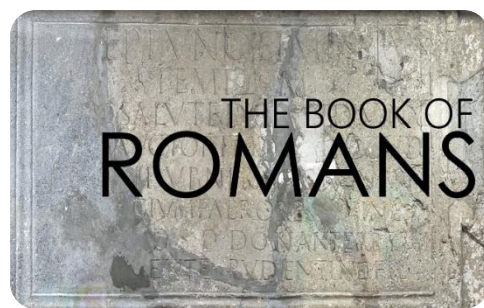


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In chapter 4, **What will we say then?** Paul emphasized 3 words: **dikaioo**, **doing right**; and **logizomai**... how it is **personally credited**; as we consider Abraham, father of faith... he was pleased to sing that old Spiritual... every day of his life: **Amen! Amen! Amen! ... Amen, Amen!** : and yes, the 3rd word is what Abraham did: **pistis**.



In this chapter, we learn a little about law; but more about sin and its disastrous reaction: death and dying; we learn nothing about belief; but a lot about God's gifts of grace and of righteousness... of hope and life eternal starting now.

¹ So, being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ / judicially deemed right by God... by walking in faith, reconsidering and refreshing our mind with God's lively promises; while patiently securing the good for others:

² by whom we also enter into this favor by faith in which we stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God / evidence of God at work -- charis 6 times in this chapter; they knew the scripture: strength and honor are her clothing, she opens her mouth with wisdom: and in her tongue, is the law of kindness; Dr. Dallas Willard pointed out: kindness was not in her bible; it was not in her mind; kindness was right where it should be; By faith in Christ Jesus, we stand and do not stumble; by taking God at His word; and keep walking in it; the just live by faithing: **The glory of God = Jesus**. Doing that makes God our Father VERY pleased! And probably all the citizens of eternity, too. Paul starts where we are, but wants us tethered to eternity, since **the Glory of God will one day come again**.

³ And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing tribulation works enduring patience; / we boast and brag... in **thilipsis**, any pressure; crushing, or squeezing, it's part of life; It is good to thank God when pressure is over; it is better to thank Him in the pressure. The Lord says, Call on me, and I will answer. I with you in the trouble -- **Psalm 91**;

⁴ and endurance, experience / dokime, to assay, the process to examine and determine features... is it pure gold... or is it fool's gold? Paul talks about what Peter talked about: **faith tried in the fire**;

and experience full of faith works hope / tethered to eternity; tried in the fire, personally credited doing right; since **Jesus** who completed the race of faith and sat down; **He is our righteousness**:

⁵ And hope does not make ashamed; because the love of God fills our hearts, by the Holy Spirit who is given to us / Jesus said He would send another Helper, just like Him. Well, He came and has been patiently waiting. If you are not sure He is present, ask yourself: Do you want Him present? If your answer is yes: start acting as if He is present. God our Father speaks through His Son and His Spirit always in truth.

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6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly / when we were weak and helpless; from the previous chapter we learn about this English word: **ungodly** = **asebes** = no sense **vs** **godly** = **eusebes** = good sense.

many years ago, when Dr. Gene Scott was teaching on this verse... he naturally paused... and from the platform looked left and right... he wanted to see every face of everyone from the front row... to the back; and sizing up the situation... **he asked, Did you hear that?**

For when WE were yet without strength, in due time / at the decisive moment determined by God;

Christ died... for the ungodly / again, Dr. Scott asked: **did you hear that? Christ died for the ones who had no sense... for those not god like!** So, whatever this word means, they definitely are not like God... and He died for them.

Christ died for the ungodly / and Dr. Scott asked: **now, WHY... did He do that?** And continuing to pace back and forth focusing on everyone seated in the congregation; finally... he shouted:

BECAUSE THERE WERE NO GODLY!

Christ died for the ungodly / for those with **no-sense**; the senseless ones; so He died for folks like me, and probably like you, too; which is why He came; **to die**... this is the only common activity of 100% of humanity; the only difference was, Christ chose to die; He did not have to die. At any time, He could have said, Adios! I'm out of here: all of you can go to hell... but He didn't. He came to do his Father's will, to pay the price we could not pay. The night He was betrayed, He said: Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for a friend. He was willing to be treated by God the way we all should be treated; that God can treat us, the way His Son should have been treated.

Christ died for the senseless ones.

7 For scarcely for the righteous will one die: yet perhaps for a good friend some would even **die**.

8 But God recommends His love, that when we were sinners Christ died for us. / He is a loving Father - always was and will be the God of love... looking to benefit others; He recommends His love worthy of trust. He's not a pushover; He's not populating heaven with earth's trailer trash; He is populating His home... replacing all who rebelled... with those who will trust Him... and take Him at His word / even when we stepped over the lines; endlessly missing the mark... well, that's me! I'm glad He died for me; I would not have died for myself. Thankfully, I know every day I need the Savior of my soul,

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⁹ Much more then, being **now** justified / all the more being **made right** by **His blood**, **WE will be saved from wrath through Him** / the people of God are not appointed to wrath, but to salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord... which is why we eagerly look for His appearing on the Day of Trumpets, the great day. the next specific appointment Moses tells us on the Lord's calendar.

