9:20; 13:33 g Ps 16:10,11; Hb 9:14 h Ep 3:8 i At 6:7 j At 9:15 k 1 Co 1:2,24 l 1 Co 1:3 m 1 Co 1:4 n Rm 16:19 o Rm 9:1 p At 27:23 q 1 Th 3:10 r Rm 15:29 s Ti 1:4 t 1 Th 2:18 u Ph 4:17 v Ps 40:9,10 w 1 Co 1:18,24 x At 3:26 y Rm 3:21; 9:30 z Hk 2:4 a At 17:30

from heaven against all ungodliness and ^bunrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because ^cthat which is known about God is manifest within them, for ^dGod has shown *it* to them.

20 For the ^einvisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and divinity, so that they are without excuse,

21 because even though they knew God, they glorified *Him* not as God, neither were thankful. But they became ^fvain in their imaginations and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 ^gProfessing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and changed the glory of the ^hincorruptible ⁱGod into an image made like unto corruptible man and of birds and four-footed beasts and crawling things.

24 ¶ Therefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, ^kto dishonor their own bodies ^lamong themselves.

25 They exchanged the ^mtruth of God ⁿfor a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 ¶ For this cause God gave them up to ^ovile passions, for even their women changed the natural use *of the body* into that which is against nature.

27 And also in the same way the men, leaving the natural use of the woman,

burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working what is indecent and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error that was due.

28 ¶ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a depraved mind to do those things ^pthat are not proper,

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,

30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving and unmerciful.

32 Although they ^qknow the judgment of God that those who practice such things ^rare worthy of death, they not only continue to do the same things but also ^sconsent to those who do them.

Chapter 2

God's Righteous Judgment

1 ¶ Therefore, you are ^awithout excuse, O man, whoever you are who judge *another*, ^bfor in that which you judge another you condemn yourself, for you who judge do the same things.

2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

3 And do you think this, O man, that *when you* judge those who do such

b 2 Th 2:10 c At 14:17; 17:24 d Jn 1:9 e Ps 19:1-6 f Jr 2:5 g Jr 10:14 h 1 Tm 1:17; 6:15,16 i Dt 4:16-18 j Ep 4:18,19 k 1 Co 6:18 l Lv 18:22 m 1 Th 1:9 n Is 44:20 o Lv 18:22 p Ep 5:4 q Rm 2:2 r Rm 6:21 s Hs 7:3 Chapter 2: a Rm 1:20 b Mt 7:1-5

things, and *you* do the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you despise the ^criches of His goodness and ^dforbearance and ^elongsuffering, ^fnot knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But according to your hardness and impenitent heart ^g*you are* treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

6 who ^h“*will render to everyone according to his works*”;

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

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

9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man that does evil, to the ^jJew first and also to the Greek;

10 ^kbut glory and honor and peace to everyone who is working good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

11 For ^lthere is no respect of persons with God.

12 ¶ For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law. And as many as have sinned in law will be judged by law,

13 ^mfor not the hearers of law *are* just before God, but the doers of law will be justified.

14 For when the Gentiles who do not have law do by nature the things

contained in law, these having no law, are a law to themselves;

15 who show the ⁿwork of law written in their hearts, their ^oconscience also bearing witness and *their* thoughts alternately accusing or else excusing one another

16 ^pin the day when God will judge the secrets of men ^qthrough Jesus Christ ^raccording to my gospel.

The Jews and The Law

17 ¶ Behold, ^syou are called a “Jew” and ^trest in law and ^umake your boast in God.

18 And you ^vknow *His* will and ^wapprove the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law.

19 And you ^xare confident that you yourself are a guide for the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, ^yhaving in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth.

21 ^zTherefore, you who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who proclaim that a man should not steal, do you steal?

22 You who say a man should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, ^ado you rob temples?

23 You who ^bmake your boast of law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?

24 For as it is written, ^c“*The name*

c Ep 1:7,18; 2:7 d Rm 3:25 e Ex 34:6 f Is 30:18 g Dt 32:34 h Ps 62:12; Pv 24:12 i 2 Th 1:8 j 1 Pt 4:17 k 1 Pt 1:7 l Dt 10:17 m Js 1:22,25 n 1 Co 5:1 o At 24:25 p Mt 25:31 q At 10:42; 17:31 r 1 Tm 1:11 s Jn 8:33 t Mc 3:11 u Is 48:1,2 v Dt 4:8 w Ph 1:10 x Mt 15:14 y 2 Tm 3:5 z Mt 23:3 a Mt 3:8 b Rm 2:17; 9:4 c Ez 16:27

of God is ^dblasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

25 ¶ ^eFor circumcision profits if you keep law, but if you are a transgressor of law, your circumcision is made uncircumcision.

26 Therefore, ^fif the uncircumcised man keeps the righteousness of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, ^gjudge you, who *having* the letter of the law and circumcision, transgress the law?

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

29 But he *is* a Jew ⁱwho is one inwardly, and ^jcircumcision *is that* of the heart ^kin the spirit, *and* not in the letter; ^lwhose praise *is* not from men but from God.

Chapter 3

The Faithfulness of God

1 ¶ What advantage then has the Jew? Or what profit *is there* of circumcision?

2 Much in every way! First of all because ^ato them were committed the oracles of God.

3 For what if ^bsome did not believe? ^cWill their unbelief nullify the faithfulness of God?

4 ^dCertainly not! Rather, let ^eGod be true but ^fevery man a liar, as it is written, ^g“*That You might be justified in Your words and might overcome*

when You are judged.”

5 ¶ But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what will we say? *Is* God unjust who inflicts wrath? ^h(I speak as a man.)

6 Certainly not! Otherwise, ⁱhow then will God judge the world?

7 ¶ For if the truth of God has abounded through my lie 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 affirm that we say—^j“Let us do evil that good may come”? Their condemnation is just.

