

23 ^aCts 8:3524 ^aCts 14:4

26 ^aLit., with a hearing
²Lit., and ³Lit., seeing you
 will see
^aIs. 6:9 ^bActs 28:26, 27; Matt.
 13:14f.

27 ^aIs. 6:10

28 ^aActs 13:26; Ps. 98:3;
 Luke 2:30 ^bActs 13:46; 9:15

29 ¹Some mss. add vs. 29,
 And when he had spoken
 these words, the Jews
 departed, having a great
 dispute among themselves.

30 ¹Or, at his own expense

31 ¹Or, proclaiming
^aMatt. 4:23; Acts 20:25;
 28:23 ^b2 Tim. 2:9

recognising ²Or, were
 observing ³Or, were
 receiving ⁴Or, were
 read. Bring the ⁵Or, were
 where
 "Acts 28:1

1 ¹Lit., a called apostle
^a1 Cor. 1:1; 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:1
^bActs 9:15; 13:2; Gal. 1:15
^cMark 1:14; Rom. 15:16;
 2 Cor. 11:7; 1 Thess. 2:2, 8, 9;
 1 Pet. 4:17; 2 Cor. 2:12

²Titus 1:2; ^bLuke 1:70;
 Rom. 3:21; 16:26

³Matt. 1:1 ^bRom. 4:1;
 9:3, 5; 1 Cor. 10:18; John
 1:14

⁴Or, in an act of power
²Or, as a result of ³Or, spirit
^aMatt. 4:3

5 ¹Lit., for obedience
^aActs 1:25; Gal. 1:16 ^bRom.
 16:26; Acts 6:7 ^cActs 9:15

⁶Jude 1; Rev. 17:14

7 I.e., true believers; lit.,
 holy ones
^a1 Thess. 1:4; Rom. 5:5ff.;
 8:39 ^b1 Cor. 1:2, 24; Rom.
 8:28ff.; Acts 9:13 ^c1 Cor. 1:3;
 2 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2;
 Phil. 1:2; Col. 1:2; 1 Thess.
 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:2; 1 Tim. 1:2;
 2 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4;
 Philem. 3; 2 John 3; 2 Pet.
 1:2; Num. 6:25f.

8 ^aCor. 1:4; Eph. 1:15f.;
 Phil. 1:3f.; Col. 1:3f.;
 1 Thess. 1:2; 2:13; 2 Thess.
 1:3; 2:13; 2 Tim. 1:3; Philem.
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to persuade them concerning Jesus, ^cfrom both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

24 And ^asome were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe.

25 And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers,

26 saying,

[']GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY,

[']YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, ²BUT WILL NOT
 UNDERSTAND;

AND ³YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT
 PERCEIVE;

²⁷ ^aFOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL,

AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR,

AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES;

LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES,

AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,

AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND TURN
 AGAIN,

AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM."

28 "Let it be known to you therefore, that ^athis salvation of God has been sent ^bto the Gentiles; they will also listen."

29 (See marginal note.¹)

30 And he stayed two full years ¹in his own rented quarters, and was welcoming all who came to him,

31 ¹^apreaching the kingdom of God, and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ ^bwith all openness, unhindered.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Salutation. Personal Explanations. The Gospel.

PAUL, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, ¹called as an apostle, ^bset apart for ^cthe gospel of God,

2 which He ^apromised beforehand through His ^bprophets in the holy Scriptures,

3 concerning His Son, who was born ^aof the seed of David ^baccording to the flesh,

4 who was declared ¹with power to be ^athe Son of God ^bby the resurrection from the dead, according to the ³Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

5 through whom we have received grace and ^aapostleship ^bto bring about the ^cobedience of faith among ^dall the Gentiles, for His name's sake,

6 among whom you also are the ^acalled of Jesus Christ;

7 to all who are ^abeloved of God in Rome, called as ^bsaints: ^cGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, ^aI thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all,

The Gospel. Ungodliness and Depravity.

Romans 1

because ^byour faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

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

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

11 For ^aI long to see you in order 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 And ^aI do not want you to be unaware, ^bbrethren, that often I ^chave planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order that I might obtain some ^dfruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

14 ^aI am ¹under obligation both to Greeks and to ^bbarbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

15 Thus, ^afor my part, I am eager to ^bpreach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

16 For I am not ^aashamed of the gospel, for ^bit is the power of God for salvation to every one who believes, to the ^cJew first and also to ^dthe Greek.

17 For in it ^athe righteousness of God is revealed ¹from faith to faith; as it is written, "²bBUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

18 For ^athe wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who ^bsuppress the truth ¹in unrighteousness,

19 because ^athat which is known about God is evident ¹within them; for God made it evident to them.

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

21 For even though they knew God, they did not ¹honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became ^afutile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 ^aProfessing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and ^aexchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and ¹crawling creatures.

24 Therefore ^aGod gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be ^bdishonored among them.

25 For they exchanged the truth of God for ¹a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, ^bwho is blessed ²forever. Amen.

26 For this reason ^aGod gave them over to ^bdegrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is ¹unnatural,

27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire towards one another, ^amen with men committing ¹indecent acts and receiving in ²their own persons the due penalty of their error.

8 ^bRom. 16:19; Acts 28:22

9 ^aRom. 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:23;

11:1; Phil. 1:21; 1 Thess. 2:5,

10 ^bActs 24:14; 2 Tim. 1:3

^cEph. 1:16; Phil. 1:3f.;

1 Thess. 1:2f.; 2 Tim. 1:3;

Philem. 4

11 ^aRom. 15:32; Acts 18:21

13 ^aRom. 11:25; 1 Cor.

10:1; 12:1; 2 Cor. 1:8;

1 Thess. 4:13 ^bRom. 7:1;

1 Cor. 1:10; 14:20, 26; Gal.

3:15; ^cActs 1:15 ^dJohn

15:22f.; ^eActs 19:21 ^fJohn

4:36; 15:16; Phil. 1:22; Col.

1:6

14 ¹Lit., *debtor*

^a1 Cor. 9:16 ^bActs 28:2

15 ^aRom. 12:18 ^bRom.

15:20

16 ^a2 Tim. 1:8, 12, 16

^b1 Cor. 1:18, 24 ^cActs 3:26;

Rom. 2:9 ^dJohn 7:35

17 ¹Or, by ²Or, "But he who is righteous by faith shall live."

^aRom. 3:21; Phil. 3:9; Rom. 9:30 ^bHab. 2:4; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38

18 ¹Or, by

^aEph. 5:6; Col. 3:6; Rom. 5:9

^b2 Thess. 2:6f. [Gr.]

19 ¹Or, *among*

^aActs 14:17; 17:24ff.

20 ^aMark 10:6 ^bPs. 19:1-6;

Job 12:7-9; Jer. 5:21f.

21 ¹Lit., *glorify*

^aKin. 17:15; Jer. 2:5; Eph.

4:17f.

22 ^aJer. 10:14; 1 Cor. 1:20

23 ¹Or possibly, *reptiles*

^aPs. 106:20; Jer. 2:11; Acts

17:29

24 ^aRom. 1:26, 28; Eph.

4:19 ^bEph. 2:3

25 ¹Lit., *the lie* ²Lit., *unto the ages*

^aIs. 44:20; Jer. 10:14; 13:25;

16:19 ^bRom. 9:5; 2 Cor.

11:31

26 ¹Lit., *against nature*

^aRom. 1:24 ^b1 Thess. 4:5

27 ¹Lit., *the shameless deed*

^aLev. 18:22; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9

28 ¹Lit., to have God in knowledge
2Rom. 1:24

29 ^a2 Cor. 12:20

30 ¹Or, hateful to God
aPs. 5:5 b2 Tim. 3:2

31 ^a2 Tim. 3:3

32 ^aRom. 6:21 bLuke 11:48;
Acts 8:1; 22:20

1 ^aRom. 1:20 bRom. 2:3;
9:20; Luke 12:14 c² Sam.
12:5-7; Matt. 7:1; Rom.
14:22

2 ¹Lit., is according to truth against ...

3 ¹Lit., who pass judgment
aRom. 2:1; 9:20; Luke 12:14

4 ^aRom. 9:23; 11:33;
2 Cor. 8:2; Eph. 1:7, 18; 2:7;
Phil. 4:19; Col. 1:27; 2:2;
Titus 3:6 ^bRom. 11:22
^cRom. 3:25 dRom. 9:22;
1 Tim. 1:16; 1 Pet. 3:20;
2 Pet. 3:15; Ex. 34:6 e²Pet.
3:9

5 ¹Or, in accordance with
aDeut. 32:34f.; Prov. 1:18
bPs. 110:5; Jude 6; 2 Cor.
5:10; 2 Thess. 1:5

6 ^aPs. 62:12; Matt. 16:27

7 ^aLuke 8:15; Heb. 10:36
bRom. 2:10; Heb. 2:7; 1 Pet.
1:7 c¹Cor. 15:42, 50, 53f.;
Eph. 6:24 marg.; 2 Tim. 1:10
marg. dMatt. 25:46

8 ^aPhil. 1:17 marg.; 2 Cor.
12:20; Gal. 5:20; Phil. 2:3;
James 3:14, 16 b²Thess. 2:12

9 ¹Lit., upon
aRom. 8:35 b¹Pet. 4:17; Acts
3:26; Rom. 1:16

10 ^aRom. 2:7; Heb. 2:7;
1 Pet. 1:7 b²Rom. 2:9

11 ^aActs 10:34

12 ¹Or, without law ²Or,
under law ³Or, by law
a¹Cor. 9:21; Acts 2:23

13 ¹Or, of law ²Or,
righteous
aJames 1:22f., 25; Matt. 7:21,
24ff.; John 13:17

14 ¹Or, law ²Lit., by nature
aRom. 2:15; Rom. 1:19; Acts
10:35

15 ^aRom. 2:14, 27

28 And just as they did not see fit ¹to acknowledge God any longer, ^aGod gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

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

30 slanderers, ¹haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, ^bdisobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, untrustworthy, ^aunloving, unmerciful;

32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of ^adeath, they not only do the same, but also ^bgive hearty approval to those who practice them.