¹⁰ **For if, when we were enemies** / deviant brats and thugs, hateful murderers, and we were,



we were **reconciled** – **brought together** to God by the **death** of His Son,



much more... being **reconciled** – **brought together**, we will be saved **by His life**.

¹¹ **And not only so, but we also joy in God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have **now** received the **exchange** / God needs no reconciliation; He does not change. We are the recipients of the exchange... the life of His Son substituting for us.



¹² **Why was this said? as by one man sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed to all mankind for all have sinned** / this verse is like one massive train wreck, Paul has written so much detail about the Good News of Jesus Christ... that finally after chapters, he gets to the bad news of fallen mankind... continuing today... leading to the inevitable: **death**:

¹³ **For until the law, sin was in the world: but sin is not credited when there is no law.**

¹⁴ **Even so death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned like Adam's transgression; who is the figure of He who was to come** / the second Adam; it is interesting, if Adam isn't an historical person as some say; then Paul is the fool who suffered physical and spiritual abuse. He could have inserted any fool's name, but Paul knew a few things; and what he knew...is different than what you and I know. Paul freely gave his life for what he knew – how about you?

Paul knew...

¹⁵ **but not like the offence, but as the free gift / charisma**, grace gift; and Paul explains this contest of spiritual life in the natural world... that we all experience – Henry Drummond wrote about it, too.

Here are the rules to look for, like a Chess game:



[Paul first explains **man's move**] **For if through the offence of one many are dead,**



[Paul next explains **God's move**] **much more the grace** of God,

and the gift by grace, which is by one, Jesus Christ and has grown into many / the gift of the Messiah who took on flesh, became like man and what He did has proliferated to the many,

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¹⁶ **Not** like what came by one Adam who **sinned**; that “present” like a rotten egg indeed for the verdict rendered was by one resulted in ultimate condemnation **but the free gift** for many offences by many offenders, resulted in judicially **doing right**.

Here are the incentives: including a consolation prize:

Now we know the rules; and the incentives; so, let the contest begin:



[man's move] ¹⁷ For if by the offence of one, **death** reigned / because of one;

[God's move] much more... those who receive abundant **grace** and of **the gift of doing right by one, Jesus Christ** will reign / what royalty does... **in life** ...this life, starting here and now.



[man's stumble] ¹⁸ So, as by the offence of one verdict, ultimate condemnation came upon all mankind;



[God's move] even so by the right doing of One, the **free gift** came upon all mankind to justify their life.



[man's stumble] ¹⁹ For as by disobedience of one man, many were made **sinners**,



[God's move] so by the obedience of One, many are made right / Isaiah said: He bore the sin of many.

²⁰ Also the law entered, that the offence might increase.



[man's stumble] But where **sin** increased,



[God's move] **grace** exceedingly abounds and overflows:



[man's stumble] ²¹ that as **sin** has reigned unto **death** / like royalty...



[God's move] even so **grace** reigns unto eternal **life** / like royalty... **through the doing right of Jesus Christ our Lord**.

In other words: because of Christ Jesus our Lord... LIFE... starts here and now, if we trust Him!

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The book of Romans was written to the early church in Rome: keep in mind the people met in homes where they were taught. Paul-- Inspired by the Spirit wrote this book, so it is just what the Lord knew those in Rome needed to know. In its Chapters we learn no hocus pocus is needed to ascend to heaven, or descend to the pit to bring up Christ. The word is near us, even in our mouth; **if you confess Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved.**

Paul, like the disciple John -- say nothing about the bread and wine; as if it is not a high priority. To the romans, Paul says nothing about communion; he mentioned neither transubstantiation, or consubstantiation. He did not refer to prayer beads, nor make a remark about wearing special robes, collars, mitres or skullcaps. He said nothing about lighting candles. No mention of Mary. No reference of some mother of God. Definitely No queen of heaven -- **Prophet Jeremiah in chapters 44** took care of that demonic worship 500 years earlier. Paul had no papal bull crap to be concerned with: though he does thank God through Jesus Christ for all the faithful ones during that time in Rome.

So what happened? Did some mutton head, not led by the Spirit, not called up to the 3rd heaven, infiltrate the people of God with their evil that Paul never thought to tell Rome? **YES.** Many wolves in sheep's clothing came after Paul; disrupters inserting confusion: Let them be accursed; let them be as vessels worthy of the wrath of God, who sacrifice offerings to demons. **Come out of her My people.**

If you attend an assembly prone to go beyond what Paul and the Twelve first told us, then **come out of her my people.** Follow Jesus! Don't get in front of His agenda. Remember 3 days still are on the Lord's calendar. **3 Days are still on His Calendar**

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The Spirit and the Bride Say Come

Where Your Heart Is

I Can Only Imagine |

His Sheep Hear His Voice And Follow Him |

We Came From Where?

In Christ Alone |

You Can Depend On Jesus |

Every Praise