All Have Sinned

9 ¶ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have before proved that both Jews and Gentiles ^kare all under sin,

10 as it is written, ^l“*There is none righteous, no, not one.*”

11 *There is no one who understands. There is no one who is seeking God.*

12 *They are all turned aside from the way. They have together become unprofitable. There is no one that does good, no, not one.*”

13 ^m“*Their throat is an open grave. With their tongues they have used deceit. ⁿThe poison of snakes is under their lips.*”

14 ^o“*Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.*”

15 “*Their ^pfeet are swift to shed blood.*

16 *Destruction and misery are in their ways.*

d Is 52:5; Ez 36:22 e Gl 5:3 f At 10:34 g Mt 12:41 h Gl 6:15 i 1 Pt 3:4 j Ph 3:3 k Dt 30:6 l 1 Co 4:5
Chapter 3: a Dt 4:5-8 b Hb 4:2 c 2 Tm 2:13 d Jb 40:8 e Jn 3:33 f Ps 62:9 g Ps 51:4 h Gl 3:15 i Gn
18:25 j Rm 5:20 k Gl 3:22 l Ps 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Ec 7:20 m Ps 5:9 n Ps 140:3 o Ps 10:7 p Pv 1:16; Is 59:7,8

17 *And they have not known the way of peace.”*

18 ^a“*There is no fear of God before their eyes.*”

19 ¶ Now we know that whatever things ^tthe law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that ^vevery mouth may be stopped and all the world may become accountable to God.

20 Therefore, ^uby the works of law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Righteousness Through Faith

21 ¶ But now ^uthe righteousness of God without the law is manifested, ^vbeing witnessed by the law and ^wthe Prophets,

22 even the righteousness of God *that is* by *the* faith of Jesus Christ to all those who believe, ^xfor there is no difference;

23 for ^yall have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

24 being justified freely ^zby His grace ^athrough the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

25 whom God has set forth to *be* ^ban atoning sacrifice ^cby His blood through faith in order to declare His righteousness for the remission of ^dsins in the past because of the forbearance of God,

26 to declare at this time, *I say*, His righteousness that He might be just and the justifier of him who believes in Jesus.

27 ¶ ^eWhere then *is* boasting? It is

excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore, we conclude ^fthat a man is justified by faith apart from the works of law.

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

30 ^gsince *it is* one God who will justify the circumcision by faith and uncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make void law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish law.

Chapter 4

Abraham Justified by Faith

1 ¶ What then will we say that ^aAbraham, our ^bforefather, has discovered according to the flesh?

2 For if Abraham was ^cjustified by works, he has something about which to boast, but not before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? ^d“*Abraham believed God and it was credited to him for righteousness.*”

4 Now ^eto him who works, the reward is not credited according to grace, but according to debt.

5 ¶ But to him who ^fdoes not work, but believes in Him who justifies ^gthe ungodly, his faith is credited for righteousness,

6 just as David also ^hdescribes the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness without works,

7 saying, ⁱ“*Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins have been covered.*”

q Ps 36:1 r Jn 10:34 s Jb 5:16 t Gl 2:16 u At 15:11 v Jn 5:46 w 1 Pt 1:10 x Cl 3:11 y Gl 3:22 z Ep 2:8 a Hb 9:12,15 b Lv 16:15 c Cl 1:20 d At 14:16; 17:30 e 1 Co 1:29 f Gl 2:16 g Gl 3:8,20 Chapter 4: a Is 51:2 b Js 2:21 c Rm 3:20,27 d Gn 15:6 e Rm 11:6 f Ep 2:8,9 g Ja 24:2 h Ps 32:1,2 i Ps 32:1,2

8 *Blessed is the man whose sins the Lord will not reckon.*"

9 ¶ *Does this blessedness then come only on the circumcision, or on the uncircumcision also? For we say that faith was credited to Abraham for righteousness.*

10 How then was it credited? When he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith that *he had while* being uncircumcised, that ^hhe might be the father of all those who believe, though they are not circumcised, so that righteousness might be credited to them also,

12 and the father of circumcision to those who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of the faith of ^hAbraham our father that *he had while* being uncircumcised.

13 ¶ For the promise that he should be the ^mheir of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For ⁿif those who are of the law *are* heirs, faith is made void and the promise has been nullified

15 because ^othe law works wrath, for where *there* is no law, *there is* no transgression.

16 ¶ Therefore, *it is* of faith that *it might be* ^pby grace, ^qto the end that the promise might be guaranteed to

all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, ^rwho is the father of us all,

17 as it is written, ^s"*I have made you a father of many nations,*" in the presence of Him whom he believed, *even* God, ^twho gives life to the dead and calls those ^uthings that do not exist as though they did *exist*.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, so that he might become the father of many nations according to what was spoken, ^v"*So will your seed be.*"

19 And not being weak in faith, ^whe did not consider his own body, already dead, because he was about a hundred years old, neither ^xthe deadness of Sarah's womb.

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully persuaded that what He had promised, ^yHe was able also to perform.

22 Therefore, ^zit was credited to him for righteousness.

23 ¶ Now ^ait was not written for his sake alone, that it was credited to him,

24 but for us also, to whom it will be credited, if we believe ^bin Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 ^cwho was delivered for our offenses and ^dwas raised for our justification.

j Gn 17:10 k Lk 19:9 l Rm 4:18-22 m Gn 17:4-6; 22:17 n Gl 3:18 o Rm 3:20 p Rm 3:24 q Gl 3:22 r Is 51:2 s Gn 17:5 t Rm 8:11 u Rm 9:26 v Gn 15:5 w Gn 17:17 x Hb 11:11 y Hb 11:19 z Gn 15:6 a Rm 15:4 b At 2:24 c Is 53:4,5 d 1 Co 15:17

Chapter 5

Peace and Joy Through Christ

1 ¶ Therefore, ^ahaving been justified by faith, we have ^bpeace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 ^cthrough whom also we have access by faith into this grace ^dwherein we stand and ^erejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only *this*, but ^fwe also glory in tribulations, ^gknowing that tribulation works patience,

4 ^hand patience, experience, and experience, hope.

5 ⁱNow hope does not disappoint, ^jbecause the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 ¶ For when we were still without strength, at the right time ^kChrist died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet perhaps for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But ^lGod demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified ^mby His blood, we will be saved ⁿfrom wrath through Him.