CHAPTER 2

THEREFORE you are ^awithout excuse, ^bevery man of you who passes judgment, for in that ^cyou judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

2 And we know that the judgment of God ¹rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

3 And do you suppose this, ^aO man, ¹when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same ^dyourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you think lightly of ^athe riches of His ^bkindness and ^cforbearance and ^dpatience, not knowing that ^ethe kindness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But ¹because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart ^ayou are storing up wrath for yourself ^bin the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 ^awho WILL RENDER TO EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

7 to those who by ^aperseverance in doing good seek for ^bglory and honor and ^cimmortality, ^deternal life;

8 but to those who are ^aselfishly ambitious and ^bdo not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

9 *There will be* ^atribulation and distress ¹for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew ^bfirst and also of the Greek,

10 but ^aglory and honor and peace to every man who does good, to the Jew ^bfirst and also to the Greek.

11 For ^athere is no partiality with God.

12 For all who have sinned ¹without the Law will also perish ¹without the Law; and all who have sinned ²under the Law will be judged ³by the Law;

13 for ^anot the hearers ¹of the Law are ²just before God, but the doers ¹of the Law will be justified.

14 For when Gentiles who do not have ¹the Law do ²instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having ¹the Law, are a law to themselves,

15 in that they show ^athe work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending themselves,

16 on the day when, ^aaccording to my gospel, ^bGod will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

17 But if you bear the name 'Jew,' and ^arely ^bupon the Law, and boast in God,

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

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

20 a ^bcorrector of the foolish, a teacher of ^athe immature, having in the Law ^athe embodiment of knowledge and of the truth;

21 you therefore ^awho teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who ^bpreach that one should 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 ^arob temples?

23 You who ^aboast ^bin the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

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

25 For indeed circumcision is of value, if you ^apractice ^bthe Law; but if you are a transgressor ^aof the Law, ^byour circumcision has become uncircumcision.

26 ^aIf therefore ^bthe ^auncircumcised man ^ckeep the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

27 And will not ^ahe who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not ^bjudge you who ^cthough having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor ^aof the Law?

28 For ^ahe is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;

29 but ^ahe is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the ^bSpirit, not by the letter; ^cand his praise is not from men, but from God.

CHAPTER 3

THEN what ^badvantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

2 Great in every respect. First of all, that ^athey were entrusted with the ^boracles of God.

3 What then? If ^asome ^bdid not believe, their ^cunbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

4 ^aMay it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man ^bbe a liar, as it is written,

"^cTHAT THOU MIGHTEST BE JUSTIFIED IN THY WORDS,
AND MIGHTEST PREVAIL WHEN THOU ^aART JUDGED."

5 But if our unrighteousness ^ademonstrates the righteousness of God, ^bwhat shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (^cI am speaking in human terms.)

6 ^aMay it never be! For otherwise how will ^bGod judge the world?

16 ^aRom. 16:25; ^b2 Tim. 2:8;
^c1 Cor. 15:1; Gal. 1:11;
^d1 Tim. 1:11 ^eActs 10:42;
^f17:31; Rom. 3:6; 14:10

17 ^aOr, ^bupon law
^cRom. 2:23; 9:4; Mic. 3:11;
John 5:45

18 ^aOr, distinguish between
the things which differ
^bPhil. 1:10

20 ^aOr, instructor ^bLit.,
infants
^c2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 3:31

21 ^aOr, proclaim
^bMatt. 23:3ff.

22 ^aActs 19:37

23 ^aOr, ^bin law
^cRom. 2:17; 9:4; Mic. 3:11;
John 5:45

24 ^aIs. 52:5 ^bEzek. 36:20ff.;
^c2 Pet. 2:2

25 ^aOr, ^blaw ^cOr, ^dof law
^eRom. 2:13f.; 27 ^fJer. 4:4;
9:25f.

26 ^aLit., uncircumcision
^b1 Cor. 7:19 ^cEph. 2:11;
Rom. 3:30 ^dRom. 8:4; 2:25,
27

27 ^aLit., through the letter
^bOr, ^cof law
^dEph. 2:11; Rom. 3:30
^eMatt. 12:41

28 ^aRom. 9:6; John 8:39;
Gal. 6:15; Rom. 2:17

29 ^aPhil. 3:3; Col. 2:11
^bRom. 7:6; 2 Cor. 3:6; Rom.
2:27 ^c1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor.
10:18; John 5:44, 12:43

1 ^aLit., is the advantage of
the Jew

2 ^aDeut. 4:8; Ps. 147:19;
Rom. 9:4 ^bActs 7:38

3 ^aOr, were unfaithful
^bOr, unfaithfulness
^cRom. 10:16; Heb. 4:2

4 ^aOr, dost enter into
judgment
^bLuke 20:16; Rom. 3:6, 31
^cRom. 3:7; Ps. 116:11 ^dPs.
51:4

5 ^aOr, commands
^bRom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 6:4; 7:11
[Gr.] Gal. 2:18 [Gr.] ^cBrom.
7:7; 8:31; 9:14, 30; 4:1 ^dRom.
6:19; 1 Cor. 9:8; Gal. 3:15;
1 Cor. 15:32

6 ^aLuke 20:16; Rom. 3:4,
^bRom. 2:16

^aRom. 3:4 ^bRom. 9:19

⁸ ¹Lit., *Whose*
^aRom. 6:1

⁹ Or possibly, *Are we worse*
^aRom. 3:1 ^bRom. 2:1-29
^cRom. 1:18-32 ^dRom. 3:19,
23; 11:32; Gal. 3:22

10 ^aPs. 14:1-3; 53:1-4

13 ^aPs. 5:9; Ps. 140:3

14 ^aPs. 10:7

15 ^aIs. 59:7f.

18 ^aPs. 36:1

19 ¹Lit., *in*
^aJohn 10:34 ^bRom. 2:12
^cRom. 3:9

20 ¹Or, *of law* ²Or, *through law*

^aActs 13:39; Gal. 2:16; Ps.
143:2 ^bRom. 7:7; 4:15; 5:13,
20

21 ¹Or, *from law*
^aRom. 1:17; 9:30 ^bRom. 1:2;
Acts 10:43

22 ^aRom. 1:17; 9:30 ^bRom.
4:5 ^cActs 3:16; Gal. 2:16, 20;
3:22; Eph. 3:12 ^dRom. 4:11,
16; 10:4 ^eRom. 10:12; Gal.
3:28; Col. 3:11

23 ¹Or, *all sinned*
^aRom. 3:9

24 ^aRom. 4:4f. 16; Eph. 2:8
^bEph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; ^cHeb.
9:15; ^d1 Cor. 1:30

25 ¹Or, *a propitiatory sacrifice* ²Or, ³Lit.,
because of the passing over of the sins previously committed in the forbearance of God
^a1 John 2:2; 4:10 ^b1 Cor. 5:7;
Heb. 9:14, 28; 1 Pet. 1:19;
Rev. 1:5 ^cRom. 2:4 ^dActs
17:30; 14:16

26 ¹Lit., *is of the faith of Jesus*.

27 ^aRom. 2:17, 23; 4:2;
1 Cor. 1:29 ff. ^bRom. 9:31

28 ¹Some ancient mss.
read, *Therefore* ²Or, *of law*
^aRom. 3:20, 21; Acts 13:39;
Eph. 2:9; James 2:20, 24, 26

29 ^aRom. 9:24; 10:12; 15:9;
Gal. 3:28; Acts 10:34f.

30 ¹Lit., *circumcision* ²Lit.,
out of ³Lit., *uncircumcision*
^aRom. 10:12 ^bRom. 4:11f.,
16; Gal. 3:8; Rom. 3:22

31 ¹Or, *law*
^aLuke 20:16; Rom. 3:4
^bRom. 4:3; 8:4; Matt. 5:17

7 But if through my lie ^athe truth of God abounded to His glory, ^bwhy 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), "^aLet us do evil that good may come"? ^bTheir condemnation is just.

9 What then? ^aAre we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both ^bJews and ^cGreeks are ^dall under sin;

10 as it is written,

"^aTHERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

11 ^aTHERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,

^aTHERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

12 ^aALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;

^aTHERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,

^aTHERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

13 "^aTHEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,
WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,"

"^aTHE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS;"

14 "^aWHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS;"

15 "^aTHEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,

16 ^aDESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,

17 ^aAND THE PATH OF PEACE HAVE THEY NOT KNOWN."

