

## Romans

Paul had a great desire to preach the Gospel of Christ to the whole Gentile world. He had not been able to go to Rome, the center of the Roman Empire.

From travelers from Rome, he knew there were faithful brothers still in Rome following the emperor Claudius' edict that all Jews leave Rome. This is why Christian Jews Priscilla and Aquila were in Corinth when Paul was there.

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### **Declared To Be The Son Of God**

**Setting:** Paul had a great desire to go to Rome to impart some spiritual gifts to strengthen their faith. Priscilla and Aquila had come to Corinth from Rome and were tentmakers as was Paul. It would be several years before Paul would go to Rome and then as a Prisoner for Christ.

**Text:** Romans 1 - 2:16

**Key Point:** Christ calls all, Jew and Gentile, Men and women, to obedience based upon faith in the Gospel Message which is the power of God unto Salvation.

### **Our Gift or Something We Earned?**

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**Text:** Romans 2:17 - 4

**Key Point:** No one will be declared righteous by performing righteous acts because righteousness comes through faith in Christ while other acts are based upon one's performance, keeping rules and regulations.

### **Our Death, Burial and Resurrection**

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**Text:** Romans 5-7:6

**Key Point:** All who are baptized into Christ's death are buried, since they died to sin, and are raised a new spiritual being to live a righteous life.

**Word Study:**

5:16 Justification – "a sentence of acquittal," by which God acquits men of their guilt, on the conditions (1) of His grace in Christ, through His expiatory (having power to atone) sacrifice, (2) the acceptance of Christ by faith. (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, Copyright (c)1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

**Our Struggle With Sin**

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**Text:** Romans 7:7 - 8

**Key Point:** Even though we try to live a holy and righteous life, our fleshly desires are present tempting us to yield.

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**God's Love or Wrath - Our Choice**

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**Text:** Romans 9-11

**Key Point:** God extends his loving invitation call, to everyone. It is one's choice to accept his invitation or regret it. It is one's attitude that opens or closes the door.

**Living Sacrifice**

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**Text:** Romans 12 - 13:7

**Key Point:** Like Jesus, we sacrifice ourselves, our human desires, and function as a united body to do the will of Christ who loves us.

**Live in Love and Unity**

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**Text:** Romans 13:8 - 16

**Key Point:** We must be careful not to cause someone to sin by our understanding and liberty while bearing one another's burdens and maintaining a spirit of unity among all sons of God.

## Appendix 1

### **Deny the Holy Spirit**

Whenever a person allows the Gospel to produce obedient faith, they will do whatever Christ requires for them to become His new spiritual creation without sin. They will acknowledge Jesus as God (Lord), change from a sinful life (repent or die to sin), be buried (*baptistheís* from *baptizo* in Greek but transliterated as baptized in English meaning immersed or totally submerged) in water, receive the Holy Spirit and resurrected and added to Christ's Body by God to live a righteous or holy life. The Holy Spirit intercedes with God on one's behalf whenever he sins while the Blood of Christ continually cleanses him. Thus, anyone in Christ, the Body, the church, a Christian, who denies the existence of the Holy Spirit, blasphemes the Holy Spirit leaving no avenue open for him to seek forgiveness.

Acts 19:1-5 shows this is not so for non-Christians for twelve disciples had heard only of the baptism of John and were not even aware of the existence of the Holy Spirit. After more teaching they were baptized into Christ. Therefore, they had an avenue open to forgiveness.

Paul stated in Romans 8:26-9 the Spirit makes intercessions for Christians according to the will of God. Verse 37-9 clearly shows that nothing outside ourselves can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. Furthermore, 1 John 1:7 states without mentioning the Holy Spirit "But if we walk in the Light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all unrighteousness." Therefore, an avenue is always open for anyone who is willing to forsake self, put Christ first trusting in His power by acknowledging sin, changing from evil and corrupt way of life and pleading to God through prayer for the Christian and baptism for the non-Christian.

However, if denying the existence of the Holy Spirit is sinful, perhaps even blasphemy, and one refuses to repent, his condition may be best described as sin unto death as mentioned in 1 John 5:16. Christians are to desire whatever is best for fellow Christians, therefore we must help those who have denied the existence of the Holy Spirit to come to a clearer understanding while praying for them to have an open mind and heart desiring to know God's will so their denial will not lead to a sin unto death.