10 For ^oif while we were enemies ^pwe were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we will be saved ^qby His life.

11 And not only *this*, but we also ^rrejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

*Death Through Adam –
Life Through Christ*

12 ¶ Therefore, as ^sthrough one man sin entered into the world and ^tdeath through sin, and so death passed to all men because all have sinned.

13 (For until law, sin was in the world, but ^usin is not credited when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, ^vwho is the type of Him who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not as the offense. For if by the offense of one man died, much more the grace of God and the gift by grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded ^wto many.

16 And the gift is not as *it was* through the one who sinned, for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation. But the free gift *that came because of* the many offenses *resulted* in justification.

17 For if by one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more they who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

18 ¶ Therefore, as through the offense of one, *judgment came* on all men to condemnation, even so through the righteousness of ^xOne, *the free gift came* ^yto all men to justification of life.

19 For as through one man's disobe-

Chapter 5: a Is 32:17 b Ep 2:14 c Ep 2:18; 3:12 d 1 Co 15:1 e Hb 3:6 f Mt 5:11,12 g Js 1:3 h Js 1:12 i Ph 1:20 j 2 Co 1:22 k Rm 4:25; 5:8; 8:32 l Is 53:5; Jn 3:16; 15:13 m Ep 2:13 n 1 Th 1:10 o Rm 8:32 p 2 Co 5:18 q Jn 14:19 r Gl 4:9 s 1 Co 15:21 t Gn 2:17 u 1 Jn 3:4 v 1 Co 15:21,22 w Is 53:11 x Is 53:11,12; 1 Co 15:21,45 y Jn 12:32

dience many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of ^zOne will many be made righteous. **20 ¶** Moreover, ^alaw entered so that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, ^bgrace ^babounded much more, **21** so that as sin has reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Chapter 6

Dead to Sin – Alive in Christ

1 ¶ What then will we say? ^aWill we continue in sin so that grace may abound?

2 Certainly not! How will we who ^bdied to sin live any longer therein?

3 Or do you not know that ^cas many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus ^dwere baptized into His death?

4 Therefore, we are ^eburied with Him through baptism into death, that ^fjust as Christ was raised up from the dead through ^gthe glory of the Father, ^heven so we also might walk in newness of life.

5 ¶ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, we will also be *in the likeness of His resurrection*;

6 knowing this, that ⁱour old man was crucified with *Him* so that ^kthe body of sin might be destroyed, that we should no longer be bondservants to sin.

7 For ^lhe who is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now ^mif we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him, **9** knowing that ⁿChrist being raised from the dead dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

10 For in *the death* that He died, ^oHe died to sin once for all. But in *the life* that He lives, ^pHe lives to God.

11 Likewise also, consider yourselves to be ^qdead indeed to sin, but ^ralive to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 ¶ Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you should obey the lusts *of the body*.

13 Neither present your ^smembers *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but ^tpresent yourselves to God, as those who are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

14 For ^usin will not have dominion over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

Slaves of Righteousness

15 ¶ What then? Will we sin ^wbecause we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

16 Do you not know that ^xto whom you present yourselves *as* bondservants to obey, his bondservants you are whom you obey, whether of sin to death or of obedience to righteousness?

17 But God be thanked that *though* you were the bondservants of sin, yet

z Ph 2:8 a Jn 15:22 b 1 Tm 1:14 Chapter 6: a Rm 3:8; 6:15 b Gl 2:19 c Gl 3:27 d 1 Co 15:29 e Cl 2:12 f 1 Co 6:14 g Jn 2:11 h Gl 6:15 i Ph 3:10 j Gl 2:20; 5:24; 6:14 k Cl 2:11 l 1 Pt 4:1 m 2 Tm 2:11 n Rv 1:18 o Hb 9:27 p Lk 20:38 q Rm 6:2; 7:4,6 r Gl 2:19 s Ps 19:13 t Cl 3:5 u 1 Pt 2:24; 4:2 v Gl 5:18 w 1 Co 9:21 x 2 Pt 2:19

you have obeyed from the heart that ³form of teaching that was delivered to you.

18 And ²having been freed from sin, you became the bondservants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the weakness of your flesh. For as you have presented your members *as* bondservants to impurity and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members *as* bondservants to righteousness in holiness.

20 ¶ For when you were the ^abondservants of sin, you were free from righteousness.

21 ^bWhat fruit did you have then in those things of which you are now ashamed? For ^cthe end of those things *is* death.

22 But now ^dhaving been made free from sin and having become bondservants to God, you have your fruit unto holiness and the end, eternal life.

23 For ^ethe wages of sin *is* death, but ^fthe gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Chapter 7

Free Through the Body of Christ

1 ¶ Do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know law), how that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?

2 For ^athe woman who has a husband is bound by law to *her* husband as long as he lives. However, if the husband dies, she is released from

the law of *her* husband.

3 So then, ^bif while *her* husband lives she is married to another man, she will be called an adulteress. But if her husband is dead, she is free from that law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is married to another man.

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also became ^cdead to the law through the body of Christ, so that you should be married to another, *even* to Him who is raised from the dead, so that we should ^dbring forth fruit to God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions that were *aroused* by the law ^ewere at work in our members ^fto bring forth fruit to death.

6 But now we are delivered from the law, having died to that wherein we were held, so that we should serve ^gin newness of spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

Struggle with Sin

7 ¶ What will we then say? *Is* the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, ^hI would not have known sin except through law, for I would not have known coveting except the law had said, ⁱ“*You will not covet.*”

8 But ^jsin, taking occasion by the commandment, produced in me every lust. For ^kwithout law sin *is* dead.

9 For without law, I was once alive. But when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.

10 And the commandment ^lthat *was meant to bring* life, I found to *bring* death.

y 2 Tm 1:3 z Jn 8:32 a Jn 8:34 b Rm 7:5 c Rm 1:32 d Rm 6:18; 8:2 e Gn 2:17 f 1 Pt 1:4 **Chapter 7:** a 1 Co 7:39 b Mt 5:32 c Gl 2:19; 5:18 d Gl 5:22 e Rm 6:13 f Js 1:15 g Rm 2:29 h Rm 3:20 i Ex 20:17; Dt 5:21; At 20:33 j Rm 4:15 k 1 Co 15:56 l Lv 18:5

11 For sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed *me*.

12 Therefore, ^mthe law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

13 ¶ Therefore, has that which is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might be manifested *to be* sin, was working death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, ⁿsold into *bondage* to sin.