18 "^aTHERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

19 Now we know that whatever the ^aLaw says, it speaks to ^bthose who are ¹under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and ^call the world may become accountable to God;

20 because ^aby the works ¹of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for ²through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now apart ¹from the Law ^athe righteousness of God has been manifested, being ^bwitnessed by the Law and the Prophets;

22 even ^athe righteousness of God through ^bfaith ^cin Jesus Christ for ^dall those who believe; for ^ethere is no distinction;

23 for ¹all ^ahave sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 being justified as a gift ^aby His grace through ^bthe redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

25 whom God displayed publicly as ^aa ¹propitiation ²in His blood through faith. *This was to demonstrate His righteousness, ³because in the ^cforbearance of God He ^dpassed over the sins previously committed;*

26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who ¹has faith in Jesus.

27 Where then is *aboasting*? It is excluded. By ^bwhat kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

28 ¹For ^awe maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works ²of the Law.

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

30 if indeed ^aGod is one—and ^bHe will justify the ¹circumcised ²by faith and the ³uncircumcised through faith.

31 Do we then nullify ¹the Law through faith? ^aMay it never be! On the contrary, we ^bestablish the Law.

Abraham and David Exemplify Salvation.

CHAPTER 4

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

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but ^anot ^bbefore God.

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

4 Now to the one who ^aworks, his wage is not reckoned as a favor but as what is due.

5 But to the one who does not work, but ^abelieves in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.

6 Just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

7 "^aBLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN,
AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED."

8 "^aBLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT ^bTAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

9 Is this blessing then upon ^athe circumcised, or upon the ^buncircumcised also? For ^bwe say, "^cFAITH WAS RECKONED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

10 How then was it reckoned? While he was ¹circumcised, or ²uncircumcised? Not while ¹circumcised, but while ²uncircumcised;

11 and he ^areceived the sign of circumcision, ^ba seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, that he might be ^cthe father of ^dall who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them,

12 and 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.

13 For ^athe promise to Abraham or to his ¹descendants ^bthat he would be heir of the world was not ²through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For ^aif those who are ¹of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;

15 for ^athe Law brings about wrath, but ^bwhere there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason *it is* ¹by faith, that *it might be* in accordance with ^agrace, in order that the promise may be certain to ^ball the ²descendants, not only to ³those who are of the Law, but also to ³those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is ^cthe father of us all,

17 (as it is written, "^aA FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, ^bwho gives life to the dead and ^ccalls into being ^dthat which does not exist.

18 In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become ^aa father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, "^bSO SHALL YOUR ¹DESCENDANTS BE."

19 And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now ^aas good as dead since ^bhe was about a hundred years old, and ^cthe deadness of Sarah's womb;

¹ ^aOr, *our forefather, has found according to the flesh*
^aRom. 1:3

² ^aLit., toward
^a1 Cor. 1:31

³ ^aGen. 15:6; Rom. 4:9, 22;
Gal. 3:6; James 2:23

⁴ ^aRom. 11:6

⁵ ^aRom. 3:22; John 6:29

⁷ ^aPs. 32:1

⁸ ^aOr, *reckon*
^aPs. 32:2 ^b2 Cor. 5:19

⁹ ^aLit., *circumcision* ^bLit.,
^auncircumcision
^aRom. 3:30 ^bRom. 4:3 ^cGen.
15:6

¹⁰ ^aLit., *in circumcision*
^a2Lit., *in uncircumcision*

¹¹ ^aGen. 17:10f, ^bJohn 3:33
^cRom. 4:16f; Luke 19:9
^dRom. 3:22; 4:16

¹³ ^aLit., *seed* ^bOr, *through law*
^aRom. 9:8; Gal. 3:16 ^bGen.
17:4-6; 22:17f.

¹⁴ ^aOr, *of law*
^aGal. 3:18

¹⁵ ^aRom. 7:7, 10-25; 1 Cor.
15:56; Gal. 3:10 ^bRom. 3:20

¹⁶ ^aOr, *of* ^bLit., *seed* ^cLit.,
^athat which is
^aRom. 3:24 ^bRom. 4:11; 9:8;
15:8 ^cRom. 4:11; Luke 19:9

¹⁷ ^aLit., *calls the things*
^awhich do not exist as existing
^aGen. 17:5 ^bJohn 5:21 ^cIs.
48:13; 51:2 ^d1 Cor. 1:28

¹⁸ ^aLit., *seed*
^aRom. 4:17 ^bGen. 15:5

¹⁹ ^aHeb. 11:12 ^bGen. 17:17
^aGen. 18:11

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20 ^aMatt. 9:8

21 ^aRom. 14:5 ^bGen. 18:14;
Heb. 11:19

22 ^aRom. 4:3

23 ^aRom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 9:9f;
10:11; 2 Tim. 3:16f.

24 ^aRom. 10:9; 1 Pet. 1:21
^bActs 2:24

25 ^aRom. 5:6, 8; 8:32; Gal.
2:20; Eph. 5:21 Cor. 15:17;
2 Cor. 5:15; Rom. 5:18

1 ^{Some ancient mss.}
read, *let us have*
^aRom. 3:28 ^bRom. 5:11

2 ^{Or, let us exult}
^aEph. 2:18; 3:12; Heb.
10:19f; 1 Pet. 3:18 ^b1 Cor.
15:1

3 ^{Or, let us also exult}
^aRom. 5:11; 8:23; 9:10;
2 Cor. 8:19 ^bMatt. 5:12;
James 1:2f; ^cLuke 21:19

4 ^aLuke 21:19 ^bPhil. 2:22;
James 1:12

5 ^aPs. 119:116; Rom. 9:33;
Heb. 6:18f. ^bActs 2:33; 10:45;
Titus 3:6; Gal. 4:6

6 ^aRom. 5:8, 10 ^bGal. 4:4
^cRom. 4:25; 5:8; 8:32; Gal.
2:20; Eph. 5:2

8 ^aRom. 3:5 ^bRom. 8:39;
John 3:16; 15:13 ^cRom. 4:25;
5:6; 8:32; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2

9 ^{Or, in}
^aRom. 3:25 ^b1 Thess. 1:10;
Rom. 1:18

10 ^{Or, in}
^aRom. 11:28; Eph. 2:3; Col.
1:2f; 2 Cor. 5:18f. ^bRom.
8:34; Heb. 7:25; 1 John 2:1

11 ¹Lit., *but also exulting*
^aRom. 5:3; 8:23; 9:10; 2 Cor.
8:19 ^bRom. 5:10; 11:15;
2 Cor. 5:18f.

12 ^aGen. 2:17; 3:6, 19;
1 Cor. 15:21f; Rom. 5:15,
16, 17 ^bRom. 6:23; 1 Cor.
15:56; James 1:15 ^cRom.
5:14, 19, 21; 1 Cor. 15:22

13 ^{Or, until law}
^aRom. 4:15

14 ^{Or, foreshadowing}
^aHos. 6:7 ^b1 Cor. 15:45

15 ¹Lit., *not as the trespass,
so also is the free gift*
^aRom. 5:12, 18 ^bRom. 5:19;
Rom. 5:18 ^cActs 15:11

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

21 and ^abeing fully assured that ^bwhat He had promised, He was able also to perform.

22 Therefore also ^aIT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

23 Now ^anot for his sake only was it written, that "IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM,"

24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those ^awho believe in Him who ^braised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 ^aHim who was ^bdelivered up because of our transgressions, and was ^braised because of our justification.

CHAPTER 5

THEREFORE having been justified by faith, ^{1b}we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have ^aobtained our introduction by faith into this grace ^bin which we stand; and ¹we exult in hope of the glory of God.

3 ^aAnd not only this, but ¹we also ^bexult in our tribulations; knowing that tribulation brings about ^cperseverance;

4 and ^aperseverance, ^bproven character; and proven character, hope;

5 and hope ^adoes not disappoint; because the love of God has been ^bpoured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For while we were still ^ahelpless, ^bat the right time ^cChrist died for the ungodly.

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 ^ademonstrates ^bHis own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, ^cChrist died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified ^{1a}by His blood, we shall be saved ^bfrom the wrath of God through Him.

10 For if while we were ^aenemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved ^{1b}by His life.

11 ^aAnd not only this, ¹but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received ^bthe reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as through ^aone man sin entered into the world, and ^bdeath through sin, and ^cso death spread to all men, because all sinned—

13 for ¹until the Law sin was in the world; but ^asin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned ^ain the likeness of Adam's offense, who is a ^{1b}type of Him who was to come.

15 But ¹the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of ^athe one ^bthe many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by ^cthe grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to ^bthe many.

16 And the gift is not like *that which came through the*

one who sinned; for on the one hand ^athe judgment *arose* from one *transgression* ¹resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions ²resulting in justification.

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned ^athrough the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will ^breign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

18 So then as through ^aone transgression ¹there resulted condemnation to all men; even so through one ^bact of righteousness ²there resulted ^cjustification of life to all men.

19 For as through the one man's disobedience ^athe many ^bwere made sinners, even so through ^cthe obedience of the One ^athe many will be made righteous.

20 And ¹a the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, ^bgrace abounded all the more,

21 that, as ^asin reigned in death, even so ^bgrace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAPTER 6

WHAT shall we say then? Are we to ^bcontinue in sin that grace might increase?

2 ^aMay it never be! How shall we who ^bdied to sin still live in it?

3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been ^abaptized into ^bChrist Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we have been ^aburied with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was ^braised from the dead through the ^cglory of the Father, so we too might walk in ^dnewness of life.

5 For ^aif we have become ¹united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also ²in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our ^aold ¹self was ^bcrucified with *Him*, that our ^cbody of sin might be ²done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

7 for ^ahe who has died is ¹freed from sin.

8 Now ^aif we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ, having been ^araised from the dead, is never to die again; ^bdeath no longer is master over Him.

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

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

12 Therefore do not let sin ^areign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts,

13 and do not go on ^apresenting ¹the members of your body to sin as ²instruments of unrighteousness; but ^bpresent yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as ²instruments of righteousness to God.

¹⁶ ¹Lit., to condemnation

²Lit., to an act of

righteousness

^a1 Cor. 11:32 [Gr.]

¹⁷ Gen. 2:17; 3:6, 19;

1 Cor. 15:21f.; Rom. 5:12,

15, 16 ^b2 Tim. 2:12; Rev.

22:5

¹⁸ ¹Lit., to condemnation

²Lit., to justification

^aRom. 5:12, 15 ^bRom. 3:25

^cRom. 4:25

¹⁹ ^aRom. 5:15, 18 ^bRom.

5:12; 11:32 ^cPhil. 2:8

²⁰ ¹Or, law

^aCal. 3:19; Rom. 3:20; 7:7f.

^bRom. 6:1; 1 Tim. 1:14

²¹ ^aRom. 5:12, 14 ^bJohn

1:17; Rom. 6:23

¹ ^aRom. 3:5 ^bRom. 6:15;

3:8

² Luke 20:16; Rom. 6:15

^bRom. 6:11; 7:4, 6; Gal. 2:19;

Col. 2:20; 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:24

³ ^aMatt. 28:19 ^bActs 2:38;

8:16; 19:5; Gal. 3:27

⁴ ^aCol. 2:12 ^bActs 2:24;

Rom. 6:9 ^cJohn 11:40; 2 Cor.

13:4 ^dRom. 7:6; 2 Cor. 5:17;

Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:23f.; Col.

3:10

⁵ ¹Or, united with the

likeness ²Or, with

^a2 Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10f.;

Col. 2:12; 3:1

⁶ ¹Lit., man ²Or, made

powerless

^aEph. 4:22; Col. 3:9 ^bGal.

2:20; 5:24; 6:14 ^cRom. 7:24

⁷ ¹Or, acquitted

^a1 Pet. 4:1

⁸ ^a2 Tim. 2:11; 2 Cor.

4:10; Rom. 6:4

⁹ ^aActs 2:24; Rom. 6:4

^bRev. 1:18

¹¹ ^aRom. 6:2; 7:4, 6; Gal.

2:19; Col. 2:20; 3:3; 1 Pet.

2:24

¹² Rom. 6:14

¹³ ¹Lit., your members to

sin ²Or, weapons

^aRom. 7:5; Col. 3:5; Rom.

5:16; 19 ^bRom. 12:1; 2 Cor.

5:14f.; 1 Pet. 2:24

14 ^aRom. 8:2; 12 ^bRom. 6:12 ^cRom. 7:4, 6; Gal. 4:21; Rom. 5:18 ^dRom. 5:17, 21

15 ^aRom. 6:1 ^bLuke 20:16; Rom. 6:2

16 ¹Lit., to death ²Lit., to righteousness
^aRom. 11:2; 1 Cor. 3:16; 5:6; 6:2, 3, 9, 15, 16, 19; 9:13, 24
^bJohn 8:34; 2 Pet. 2:19
^cRom. 6:21, 23

17 ¹Lit., you were slaves . . . but you became
^aRom. 1:8; 2 Cor. 2:14
^b2 Tim. 1:13

18 ^aRom. 8:2; John 8:32; Rom. 6:22

19 ¹Lit., to lawlessness ²Lit., to sanctification
^aRom. 3:5 ^bRom. 6:13

20 ^aRom. 6:16; Matt. 6:24

21 ¹Lit., fruit ²Lit., having
³Lit., in
^aRom. 7:5; Jer. 12:13; Ezek. 16:63 ^bRom. 6:16, 23; 1:32; 8:6, 13; Gal. 6:8; Rom. 5:12

22 ¹Lit., have ²Lit., fruit
³Lit., to sanctification
^aRom. 8:2; John 8:32; Rom. 6:18 ^b1 Cor. 7:22; 1 Pet. 2:16
^cRom. 7:4 ^d1 Pet. 1:9

23 ^aRom. 6:16, 21; 1:32; 8:6, 13; Gal. 6:8; Rom. 5:12
^bRom. 5:21; 8:39; Matt. 25:46

1 ^aRom. 1:13

2 ^a1 Cor. 7:39

4 ^aRom. 7:6; 6:2 ^bGal. 2:19; 5:18; Rom. 8:2 ^cCol. 1:22

5 ¹Lit., our members to bear
^aRom. 8:8f.; 2 Cor. 10:3
^bRom. 7:7f. ^cRom. 6:13, 21, 23

6 ¹Or, spirit
^aRom. 7:2 ^bRom. 6:2 ^cRom. 6:4 ^dRom. 2:29

7 ¹Or, through law ²Or, lust ³Or, LUST
^aRom. 3:5 ^bLuke 20:16
^cRom. 3:20; 4:15; 5:20 ^dEx. 20:17; Deut. 5:21

8 ^aRom. 7:11 ^bRom. 3:20; 7:11

14 For ^asin shall not ^bbe master over you, for ^cyou are not under law, but ^dunder grace.

15 What then? ^aShall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? ^bMay it never be!

16 Do you not ^aknow that when you present yourselves to someone as ^bslaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of ^csin ¹resulting in death, or of obedience ²resulting in righteousness?

17 But ^athanks be to God that ¹though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that ^bform of teaching to which you were committed,

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

19 ^aI am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just ^bas you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, ¹resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, ²resulting in sanctification.

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

21 Therefore what ¹^abenefit were you then ²deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is ^bdeath.

22 But now having been ^afreed from sin and ^benslaved to God, you ¹derive your ²^cbenefit, ³resulting in sanctification, and ^dthe outcome, eternal life.

23 For the wages of ^asin is death, but the free gift of God is ^beternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 7

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

2 For ^athe 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.

3 So 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.

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were ^amade to die ^bto the Law ^cthrough the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.

5 For while we were ^ain the flesh, the sinful passions, which were ^baroused by the Law, were at work ^cin ^dthe members of our body to bear fruit for death.

6 But now we have been ^areleased from the Law, having ^bdied to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in ^cnewness of ^dthe ¹Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

7 ^aWhat shall we say then? Is the Law sin? ^bMay it never be! On the contrary, ^cI would not have come to know sin except ¹through the Law; for I would not have known about ²coveting if the Law had not said, “^dYou SHALL NOT ³COVET.”

8 But sin, ^ataking opportunity ^bthrough the command-

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Romans 7, 8

ment, produced in me ¹coveting of every kind; for apart ²from the Law sin is dead.

9 And I was once alive apart ¹from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died;

10 and this commandment, which was ¹to result in life, proved ²to result in death for me;

11 for sin, ^ataking opportunity ^bthrough the commandment, ^cdeceived me, and through it killed me.

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

13 Therefore did that which is good become *a cause of death* for me? ^aMay 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, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

14 For we know that the Law is ^aspiritual; but I am ^aflesh, ^bsold ^cinto bondage to sin.

15 For that which I am doing, ^aI do not understand; for I am not practicing ^bwhat I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

16 But if I do the very thing I do not wish *to do*, I agree with ^athe Law, *confessing* that it is good.

17 So now, ^ano longer am I the one doing it, but sin which indwells me.

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

19 For ^athe good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish.

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

21 I find then ^athe ¹principle that evil is present in me, the one who wishes to do good.

22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God ¹in ^athe inner man,

23 but I see ^aa different law in ¹the members of my body, waging war against the ^blaw of my mind, and making me a prisoner ²of ^cthe law of sin which is in my members.

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from ^{1a}the body of this ^bdeath?

25 ^aThanks 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 ^bthe law of sin.

CHAPTER 8

THREE is therefore now no ^acondemnation for those who are ^bin ^cChrist Jesus.