15 For what I do, I do not understand. ^oFor what I would *do*, that I do not. But what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do what I do not want *to do*, I agree with the law that *it is* good.

17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

18 For I know that ^pin me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good thing; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I *do* not find.

19 For the good that I would *do*, I do not. But the evil that I would not *do*, that I do.

20 Now if I do what I do not *wish to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

21 ¶ I find then the law, that when I want to do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I ^qdelight in the law of God according to ^rthe inward man.

23 But ^sI see another law in ^tmy

members warring against the law of my mind and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin that is in my members.

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me ^ufrom the body of this death?

25 ^vI thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

Chapter 8

Life Through the Spirit

1 ¶ *There is* now, therefore, no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, ^awho do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

2 For ^bthe law of ^cthe Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has freed you from ^dthe law of sin and death.

3 For ^ewhat the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, ^fGod sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

4 so that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who ^gdo not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

5 For ^hthose who *walk* according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who *walk* according to the Spirit, the ⁱthings of the Spirit.

6 For ^jto be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace,

m Ps 19:8 n 2 Kg 17:17 o Gl 5:17 p Gn 6:5; 8:21 q Ps 1:2 r 2 Co 4:16 s Gl 5:17 t Rm 6:13,19 u 1 Co 15:51,52 v 1 Co 15:57 **Chapter 8:** a Gl 5:16 b Rm 6:18,22 c 1 Co 15:45 d Rm 7:24,25 e At 13:39 f 2 Co 5:21 g Gl 5:16,25 h Jn 3:6 i Gl 5:22-25 j Gl 6:8

7 because the ^kcarnal mind *is* hostile toward God, for it is not subject to the law of God, ^lnor indeed can *it* be.

8 So then those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 ¶ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

10 And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the spirit *is* alive because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of ^mHim who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, ⁿHe who raised up Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 ¶ ^oTherefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh,

13 for ^pif you live after the flesh you will die. But if you through the Spirit ^qput to death the works of the body, you will live.

14 For ^ras many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.

15 For ^syou have not received a spirit of bondage again ^tto fear, but you have received a ^uspirit of adoption by which we cry, ^v“Abba, Father!”

16 ^wThe Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God,

17 and if children, then ^xheirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ; ^yif indeed we suffer with *Him* in or-

der that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

Suffering and Glory

18 ¶ For I consider that the ^zsufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory that will be revealed to us.

19 For the ^aearnest expectation of the creation waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For ^bthe creation was made subject to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who has subjected *it* in hope,

21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious ^cliberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation ^dgroans and labors together until now in pains of birth.

23 And not only *that*, but ourselves also, who have the ^efirstfruits of the Spirit, ^feven we ourselves groan ^gwithin ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the ^hredemption of our body.

24 For we are saved by hope, but ⁱhope that is seen is not hope, for what a man sees, why does he still hope *for it*?

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

26 ¶ Likewise, the Spirit also helps our weaknesses, for ^jwe do not know how to pray as we should, but ^kthe Spirit Himself makes intercession

k Js 4:4 l 1 Co 2:14 m At 2:24 n 1 Co 6:14 o Rm 6:7,14 p Gl 6:8 q Ep 4:22 r Gl 5:18 s Hb 2:15 t 2 Tm 1:7 u Is 65:5 v Mk 14:36 w Ep 1:13 x At 26:18 y Ph 1:29 z 2 Co 4:17 a 2 Pt 3:13 b Gn 3:17-19 c 2 Co 3:17 d Jr 12:4,11 e 2 Co 5:5 f 2 Co 5:2,4 g Lk 20:36 h Ep 1:14; 4:30 i Hb 11:1 j Mt 20:22 k Ep 6:18

with groanings that cannot be uttered. **27** And ^hHe who searches the hearts knows what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints ^maccording to *the will of* God.

More Than Conquerors

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

29 For those ^oHe foreknew, ^pHe also predestined ^qto *be* conformed to the image of His Son, ^rso that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover, those whom He predestined, He also ^scalled. And those whom He called, He also ^tjustified. And those whom He justified, He also ^uglorified.

31 ¶ What will we then say to these things? ^vIf God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

32 ^wHe who spared not His own Son, but ^xdelivered Him up for us all, how will He not with Him also freely give us all things?

33 Who will lay anything to the charge of God's elect? ^y*It is* God who justifies.

34 ^zWho *is* He who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, yes, rather who was raised again, ^awho is even at the right hand of God, ^bwho also makes intercession for us.

35 Who will separate us from the

love of Christ? *Will it be* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, ^c“*For Your sake we are killed all day long. We are considered as sheep for the slaughter.*”

37 ¶ ^dBut in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor ^eprincipalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Chapter 9

God's Election of National Israel

1 ¶ I ^asay the truth in Christ, I do not lie, my conscience also bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit,

2 ^bthat I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

3 For ^cI could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh;

4 who are Israelites, ^dto whom *belongs* the adoption, and ^ethe glory, and ^fthe covenants, and ^gthe giving of the law, and ^hthe service *of* God, and ⁱthe promises;

5 ^jwhose *are* the fathers, and ^kfrom whom according to the flesh, Christ *came*, ^lwho is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

I 1 Ch 28:9 m 1 Jn 5:14 n 2 Tm 1:9 o 2 Tm 2:19 p Ep 1:5,11 q 2 Co 3:18 r Hb 1:6 s 1 Pt 2:9; 3:9 t Gl 2:16 u Jn 17:22 v Nm 14:9 w Rm 5:6,10 x Rm 4:25 y Is 50:8,9 z Jn 3:18 a Mk 16:19 b Hb 7:25; 9:24 c Ps 44:22 d 1 Co 15:57 e Ep 1:21 **Chapter 9:** a 2 Co 1:23 b Rm 10:1 c Ex 32:32 d Ex 4:22 e 1 Sm 4:21 f At 3:25 g Ps 147:19 h Hb 9:1,6 i At 2:39; 13:32 j Dt 10:15 k Lk 1:34,35; 3:23 l Jr 23:6

6 ¶ ^mNot as though the word of God has failed. For ⁿthey are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel;

7 ^onor because they are the seed of Abraham *are they* all children; but, ^p“*In Isaac will your seed be called.*”

8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God, but ^qthe children of the promise are counted for the seed.