2 For ^athe law of the Spirit of life ¹in ^bChrist Jesus ^chas set ²you free from the law of sin and of death.

3 For ^awhat the Law could not do, ^{1b}weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in ^cthe likeness of ²sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

4 in order that the ^arequirement of the Law might be

8 ¹Or, lust ²Or, from law
^a1 Cor. 15:56

9 ¹Or, from law

10 ¹Lit., *to life* ²Lit., *to death*
^aLev. 18:5; Rom. 10:5; Gal. 3:12; Luke 10:28

11 ^aRom. 7:8 ^bRom. 3:20;
7:8 ^cGen. 3:13

12 ^aRom. 7:16; 1 Tim. 1:8

13 ^aLuke 20:16

14 ¹Lit., *under sin*
^a1 Cor. 3:1; ^b1 Kin. 21:20, 25;
2 Kin. 17:17; Rom. 6:6; Gal.
4:3 ^cRom. 3:9

15 ^aJohn 15:15 ^bGal. 5:17;
Rom. 7:19

16 ^aRom. 7:12; 1 Tim. 1:8

17 ^aRom. 7:20

18 ^aRom. 7:25; 8:3; John 3:6

19 ^aRom. 7:15

20 ^aRom. 7:17

21 ¹Lit., *law*
^aRom. 7:23, 25; 8:2

22 ¹Or, *concerning*
^aCor. 4:16; Eph. 3:16;
1 Pet. 3:4

23 ¹Lit., *my members* ²Lit.,
^ain
^bGal. 5:17; James 4:1; 1 Pet.
2:11; Rom. 6:19 ^bRom. 7:25
^cRom. 7:21, 25; 8:2

24 ¹Or, *this body of death*
^aRom. 6:6; Col. 2:11 ^bRom.
8:2

25 ^a1 Cor. 15:57 ^bRom.
7:21, 23; 8:2

1 ^aRom. 8:34; 5:16 ^bRom.
8:9; ^cRom. 8:2, 11, 39; 16:3

2 ¹Or, *has set you free in*
Christ Jesus ²Some ancient
mss. read, *me*
^a1 Cor. 15:45 ^bRom. 8:1, 11,
39; 16:3 ^cRom. 6:14, 18; 7:4;
John 8:32, 36

3 ¹Lit., *wherein it was*
weak ²Lit., *flesh of sin*
^aHeb. 10:1ff.; Acts 13:39
^bHeb. 7:18; Rom. 7:18ff.
^cPhil. 2:7; Heb. 2:14, 17; 4:15

4 ^aLuke 1:6; Rom. 2:26

⁴ bGal. 5:16, 25

⁵ bGal. 5:19-21 bGal. 5:22-

25

⁶ aGal. 6:8 bRom. 6:21;

8:13

⁷ aJames 4:4

⁸ bRom. 7:5

⁹ aRom. 7:5 bRom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16;

2 Tim. 1:14; John 14:23

¹⁰ John 14:17; Gal. 4:6; Phil.

1:19; 1 John 4:13

¹¹ aLit., life

^aGal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17; Col.

1:27; John 17:23

¹² aSome ancient mss.

read, because of

^aActs 2:24; Rom. 6:4 bJohn

5:21 cRom. 8:1, 2, 39; 16:3

¹³ aOr, are about to

^aRom. 8:6 bCol. 3:5

¹⁴ aGal. 5:18 bHos. 1:10;

[Rom. 9:26]; Matt. 5:9; John

1:12; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 3:26;

1 John 3:1; Rev. 21:7; Rom.

8:16, 19; 9:8

¹⁵ aLit., for fear again ²Or,

the Spirit

^a2 Tim. 1:7; Heb. 2:15 bGal.

4:5f; Rom. 8:23 cMark

14:36; Gal. 4:6

¹⁶ aActs 5:32 bHos. 1:10;

[Rom. 9:26]; Matt. 5:9; John

1:12; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 3:26;

1 John 3:1; Rev. 21:7; Rom.

8:14, 19; 9:8

¹⁷ aGal. 4:7; Acts. 20:32;

Gal. 3:29; Eph. 3:6; Titus

3:7; Heb. 1:14; Rev. 21:7

b2 Cor. 1:5; 7; Phil. 3:10;

2 Tim. 2:12; 1 Pet. 4:13; Col.

1:24

¹⁸ a2 Cor. 4:17; 1 Pet. 4:13

bCol. 3:2; Titus 2:13; 1 Pet.

5:1; 1:5

¹⁹ aPhil. 1:20 b1 Cor. 1:7f;

Col. 3:4; 1 Pet. 1:7, 13;

1 John 3:2; Rom. 8:18 cHos.

1:10; [Rom. 9:26]; Matt. 5:9;

John 1:12; 2 Cor. 6:18; Gal.

3:26; 1 John 3:1; Rev. 21:7;

Rom. 8:14, 16; 9:8

²⁰ aSome ancient mss.

read, in hope; because the

creation

^aGen. 3:17-19 bPs. 39:5f;

Ecc. 1:2 cGen. 3:17; 5:29

²¹ aActs. 3:21; 2 Pet. 3:13;

Rev. 21:1

²² aJer. 12:4, 11

²³ aRom. 5:3 b2 Cor. 1:22;

Rom. 8:16 c2 Cor. 5:2, 4

dRom. 8:19, 25; 8:15; Gal.

5:5 eRom. 7:24

²⁴ aSome ancient mss.

read, who hopes for what he

sees?

^aRom. 8:20; 1 Thess. 5:8;

Titus 3:7 b2 Cor. 5:7 [cf.

Rom. 4:18]; Heb. 11:1

²⁵ a1 Thess. 1:3

fulfilled in us, who ^bdo not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on ^athe things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, ^bthe things of the Spirit.

6 ^aFor the mind set on the flesh is ^bdeath, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace;

7 because the mind set on the flesh is ^ahostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the Law of God, for it is not even able to do so;

8 and those who are ^ain the flesh cannot please God.

9 However you are not ^ain the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God ^bdwells in you. But ^cif anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

10 And ^aif Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is ¹alive because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who ^araised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, ^bHe who raised ^cChrist Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies ¹through His Spirit who indwells you.

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

13 for ^aif you are living according to the flesh, you ¹must die; but if by the Spirit you are ^bputting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are ^abeing led by the Spirit of God, these are ^bsons of God.

15 For you ^ahave not received a spirit of slavery ¹leading to fear again, but you ^bhave received ²a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “^cAbba! Father!”

16 The Spirit Himself ^abears witness with our spirit that we are ^bchildren of God,

17 and if children, ^aheirs also, heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ, ^bif indeed we suffer with ^cHim in order that we may also be glorified with ^cHim.

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

19 For the ^aanxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for ^bthe revealing of the ^csons of God.

20 For the creation ^awas subjected to ^bfutility, not of its own will, but ^cbecause of Him who subjected it, ¹in hope

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

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

23 ^aAnd not only this, but also we ourselves, having ^bthe first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves ^cgroan within ourselves, ^dwaiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, ^ethe redemption of our body.

24 For ^ain hope we have been saved, but ^bhope that is seen is not hope; for ¹why does one also hope for what he sees?

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

26 And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness;

**Pledge of Redemption.
Conquer through Him. Sorrow for Israel.**

Romans 8, 9

for ^awe do not know how to pray as we should, but ^bthe Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

27 and ^aHe who searches the hearts knows what ^bthe mind of the Spirit is, because He ^cintercedes for the ¹saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that ¹God causes ^aall things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are ^bcalled according to His purpose.

29 For whom He ^aforeknew, He also ^bpredestined to become ^cconformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the ^dfirst-born among many brethren;

30 and whom He ^apredestined, these He also ^bcalled; and whom He called, these He also ^cjustified; and whom He justified, these He also ^dglorified.

31 ^aWhat then shall we say to these things? ^bIf God is for us, who *is* against us?

32 He who ^adid not spare His own Son, but ^bdelivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

33 Who will bring a charge against ^aGod's elect? ^bGod is the one who justifies;

34 who is the one who ^acondemns? Christ Jesus is He who ^bdied, yes, rather who was ^craised, who is ^dat the right hand of God, who also ^eintercedes for us.

35 Who shall separate us from ^athe love of ¹Christ? Shall ^btribulation, or distress, or ^cpersecution, or ^dfamine, or ^enakedness, or ^fperil, or sword?

36 Just as it is written,

["]FOR THY SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;

WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly ^aconquer through ^bHim who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither ^adeath, nor life, nor ^bangels, nor principalities, nor ^cthings present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from ^athe love of God, which is ^bin Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 9

I AM telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

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

3 For ^aI could ^bwish that I myself were ^caccursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

4 who are ^aIsraelites, to whom belongs ^bthe adoption as sons and ^cthe glory and ^dthe covenants and ^ethe giving of the Law and ^fthe temple service and ^gthe promises,

5 whose are ^athe fathers, and ^bfrom whom is ¹the Christ according to the flesh, ^cwho is over all, ^dGod ^eblessed ^fforever. Amen.

26 ^aMatt. 20:22; 2 Cor. 12:8
^bJohn 14:16; Eph. 6:18;
Rom. 8:15.

27 ^{I.e.,} true believers; lit.,
holys ones
^aPs. 139:1f; Luke 16:15; Rev.
2:23; Acts 1:24 ^bRom. 8:6
^cRom. 8:34

28 ^ISome ancient mss.
read, *all things work
together for good*
^aRom. 8:32 ^bRom. 8:30;
9:24; 1 Cor. 1:9; Gal. 1:6, 15;
5:8; Eph. 1:11; 3:11; 2 Thess.
2:14; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 2:9;
3:9; Rom. 11:29 ^c1 Cor. 15:49;
Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:10; 1 John
3:2 ^dCol. 1:18; Heb. 1:6

29 ^aRom. 11:2; 1 Pet. 1:2,
20; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Cor. 8:3
^b1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11;
Rom. 9:23 ^c1 Cor. 15:49;
Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:10; 1 John
3:2 ^dCol. 1:18; Heb. 1:6

30 ^a1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11;
Rom. 9:23 ^bRom. 8:28; 9:24;
1 Cor. 1:9; Gal. 1:6, 15; 5:8;
Eph. 1:11; 3:11; 2 Thess.
2:14; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 2:9;
3:9; Rom. 11:29 ^c1 Cor. 6:11
^dJohn 17:22; 1 Cor. 2:7;
Rom. 8:21; 9:3

31 ^aRom. 3:5; 4:1 ^bPs.