9 For this *is* the word of promise, ^r“*At this time I will come and Sarah will have a son.*”

10 ¶ And not only *this*, but when ^sRebecca also had conceived by one *man*, even by our father Isaac,

11 for *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of ^tHim who calls,

12 it was said to her, ^u“*The elder will serve the younger.*”

13 As it is written, ^v“*Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.*”

14 ¶ What will we say then? ^w*Is there* injustice with God? Certainly not!

15 For He says to Moses, ^x“*I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.*”

16 So then *it is* not of him who wills nor of him who is running, but of God who shows mercy.

17 For ^ythe Scripture says to Pharaoh, ^z“*Even for this same purpose I have raised you up, so that I might show My power in you, and that My*

name might be declared throughout all the world.”

18 Therefore, He has mercy on whom He desires, and whom He wills, He ^ahardens.

19 ¶ You will say then to me, “Why does He still find fault? For ^bwho has resisted His will?”

20 On the contrary, O man, who are you who *would* reply against God? ^cWill the thing formed say to Him who formed it, “Why have you made me this way?”

21 Has not ^dthe potter power over the clay to make from the same lump ^eone vessel to honor and another to dishonor?

22 ¶ What if God, willing to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much long-suffering ^fthe vessels of wrath ^gprepared for destruction,

23 and that He might make known ^hthe riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, that He had ⁱbefore prepared for glory,

24 even us, whom He has ^jcalled, ^knot of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

25 ¶ As He says also in Hosea, ^l“*I will call them My people who were not My people, and her beloved who was not beloved.*”

26 ^m“*And it will come to pass that in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ there they will be called the children of the living God.*”

m Nm 23:19 n Gl 6:16 o Gl 4:23 p Gn 21:12 q Gl 4:28 r Gn 18:10,14 s Gn 25:21 t Rm 4:17; 8:28 u Gn 25:23 v Mt 1:2,3 w Dt 32:4 x Ex 33:19 y Gl 3:8 z Ex 9:16 a Ex 4:21 b 2 Ch 20:6 c Is 29:16 d Pv 16:4 e 2 Tm 2:20 f 1 Th 5:9 g 1 Pt 2:8 h Cl 1:27 i Rm 8:28-30 j Rm 8:28 k Rm 3:29 l Hs 2:23 m Hs 1:10

27 ¶ Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel, ⁿ“*Though the number of the children of Israel is as the sand of the sea,* ^o*a remnant will be saved,*

28 *for He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness,* ^p*because the Lord will make a short work on the earth.*”

29 And as Isaiah foretold, ^q“*Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed,* ^r*we would have been as Sodom and would have been made like Gomorrah.*”

Fall Through Unbelief

30 ¶ What will we say then? ^sThat the Gentiles who did not follow after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, ^teven the righteousness that is of faith.

31 But Israel, who ^ufollowed after the law of righteousness, ^vhas not attained to the law.

32 Why? Because *they did not seek it* by faith, but as if it were by works. For ^wthey stumbled over the stumbling stone,

33 as it is written, ^x“*Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, and* ^y*whoever believes in Him will not be ashamed.*”

Chapter 10

1 ¶ Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they might be saved.

2 For I testify of them ^athat they have a zeal for God, but not according to

knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of ^bGod’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own ^crighteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For ^dChrist is the end of law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5 ¶ For Moses describes the righteousness that is of law, ^e“*The man who does those things will live by them.*”

6 But the righteousness that is of faith thus speaks, ^f“*Say not in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’*” (that is, to bring Christ down),

7 or, ^g“*‘Who will descend into the abyss?’*” (that is, to bring up Christ from the dead).

8 But what does it say? ^h“*The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart*”—that is, the word of faith that we preach;

9 that ⁱif you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and will believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart man believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.

11 For the scripture says, ^j“*Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed.*”

12 For ^kthere is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for ^lthe

n Is 10:22,23 o Rm 11:5 p Is 10:23; 28:22 q Is 1:9 r Is 13:19 s Rm 4:11 t Rm 1:17; 3:21; 10:6 u Rm 10:2-4 v Gl 5:4 w Is 8:14,15; 1 Co 1:23 x Is 8:14; 28:16 y Rm 5:5; 10:11 **Chapter 10:** a At 21:20 b Rm 1:17 c Ph 3:9 d Gl 3:24; 4:5 e Lv 18:5 f Dt 30:12-14 g Dt 30:13 h Dt 30:14 i Lk 12:8 j Is 28:16 k Rm 3:22,29 l At 10:36

same Lord over all ^mis rich to all who call on Him.

13 For ⁿ“*whoever will call ^oon the name of the Lord will be saved.*”

14 ¶ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how will they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how will they hear ^pwithout a preacher?

15 And how will they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ^q“*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!*”

16 ¶ However, they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, ^r“*Lord, who has believed our report?*”

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

18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed, for ^s“*their sound went into all the earth ^tand their words to the ends of the world.*”

19 ¶ But I say, did not Israel know? First, Moses says, ^u“*I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are no people, and by ^va foolish nation I will anger you.*”

20 But Isaiah is very bold, and says, ^w“*I was found by those who did not seek Me. I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me.*”

21 But to Israel He says, ^x“*All day long I have stretched forth My hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.*”

1 ¶ I say then, ^ahas God cast away His people? ^bCertainly not! For ^cI am also an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God has not cast away His people whom ^dHe foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads to God against Israel, saying,

3 ^e“*Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars. And I am left alone, and they are seeking my life*”?

4 But what is the divine response to him? ^f“*I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.*”

5 ^gEven so then, at this present time there is also a remnant according to the election of grace.

6 And ^hif by grace, then *it is* no more by works, otherwise grace is no more grace. [But if *it is* by works, it is no longer grace, otherwise work is no longer work.]

7 ¶ What then? ⁱIsrael has not obtained that for which it seeks, but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were ^jblinded.

8 According as it is written, ^k“*To this day God has given them the spirit of stupor, ^leyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear.*”

9 And David says, ^m“*Let their table become a snare and a trap and a stumbling block and a retribution to them.*

10 *Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see and bow down their back always.*”

Chapter 11

Remnant of Spiritual Israel

m Ep 1:7 n Jl 2:32 o At 9:14 p Ti 1:3 q Is 52:7; Nh 1:15 r Is 53:1 s Ps 19:4 t 1 Kg 18:10 u Dt 32:21 v Ti 3:3 w Is 65:1 x Is 65:2 **Chapter 11:** a Jr 46:28 b 1 Sm 12:22 c 2 Co 11:22 d Rm 8:29 e 1 Kg 19:10,14 f 1 Kg 19:18 g Rm 9:27 h Rm 4:4 i Rm 9:31 j 2 Co 3:14 k Is 29:10,13 l Dt 29:3,4 m Ps 69:22,23

11 ¶ I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But *rather* ^uthrough their fall salvation *has come* to the Gentiles in order to provoke them ^oto jealousy.

12 Now if their transgression *is* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fullness?

13 ¶ For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as ^pI am the apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those of* my flesh and might ^asave some of them.

15 For if the casting away of them *is* the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be ^bbut life from the dead?

16 ¶ For if ^cthe firstfruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*. And if the root *is* holy, so *are* the branches.

17 And if ^dsome of the branches were broken off, ^eand you, being a wild olive tree were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,

18 ^fdo not boast against the branches. But if you boast, *remember that* you do not support the root, but the root you.

19 ¶ You will say then, “The branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.”

20 Quite right! Because of ^gunbelief they were broken off, but you stand by faith. Be not arrogant, but fear.

21 For if God spared not the natural

branches, *take heed* lest He also not spare you.

22 Therefore, behold the goodness and severity of God; on those who fell, severity; but to you *the* goodness of God, ^hif you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise, ⁱyou also will be cut off.

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

24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree that is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree?

Salvation Through Obedience

25 ¶ For I do not want, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be ^kwise in your own minds, that ^lblindness in part has happened to Israel ^muntil the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

26 And so all Israel will be saved as it is written, ⁿ“*There will come out of Zion the Deliverer who will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.*”

27 ^o“*For this is My covenant to them, when I will take away their sins.*”

28 ¶ Concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes, but concerning the elect, *they are* ^pbeloved for the sake of the fathers.

29 For the gifts and calling of God *are* ^qirrevocable.

n Is 42:6,7 o Rm 10:19 p At 9:15; 22:21 q 1 Co 9:22 r Is 26:16-19 s Lv 23:10 t Jr 11:16 u Ep 2:12 v 1 Co 10:12 w Hb 3:19 x 1 Co 15:2 y Jn 15:2 z 2 Co 3:16 a Rm 12:16 b 2 Co 3:14 c Lk 21:24 d Is 59:20,21 e Is 27:9 f Dt 7:8; 10:15 g Nm 23:19

30 For as you in the past ^hhave not believed God, you have now obtained mercy through their unbelief,

31 even so these also have now disbelieved, so that through the mercy shown to you they also may obtain mercy.

32 For God has committed them ⁱall to disobedience so that He might have mercy on all.

A Doxology of Praise

33 ¶ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out.

34 “*For who has known the ^jmind of the Lord? Or ^kwho has been His counsellor?*”

35 ^l“*Or who has first given to Him and it will be repaid to him again?*”

36 ¶ For ^mof Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, ⁿto whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

Chapter 12

Living Worship

1 ¶ Therefore, I ^aurge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies ^bas a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

2 And ^cbe not conformed to this world, but ^dbe transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may ^eprove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

3 ¶ For I say ^fthrough the grace given to me, to everyone that is among you, ^gnot to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God has dealt ^hto each one a measure of faith.

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

5 so ^jwe, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is ^kgiven to us, whether prophecy, *let us ^lprophecy* according to the proportion of faith;

7 or ministry, *let us use it in our ministering*; or ^mhe who teaches, in teaching;

8 or ⁿhe who exhorts, in exhortation; ^ohe who gives, *let him do it* with liberality; ^phe who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, ^qwith cheerfulness.

Loving Relationships

9 ¶ ^rLet love be without hypocrisy. ^sAbhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

10 ^tBe kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, ^uin honor preferring one another;

11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord,

12 ^vrejoicing in hope, ^wpersevering in tribulation, ^xcontinuing steadfastly in prayer,

13 ^ycontributing to the needs of the

h Ep 2:2 i Gl 3:22 j Is 40:13; Jr 23:18 k Jb 36:22 l Jb 41:11 m Hb 2:10 n Hb 13:21 **Chapter 12:** a 2 Co 10:1-4 b Hb 10:18,20 c 1 Jn 2:15 d Ep 4:23 e 1 Th 4:3 f Gl 2:9 g Pv 25:27 h Ep 4:7 i 1 Co 12:12-14 j 1 Co 10:17 k Jn 3:27 l At 11:27 m Ep 4:11 n At 15:32 o Mt 6:1-3 p At 20:28 q 2 Co 9:7 r 1 Tm 1:5 s Ps 34:14 t Hb 13:1 u Ph 2:3 v Lk 10:20 w Lk 21:19 x Lk 18:1 y 1 Co 16:1

saints, ^zgiven to hospitality.

14 ^aBless those who persecute you. Bless and do not curse.

15 ^bRejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

16 ^cBe of the same mind toward one another. ^dDo not set *your* mind on high things, but associate with men of humble position. Be not wise in your own opinion.