11:8; Matt. 1:23

32 ^aJohn 3:16; Rom. 5:8

^bRom. 4:25

33 ^aLuke 18:7 ^bIs. 50:8f.

34 ^ISome ancient mss.
read, *raised from the dead*
^aRom. 8:1 ^bRom. 5:6f; ^cActs
2:24 ^dMark 16:19 ^eHeb. 7:25;
Rom. 8:27; Heb. 9:24;
1 John 2:1

35 ^ISome ancient mss.
read, *God*
^aRom. 8:37; ^bRom. 2:9;
2 Cor. 4:8 ^c1 Cor. 4:11;
2 Cor. 11:26f.

36 ^aPs. 44:22; 1 Cor. 4:9;
15:30f.; 2 Cor. 1:9; 4:10f.;
6:9; 11:23; Acts 20:24

37 ^a1 Cor. 15:57; John
16:33 ^bGal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2;
Rev. 1:5

38 ^a1 Cor. 3:22 ^b1 Cor.
15:24; Eph. 1:21; 1 Pet. 3:22
^c1 Cor. 3:22

39 ^aRom. 5:8 ^bRom. 8:1

^c2 Cor. 11:10; Gal. 1:20;
1 Tim. 2:7; Rom. 1:9

3 ⁱLit., *pray*

^aEx. 32:32 ^b1 Cor. 12:3;
16:22; Gal. 1:8f; ^cRom.
11:14; Eph. 6:5; Rom. 1:3

4 ^aRom. 9:6 ^bEx. 4:22;
Rom. 8:15 ^cEx. 30:4; 1 Kin.
8:11; Ezek. 1:28; Heb. 9:5
^dGen. 17:2; Deut. 29:14;
Eph. 2:12; Luke 1:72; Acts
3:25 ^eDeut. 4:13f; Ps. 147:19
^fHeb. 9:1, 6; Deut. 7:6; 14:1f.
^gActs 2:39; 13:32; Eph. 2:12

5 ^{i.e.,} the Messiah ^bLit.,
unto the ages
^aRom. 11:28; Acts 3:13
^bMatt. 1:16; Rom. 1:3
^cCol. 1:16-19 ^dJohn 1:1; Col.
2:9 ^eRom. 1:25

6 ^aNum. 23:19 ^bRom. 2:28f.; Gal. 6:16; John 1:47

7 ¹Lit., seed
^aGal. 4:23; John 8:33, 39
^bGen. 21:12; Heb. 11:18

8 ¹Lit., seed
^aRom. 8:14 ^bRom. 4:13, 16;
Gal. 3:29; 4:28; Heb. 11:11

9 ^aGen. 18:10

10 ^aRom. 5:3 ^bGen. 25:21

11 ^aRom. 8:28; 4:17

12 ^aGen. 25:23

13 ^aMal. 1:2f.

14 ^aRom. 3:5 ^b2 Chr. 19:7;
Rom. 2:11 ^cLuke 20:16

15 ^aEx. 33:19

16 ^aGal. 2:2 ^bEph. 2:8

17 ¹Lit., in
^aEx. 9:16

18 ^aEx. 4:21; 7:3; 9:12;
10:20, 27; 11:10; 14:4, 17;
Deut. 2:30; Josh. 11:20; John
12:40; Rom. 11:7, 25

19 ^aRom. 11:19; 1 Cor.
15:35; James 2:18 ^bRom. 3:7
^c2 Chr. 20:6; Job 9:12; Dan.
4:35

20 ^aRom. 2:1 ^bJob. 33:13
^cIs. 29:16; 45:9; 64:8; Jer.
18:6; 2 Tim. 2:20; Rom.
9:22f.

21 ¹Lit., for honor ²Lit., for
dishonor

22 ^aRom. 2:4 ^bProv. 16:4;
1 Pet. 2:8

23 ^aRom. 2:4; Eph. 3:16
^bActs 9:15 ^cRom. 8:29f.

24 ^aRom. 8:28 ^bRom. 3:29

25 ^aHos. 2:23; 1 Pet. 2:10

26 ^aHos. 1:10

6 But it is not as though ^athe word of God has failed.
^bFor they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel;

7 neither are they all children ^abecause they are Abraham's ¹descendants, but: "^bTHROUGH ISAAC YOUR ¹DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."

8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are ^achildren of God, but the ^bchildren of the promise are regarded as ¹descendants.

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

10 ^aAnd not only this, but there was ^bRebekah also, when she had conceived *twins* by one man, our father Isaac;

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

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

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

14 ^aWhat shall we say then? ^bThere is no injustice with God, is there? ^cMay it never be!

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

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

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "^aFOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED ¹THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH."

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

19 ^aYou will say to me then, "^bWhy does He still find fault? For ^cwho resists His will?"

20 On the contrary, who are you, ^aO man, who ^banswers back to God? ^cThe thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?

21 Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel ¹for honorable use, and another ²for common use?

22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much ^apatience vessels of wrath ^bprepared for destruction?

23 And He did so in order that He might make known ^athe riches of His glory upon ^bvessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

24 even us, whom He also ^acalled, ^bnot from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

25 As He says also in Hosea,
"^aI WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE.'

^bAND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.'"

^c"^aAND 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 ^bTHE LIVING GOD.”

27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, “^aTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE ^bAS THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS ^cTHE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;

28 ^aFOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD UPON THE EARTH, ¹THOROUGHLY AND ²QUICKLY.”

29 And just as Isaiah foretold, “^aEXCEPT ^bTHE LORD OF ¹SABAOTH HAD LEFT TO US A ²POSTERITY, ^cWE WOULD HAVE BECOME AS SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE ³RESEMBLED GOMORRAH.”

30 ^aWhat shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even ^bthe righteousness which is ¹by faith;

31 but Israel, ^apursuing a law of righteousness, did not ^barrive at *that* law.

32 Why? Because *they did not pursue it* ¹by faith, but as though *it were* ¹by works. They stumbled over ^aTHE STUMBLING-STONE,

33 just as it is written, “^aBEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE,
^bAND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM ^cWILL NOT BE ¹DISAPPOINTED.”

CHAPTER 10

BRETHREN, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation.

2 For I bear them witness that they have ^azeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

3 For not knowing about ^aGod’s righteousness, and ^bseeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For ^aChrist is the ¹end of the law for righteousness to ^beveryone who believes.

5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is ¹based on law ^ashall live ²by that righteousness.

6 But ^athe righteousness ¹based on faith speaks thus, “^bDO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, ‘WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?’ (that is, to bring Christ down),

7 or ‘WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ^aABYSS?’ (that is, to ^bbring Christ up from the dead).”

8 But what does it say? “^aTHE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

9 ¹that ^aif you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and ^bbelieve in your heart that ^cGod raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;

10 for with the heart man believes, ¹resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, ²resulting in salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, “^aWHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE ¹DISAPPOINTED.”

12 For ^athere is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for

26 ^aMatt. 16:16

27 ^aIs. 10:22 ^bGen. 22:17;
^cHos. 1:10 ^dRom. 11:5

28 ¹Lit., *finishing it* ²Lit.,
^c*cutting it short*
^aIs. 10:23

29 ¹I.e., *Hosts* ²Lit., *seed*
³Lit., *been made like*
^aIs. 1:9 ^bJames 5:4 ^cDeut. 29:23; Is. 13:19; Jer. 49:18;
50:40; Amos 4:11

30 ¹Lit., *out of*
^aRom. 9:14 ^bRom. 10:6; Gal. 2:16; 3:24; Phil. 3:9; Heb. 11:7; Rom. 1:17; 3:21f.

31 ^aIs. 51:1; Rom. 10:2f.;
11:7; 9:30; 10:20 ^bGal. 5:4

32 ¹Lit., *out of*
^aIs. 8:14; 1 Pet. 2:6, 8

33 ¹Lit., *put to shame*
^aIs. 28:16 ^bRom. 10:11
^cRom. 5:5

2 ^aActs 21:20

3 ^aRom. 1:17 ^bIs. 51:1;
Rom. 10:2f.; 11:7; 8:30; 10:20

4 ¹Or, *goal*
^aGal. 3:24; 4:5; Rom. 7:1-4
^bRom. 3:22

5 ¹Lit., *out of, from* ²Lit.,
^b*by it*
^aLev. 18:5; Neh. 9:29; Ezek. 20:11, 13, 21; Rom. 7:10

6 ¹Lit., *out of, from*
^aRom. 9:30 ^bDeut. 30:12f.