17 ¶ ^eRepay to no one evil for evil. ^fProvide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it is possible, as much as lies within your *power*, ^glive peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, ^hdo not take revenge, but give place to *God's* wrath, for it is written, ⁱ"*Vengeance is mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord.

20 Therefore, ^j"*If your enemy hungers, feed him. If he thirsts, give him drink, for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.*"

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but ^kovercome evil with good.

Chapter 13

Submission to Government

1 ¶ Let every soul be ^asubject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God. The authorities that exist are ordained by God.

2 Therefore, whoever resists ^bauthority, resists the ordinance of God. And those who resist will receive judgment on themselves.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Do you want

to be unafraid of authority? ^cDo what is good and you will have praise of the same,

4 for he is the minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain because he is the minister of God, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who does evil.

5 Therefore, it is necessary ^dto be subject, not only because of wrath, ^ebut also for conscience sake.

6 For because of this you also pay tribute, for they are ministers of God, attending continually to this very thing.

7 ^fRender to all their dues, tax to whom tax *is due*, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

The Day is Near

8 ¶ Owe no man anything, except to love one another, for ^ghe who loves another has fulfilled *the law*.

9 For this, ^h"*You will not commit adultery,*" "*You will not kill,*" "*You will not steal,*" "*You will not covet,*" and if *there is* any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, namely, ⁱ"*You will love your neighbor as yourself.*"

10 Love works no harm toward his neighbor, therefore, ^jlove *is* the fulfillment of law.

11 ¶ Knowing that *it is* already time ^kto awaken out of sleep because now our salvation *is* nearer than when we believed.

z 1 Tm 3:2 a Mt 5:44 b 1 Co 12:26 c Ph 2:2; 4:2 d Jr 45:5 e Mt 5:39 f 2 Co 8:21 g Hb 12:14 h Lv 19:18 i Dt 32:35 j Pv 25:21,22 k Rm 12:1,2 **Chapter 13:** a 1 Pt 2:13 b Ti 3:1 c 1 Pt 2:14 d Ec 8:2 e 1 Pt 2:13,19 f Mt 22:21 g Gl 5:13,14 h Ex 20:13-17; Dt 5:17-21 i Lv 19:18 j Mt 7:12; 22:39,40 k 1 Co 15:34

12 The night is almost over. The day is at hand. Therefore, ^llet us cast off the works of darkness and ^mlet us put on the armor of light.

13 ⁿLet us walk honestly as in the day, ^onot in revellings and drunkenness, ^pnot in sexual promiscuity and lewdness, ^qnot in strife and jealousy.

14 But ^rput on the Lord Jesus Christ and ^smake no provision for the flesh to *fulfill its* lusts.

Chapter 14

Weak and Strong Disciples

1 ¶ ^aReceive him who is weak in the faith, *but* not to judgments of *disputable* thoughts.

2 For one believes that he ^bmay eat all things. Another who is weak, eats herbs.

3 Do not let him who eats despise him who does not eat. And ^bdo not let him who does not eat judge him who eats, for God has received him.

4 ^dWho are you to judge another man's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

5 ¶ ^cOne man regards one day above another. Another regards every day *alike*. Let every man be fully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who ^fobserves the day, observes *it* to the Lord. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks. And he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and ^ggives God

thanks.

7 For ^hnone of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself.

8 For whether we ⁱlive, we live to the Lord. And whether we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For ^jto this end Christ died and lived *again*, so that He might be ^kLord both of the dead and of the living.

10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt to your brother? For ^lwe will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

11 For it is written, ^m“*As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to Me and every tongue will confess to God.*”

12 ¶ So then ⁿeach one of us will give account of himself to God.

13 Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore. But judge this rather, that ^ono man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

14 ¶ I know and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus ^pthat *there is* nothing unclean of itself. But to him who regards anything to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

15 But if your brother is grieved with *your* meat, you are no longer walking according to love. ^qDo not destroy him with your meat for whom Christ died.

16 ^rTherefore, do not let your good be spoken of *as* evil,

l Ep 5:11 m Ep 6:11,13 n Ph 4:8 o Pv 23:20 p 1 Co 6:9 q Js 3:14 r Gl 3:27 s Gl 5:16 **Chapter 14:** a 1 Co 8:9; 9:22 b Ti 1:15 c Cl 2:16 d Js 4:11,12 e Gl 4:10 f Gl 4:10 g 1 Tm 4:3 h Gl 2:20 i 2 Co 5:14,15 j 2 Co 5:15 k At 10:36 l 2 Co 5:10 m Is 45:23; Ph 2:9-11 n 1 Pt 4:5 o 1 Co 8:9 p 1 Co 10:25 q 1 Co 8:11 r Rm 12:17

17 ^sfor the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and ^ppeace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who in this thing serves Christ ^uis acceptable to God and approved by men.

19 ¶ ^vTherefore, let us follow after the things that make for peace and things by which ^wone may edify another.

20 ^xFor the sake of eating meat, do not destroy the work of God. ^yAll things indeed *are* pure, ^zbut *it is* evil for the man who eats with offense.

21 *It is* good neither to eat ^ameat, nor to drink wine, nor *do anything* by which your brother stumbles.

22 The faith that you have, have *it* to yourself before God. ^bHappy *is* he who does not condemn himself in that thing which he approves.

23 And he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does not eat* from faith, for ^cwhatever *is* not from faith is sin.

Chapter 15

Ministry of the Strong

1 ¶ We ^athen who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak and not to please ourselves.

2 ^bLet every one of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, to *his* edification.

3 ^cFor even Christ did not please Himself, but as it is written, ^d“*The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.*”

4 For ^ewhatever things were written before were written for our learning, so that we through patience and encouragement of the Scriptures might have hope.

5 ^fNow the God of patience and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind toward one another according to Christ Jesus,

6 so that you may ^gwith one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 ¶ Therefore, ^haccept one another ⁱas Christ also accepted you to the glory of God.