7 ^aLuke 8:31 ^bHeb. 13:20

8 ^aDeut. 30:14

9 ¹Or, *because*
^aMatt. 10:32; Luke 12:8;
Rom. 14:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:11 ^bRom. 4:24; Acts 16:31
^cActs 2:24

10 ¹Lit., *to righteousness*
²Lit., *to salvation*

11 ¹Lit., *put to shame*
^aIs. 28:16; Rom. 9:33

12 ^aRom. 3:22, 29

Romans 10, 11

12 ^aActs 10:36 ^bRom. 3:29

13 ^aJoel 2:32; Acts 2:21

14 ^aEph. 2:17; 4:21 ^bActs 8:31; Titus 1:3

15 ¹Or, *preach the gospel*
^aIs. 52:7 ^bRom. 1:15; 15:20

16 ¹Lit., *gospel*
^aRom. 3:3 ^bIs. 53:1; John 12:38

17 ¹Or, *concerning Christ*
^aGal. 3:2, 5 ^bCol. 3:16

18 ¹Or, *inhabited earth*
^aPs. 19:4; Col. 1:6, 23;
1 Thess. 1:8; Rom. 1:8

19 ^aDeut. 32:21 ^bRom. 11:11, 14

20 ^aIs. 65:1; Rom. 9:30

21 ^aIs. 65:2

1 ¹Lit., *of the seed of Abraham*
^a1 Sam. 12:22; Jer. 31:37;
33:24-26 ^bLuke 20:16 ^c2 Cor. 11:22; Phil. 3:5

2 ^aPs. 94:14 ^bRom. 8:29
^cRom. 6:16

3 ¹Gr., *soul-life*
^a1 Kin. 19:10

4 ¹Lit., *says*
^a1 Kin. 19:18

5 ¹Lit., *choice of grace*
^aRom. 9:27; 2 Kin. 19:4

6 ^aRom. 4:4

7 ¹Lit., *the election*
^aRom. 9:31 ^bMark 6:52;
2 Cor. 3:14; Rom. 11:25; 9:18

8 ^aIs. 29:10; Deut. 29:4;
Matt. 13:13f.

the same *Lord* is ^bLord of call, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;

13 for “^aWHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”

14 How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him ^awhom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without ^ba preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “^aHOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO ^bBRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!”

16 However, they ^adid not all heed the ¹glad tidings; for Isaiah says, “^bLORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?”

17 So faith comes from ^ahearing, and hearing by ^bthe word ¹of Christ.

18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have:

“^aTHEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH,
AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE ¹WORLD.”

19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? At the first Moses says,

“^aI WILL ^bMAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION,
BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU.”

20 And Isaiah is very bold and says,

“^aI WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO SOUGHT ME NOT,
I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME.”

21 But as for Israel he says, “^aALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE.”

CHAPTER 11

I SAY then, God has not ^arejected His people, has He? ^bMay it never be! For ^cI too am an Israelite, ^da descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God ^ahas not rejected His people whom He ^bforeknew. ^cOr do you not know what the Scripture says in *the passage about Elijah*, how he pleads with God against Israel?

3 “Lord, ^aTHEY HAVE KILLED THY PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN THINE ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY ¹LIFE.”

4 But what ¹is the divine response to him? “^aI HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.”

5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time ^aa remnant according to God’s ¹gracious choice.

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

7 What then? That which ^aIsrael is seeking for, it has not obtained, but ^bthose who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were ^bhardened;

8 just as it is written,

“^aGOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR,
EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT,
DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY.”

9 And David says,

¹⁰ ^aLET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE and a trap,
AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO
THEM.

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

¹¹ ^aI say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they?
^bMay it never be! But by their transgression ^csalvation has
come to the Gentiles, to ^dmake them jealous.

¹² Now if their transgression be riches for the world and
their failure be riches for the Gentiles, how much more will
their ¹fulfillment be!

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

¹⁴ if somehow I might ^amove to jealousy ^bmy ¹fellow-
countrymen and ^csave some of them.

¹⁵ For if their rejection be the ^areconciliation of the
world, what will ^btheir acceptance be but ^blife from the dead?

¹⁶ And if the ^afirst piece of ^bdough be holy, the lump is
also; and if the root be holy, the branches are too.

¹⁷ But if some of the ^abranches were broken off, and ^byou,
being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became
partaker with them of the ¹rich root of the olive tree,

¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are
arrogant, remember that ^ait is not you who supports the root,
but the root ^bsupports you.

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

²⁰ Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief,
and you ^astand only by your faith. ^bDo not be conceited, but
fear;

²¹ for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither
will He spare you.

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

²³ And they also, ^aif they do not continue in their unbel-
ief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again.

²⁴ For 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 shall these who are the natural
branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

²⁵ For ^aI do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of
this ^bmystery, lest you be ^cwise in your own estimation, that a
partial ^dhardening has happened to Israel until the ^efulness of
the Gentiles has come in;

²⁶ and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

^aTHE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,

HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."

²⁷ ^aAND THIS IS ¹MY COVENANT WITH THEM,
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."

²⁸ ¹From the standpoint of the gospel they are ^aenemies
for your sake, but ²from the standpoint of God's choice they
are beloved for ^bthe sake of the fathers;

²⁹ for the gifts and the ^acalling of God ^bare irrevocable.

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

⁹ ^aPs. 69:22f.

¹⁰ ^aPs. 69:23

¹¹ ^aRom. 11:1 ^bLuke 20:16
^cActs 28:28 ^dRom. 11:14

¹² ¹Or, ^afulness
^bRom. 11:25

¹³ ^aActs 9:15

¹⁴ ¹Lit., ^aflesh
^bRom. 11:11 ^bRom. 9:3;
Gen. 29:14; 2 Sam. 19:12f;
^c1 Cor. 7:16; 9:22; 1 Tim.
1:15; 2:4; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus
3:5; 1 Cor. 1:21

¹⁵ ^aRom. 5:11 ^bLuke 15:24;
32

¹⁶ ^aNum. 15:18ff.; Neh.
10:37; Ezek. 44:30

¹⁷ ¹Lit., ^aroot of the fatness
^bJer. 11:16; John 15:2 ^bEph.
2:11ff.

¹⁸ ^aJohn 4:22

¹⁹ ^aRom. 9:19

²⁰ ^a2 Cor. 1:24; 1 Cor.
10:12; Rom. 5:2 ^bRom.
12:16; 1 Tim. 6:17; 1 Pet.
1:17

²² ^aRom. 2:4 ^b1 Cor. 15:2;
Heb. 3:6, 14 ^cJohn 15:2

²³ ^a2 Cor. 3:16

²⁵ ^aRom. 1:13 ^bRom.
16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7-10; Eph.
3:3-5, 9; Matt. 13:11 ^cRom.
12:16 ^dRom. 11:7 ^eRom.
11:12; Luke 21:24; John
10:16

²⁶ ^aIs. 59:20, 21

²⁷ ¹Lit., ^athe covenant from
^bMe
^cIs. 27:9; Heb. 8:10, 12

²⁸ ¹Lit., according to the
gospel ²Lit., according to
the election
^aRom. 5:10 ^bRom. 9:5; Deut.
7:8; 10:15

²⁹ ^a1 Cor. 1:26; Eph. 1:18;
4:1, 4; Phil. 3:14; 2 Thess.
1:11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Heb. 3:1;
2 Pet. 1:10; Rom. 8:28 ^bHeb.
7:21

32 ^aGal. 3:22f.; Rom. 3:9

33 ^aOr, and the wisdom

^bEph. 3:8; Rom. 2:4 ^bCol.

2:3; Eph. 3:10 ^cJob 5:9; 11:7;

15:8

34 ^aIs. 40:13f.; 1 Cor. 2:16

35 ^aLit., and it will be paid back

^bJob 35:7; 41:11

36 ^aLit., to the ages

^a1 Cor. 8:6; 11:12; Col. 1:16;

Heb. 2:10 ^bRom. 16:27; Eph.

3:21; Phil. 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:17;

2 Tim. 4:18; 1 Pet. 4:11;

5:11; 2 Pet. 3:18; Jude 25;

Rev. 1:6; 5:13; 7:12

1 ^aOr, well-pleasing ^bOr,

national

^a1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 10:2;

Eph. 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:11 ^bRom.

6:13, 16, 19; 1 Cor. 6:20;

Heb. 13:15; 1 Pet. 2:5

2 ^aOr, age ^bOr, well-

pleasing

^a1 Pet. 1:14 ^bMatt. 13:22;

Gal. 1:4; 1 John 2:15 ^cTitus

3:5; Eph. 4:23 ^dEph. 5:10, 17;

Col. 1:9

3 ^aRom. 15:15; 1 Cor.

3:10; 15:10; Gal. 2:9; Eph.

3:7f.; Rom. 1:5 ^bRom. 11:20;

12:16; ^c1 Cor. 7:17; 2 Cor.

10:13; Eph. 4:7; 1 Pet. 4:11

4 ^a1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph.

4:4, 16

5 ^a1 Cor. 10:17, 33 ^b1 Cor.

12:20; 27; Eph. 4:12, 25

6 ^a1 Cor. 7:7; 12:4; 1 Pet.

4:10f.; Rom. 12:3 ^b1 Cor.

12:10; Acts 13:1

7 ^aOr, office of service

^a1 Cor. 12:5, 28; Acts 6:1

^b1 Cor. 12:28; 14:26; Acts

13:1

8 ^aOr, simplicity ^bOr,

gives aid

^aActs 4:36; 11:23; 13:15

^b2 Cor. 8:2; 9:11, 13 ^c1 Tim.

5:17; 1 Cor. 12:28 ^d2 Cor. 9:7

9 ^a2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim. 1:5

^b1 Thess. 5:21f.