8 Now I say that ^jJesus Christ was a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God ^kto confirm the promises *made* to the fathers,

9 and ^lthat the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written, ^m“*For this cause I will confess to You among the Gentiles and sing to Your name.*”

10 And again he says, ⁿ“*Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people.*”

11 And again, ^o“*Praise the Lord all you Gentiles and laud Him all you people.*”

12 And again, Isaiah says, ^p“*There will be a root of Jesse and He who will arise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him will the Gentiles trust.*”

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

s 1 Co 8:8 t Rm 8:6 u 2 Co 8:21 v Rm 12:18 w 1 Co 14:12 x Rm 14:15 y At 10:15 z 1 Co 8:9-12 a 1 Co 8:13 b 1 Jn 3:21 c Ti 1:15 Chapter 15: a Gl 6:1,2 b 1 Co 9:22; 10:24,33 c Mt 26:39 d Ps 69:9 e 1 Co 10:11 f 1 Co 1:10 g At 4:24 h Rm 14:1-3 i Rm 5:2 j Mt 15:24 k 2 Co 1:20 l Jn 10:16 m 2 Sm 22:50; Ps 18:49 n Dt 32:43 o Ps 117:1 p Is 11:1,10 q Rm 12:12; 14:17

Paul's Ministry

14 ¶ Now concerning you, my brethren, [†]I myself am convinced that you are also full of goodness, [‡]filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, concerning some points I have written more boldly to you in order to remind you, [§]because of the grace that was given to me from God,

16 that [¶]I should be the minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, so that the [¶]offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 Therefore, I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus [¶]in those things that pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things [¶]that Christ has not worked through me, [¶]to make the Gentiles obedient by word and deed,

19 [¶]through powerful signs and wonders by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 And so I have made it my goal to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, [¶]lest I should build on another man's foundation,

21 but as it is written, [¶]*"To whom He was not announced, they will see, and they who have not heard will understand."*

Paul's Travel Plans

22 ¶ For this reason [¶]I have been greatly hindered from coming to you.

23 But now, having no more place [¶]to work in these regions, and [¶]having a great desire these many years to come to you,

24 whenever I make my journey into Spain, I hope to see you in my journey and [¶]to be supported on my way there by you, if first I may [¶]enjoy your company.

25 But now [¶]I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.

26 For [¶]it pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints who are in Jerusalem.

27 It pleased them [¶]to do so, and they are debtors [¶]to them. For [¶]if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, [¶]their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

28 Therefore, when I have accomplished this, and have sealed to them [¶]this fruit, I will go by you [¶]on my way to Spain.

29 [¶]I am sure that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

30 ¶ Now I urge you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ and [¶]through the love of the Spirit, [¶]that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me,

31 [¶]that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and [¶]that [¶]my service to Jerusalem

r 2 Pt 1:12 s 1 Co 1:5; 8:1,7,10 t Rm 1:5; 12:3 u Rm 11:13 v Is 66:20 w Hb 2:17; 5:1 x At 15:12; 21:19 y Rm 1:5 z At 19:11 a 2 Co 10:13,15,16 b Is 52:15 c Rm 1:13 d At 19:21; 23:11 e At 15:3 f Rm 1:12 g At 19:21 h 1 Co 16:1 i Rm 11:17 j 1 Co 9:11 k Ph 4:17 l Rm 1:11 m Ph 2:1 n 2 Co 1:11 o 2 Tm 3:11; 4:17 p 2 Co 8:4

may be acceptable to the saints,
32 ^aso that I may come to you with joy ^bby the will of God and may ^cbe refreshed with you.

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

Chapter 16

Final Greetings

1 ¶ I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church that is at ^aCenchrea,

2 ^bthat you receive her in the Lord ^cin a manner worthy of the saints and that you assist her in whatever business she may have need of you, for she has been a helper of many and also of myself.

3 ¶ Greet ^dPriscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus

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

5 Greet ^ethe church *that meets* in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus who is ^fthe firstfruits of Asia to Christ.

6 Greet Mary, who labored much for us.

7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners who are notable among the ^gapostles, who also ^hwere in Christ before me.

8 ¶ Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.

9 Greet Urbanus, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

10 Greet Apelles, the approved in

Christ. Greet those who are of Aristobulus' *household*.

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

12 ¶ Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa who labor in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis who labored much in the Lord.

13 Greet Rufus, ⁱchosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

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

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

16 ^jGreet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

17 ¶ Now I urge you, brethren, mark those ^kwho cause divisions and offenses contrary to the teaching you have learned, and ^lturn away from them.

18 For they who are such serve not our Lord Christ but ^mtheir own belly, and ⁿby appealing words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the innocent.

19 For ^oyour obedience is known to all *men*. I rejoice therefore on your behalf, but I want you to be ^pwise to what is good and innocent to what is evil.

20 And ^qthe God of peace ^rwill crush Satan under your feet shortly. ^sThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

21 ¶ Timothy, my fellow worker, and

q Rm 1:10 r At 18:21 s 1 Co 16:18 t 1 Co 14:33 Chapter 16: a At 18:18 b Ph 2:29 c Ph 1:27 d At 18:2,18,26 e 1 Co 16:19 f 1 Co 16:15 g At 1:13,26 h Gl 1:22 i 2 Jn 1 j 1 Co 16:20 k At 15:1 l 1 Co 5:9 m Ph 3:19 n Cl 2:4 o Rm 1:8 p Mt 10:6 q Rm 15:33 r Gn 3:15 s 1 Co 16:23 t At 16:1

^uLucius and ^vJason and ^wSosipater, my kinsmen, greet you.

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

23 ¶ ^xGaius my host, and *host* of the whole church, greets you. ^yErastus, the city treasurer, greets you, and Quartus a brother.

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

25 ¶ Now ^ato Him who is able to establish you ^baccording to my gospel

and the preaching of Jesus Christ, ^caccording to the revelation of the mystery that was ^dkept secret since ages past,

26 but ^enow is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all nations for the ^fobedience of faith,

27 to the only wise ^gGod *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

u At 13:1 v At 17:5 w At 20:4 x 1 Co 1:14 y At 19:22 z 1 Th 5:28 a Ep 3:20 b Rm 2:16 c Ep 1:9 d Cl 1:26; 2:2; 4:3 e Ep 1:9 f Rm 1:5 g Jd 25