10 ^aOr, outdo one another

in showing honor

^a1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 13:1;

2 Pet. 1:7; John 13:34 ^bPhil.

2:3; Rom. 13:7; 1 Pet. 2:17

11 ^aActs 18:25 ^bActs 20:19

12 ^aRom. 5:2 ^bHeb. 10:32;

36 ^cActs 1:14

13 ^aI.e., true believers; lit.,

holys ones ^bLit., pursuing

^aRom. 15:25; 1 Cor. 16:15;

2 Cor. 9:1; Heb. 6:10

^b1 Tim. 3:2; Matt. 25:35

14 ^aSome ancient mss. omit, you

^aMatt. 5:44; Luke 6:28;

1 Cor. 4:12

15 ^aJob 30:25; Heb. 13:3

16 ^aOr, accommodate

yourself to lowly things

^aRom. 15:5; 2 Cor. 13:11;

Phil. 2:2; 4:2; 1 Pet. 3:8

^bRom. 12:3; Rom. 11:20

^cRom. 11:25; Prov. 3:7

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

32 For ^aGod has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all.

33 Oh the depth of ^athe riches ^bboth of the ^bwisdom and knowledge of God! ^cHow unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

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

35 OR ^aWHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM ^bTHAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

36 For ^afrom Him and through Him and to Him are all things. ^bTo Him be the glory ^cforever. Amen.

CHAPTER 12

I URGE you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to ^bpresent your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, ^cacceptable to God, which is your ^dspiritual service of worship.

2 And do not ^abe conformed to ^bthis ^cworld, but be transformed by the ^crenewing of your mind, that you may ^dprove what the will of God is, that which is good and ^eacceptable and perfect.

3 For through ^athe grace given to me I say to every man among you ^bnot 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 ^ceach a measure of faith.

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

5 so we, ^awho are many, are ^bone body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

6 And since we have gifts that ^adiffer according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if ^bprophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

7 if ^aservice, in his serving; or he who ^bteaches, in his teaching;

8 or he who ^aexhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with ^bliberality; he who ^cleads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with ^dcheerfulness.

9 Let ^alove be without hypocrisy. ^bAbhor what is evil; cleave to what is good.

10 Be ^adevoted to one another in brotherly love; ^bgive preference to one another ^cin honor;

11 not lagging behind in diligence, ^afervent in spirit, ^bserving the Lord;

12 ^arejoicing in hope, ^bpersevering in tribulation, ^cdevoted to prayer,

13 ^acontributing to the needs of the ^bsaints, ^cpracticing hospitality.

14 ^aBless those who persecute ^byou; bless and curse not.

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

16 ^aBe of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, ^bbut ^cassociate with the lowly. ^cDo not be wise in your own estimation.

17 ^aNever pay back evil for evil to anyone. ^bRespect what is right in the sight of all men.

18 If possible, ^aso far as it depends on you, ^bbe at peace with all men.

19 ^aNever take your own revenge, beloved, but ^bleave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “^bVENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY, SAYS THE LORD.”

20 ^aBUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR ^bIN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS UPON HIS HEAD.”

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

CHAPTER 13

LET every ^aperson be in ^bsubjection to the governing authorities. For ^cthere is no authority except ^dfrom God, and those which exist are established by God.

2 Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

3 For ^arulers are not a cause of fear for ^bgood 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;

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 ^aavenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

5 Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also ^afor conscience' sake.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

7 ^aRender to all what is due them: ^btax to whom tax is due; ^ccustom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for ^ahe who loves ^bhis neighbor has fulfilled *the law*.

9 For this, “^aYOU 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, “^bYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

10 Love ^adoes no wrong to a neighbor; ^alove therefore is the fulfillment of *the law*.

11 And this *do*, knowing the time, that it is ^aalready the hour for you to ^bawaken from sleep; for now ^asalvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

12 ^aThe night is almost gone, and ^bthe day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside ^cthe deeds of darkness and put on ^dthe armor of light.

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

14 But ^aput on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh ^bin regard to its lusts.

17 ^aLit., *take thought for*
^bProv. 20:22; 24:29; Rom.
12:19 ^bCor. 8:21

18 ^aRom. 1:15 ^bMark 9:50;
Rom. 14:19

19 ^aLit., *give a place*
^bProv. 20:22; 24:29; Rom.
12:17 ^bDeut. 32:35; Heb.
10:30; 1 Thess. 4:6; Ps. 94:1

20 ^aProv. 25:21f.; Matt.
5:44; Luke 6:27 ^bKin. 6:22

1 ^aLit., *soul* ^bLit., *by*
^aActs 2:41 ^bTitus 3:1; 1 Pet.
2:13f. ^cJohn 19:11; Dan.
2:21; 4:17

3 ^aLit., *the good work*
^a1 Pet. 2:14

4 ^a1 Thess. 4:6

5 ^a1 Pet. 2:19; 1 Pet. 2:13;
Ecc. 8

7 ^aMatt. 22:21 ^bLuke
20:22; 23:2 ^cMatt. 17:25

8 ^aLit., *the other*
^aMatt. 22:39f.; Gal. 5:14;
Rom. 13:10; Matt. 7:12;
John 13:34; James 2:8

9 ^aEx. 20:13ff.; Deut.
5:17ff. ^bLev. 19:18; Matt.
19:19

10 ^aLit., *works no evil*
^aMatt. 22:39f.; Gal. 5:14;
Rom. 13:8; Matt. 7:12; John
13:34; James 2:8

11 ^aOr, *our salvation is
nearer than when*
^a1 Cor. 7:29f.; 10:11; James
5:8; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Pet. 3:9, 11;
1 John 2:18; Rev. 1:3; 22:10
^b1 Cor. 15:34; Eph. 5:14;
1 Thess. 5:6; Mark 13:37

12 ^a1 Cor. 7:29f.; 10:11;
James 5:8; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Pet.
3:9, 11; 1 John 2:18; Rev. 1:3;
22:10 ^bHeb. 10:25; 1 John
2:8; Rev. 1:3; 22:10 ^cEph.
5:11 ^d2 Cor. 6:7; 10:4; Eph.
6:11, 13; 1 Thess. 5:8

13 ^aLit., *walk*
^a1 Thess. 4:12 ^bLuke 21:34;
Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:18; 1 Pet.
4:3

14 ^aGal. 3:27; Job 29:14;
Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10, 12 ^bGal.
5:16; 1 Pet. 2:11

¹aRom. 14:3; 15:7; Acts 28:2; Rom. 11:15 bRom. 14:2; Rom. 15:1; 1 Cor. 8:9ff; 9:22

²Rom. 14:14 bRom. 14:1; 15:1; 1 Cor. 8:9ff; 9:22

³Rom. 14:10; Luke 18:9
bCol. 2:16; Rom. 14:10, 13
cRom. 14:1; 15:7; Acts 28:2; Rom. 11:15

⁴Or, house-servant ²Lit.,
lord
aJames 4:12; Rom. 9:20

⁵¹Lit., judges
aGal. 4:10 bRom. 4:21; Luke 1:1; Rom. 14:23

⁶¹Lit., eats
a1 Cor. 10:30; 1 Tim. 4:3f.; Matt. 14:19

⁷²Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:20;
Phil. 1:20f.; Rom. 8:38

⁸^aPhil. 1:20; 1 Thess.
5:10; Rev. 14:13; Luke 20:38

⁹^aRev. 1:18; 2:8 bPhil.
2:11; Matt. 28:18; John
12:24; 1 Thess. 5:10

¹⁰^aRom. 14:3; Luke 18:9
bRom. 2:16; 2 Cor. 5:10

¹¹¹Or, confess
aIs. 45:23 bPhil. 2:10f.

¹²^aMatt. 12:36; 1 Pet. 4:5;
Matt. 16:27

¹³^aRom. 14:3; Matt. 7:1
b1 Cor. 8:13

¹⁴^aRom. 14:2, 20; Acts
10:15 b1 Cor. 8:7

¹⁵^aEph. 5:2 b1 Cor. 8:11;
Rom. 14:20

¹⁶¹Lit., blasphemed
a1 Cor. 10:30; Titus 2:5

¹⁷^a1 Cor. 8:8 bGal. 5:22;
Rom. 15:13

¹⁸^aRom. 16:18 b2 Cor.
8:21; Phil. 4:8; 1 Pet. 2:12

¹⁹¹Many ancient mss.
read, we pursue
^aPs. 34:14; 1 Cor. 7:15;
2 Tim. 2:22; Heb. 12:14;
Rom. 12:18 bRom. 15:2;
1 Cor. 10:23; 14:3f., 26;
2 Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:12, 29

²⁰¹Lit., with offense
aRom. 14:15 bRom. 14:2, 14;
Acts 10:15 c1 Cor. 8:9-12

CHAPTER 14

NOW ^aaccept the one who is ^bweak in faith, *but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.*

2 ^aOne man has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is ^bweak eats vegetables *only.*

3 Let not him who eats ^aregard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat ^bjudge him who eats, for God has ^caccepted him.

4 ^aWho are you to judge the ¹servant of another? To his own ²master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5 ^aOne man ¹regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike.* Let each man be ^bfully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, ¹does so for the Lord, for he ^agives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

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

8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore ^awhether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

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

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you ^aregard your brother with contempt? For ^bwe shall all stand before the judgment-seat of God.

11 For it is written,
“^aAs I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, ^bEVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME,

AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL ¹GIVE PRAISE TO GOD.”

12 So then ^aeach one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Therefore let us not ^ajudge one another any more, but rather determine this — ^bnot to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that ^anothing is unclean in itself; but to him who ^bthinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

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

16 Therefore ^ado not let what is for you a good thing be ^bspoken of as evil;

17 for the kingdom of God ^ais not eating and drinking, but righteousness and ^bpeace and ^bjoy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who in this way ^aserves Christ is ^bacceptable to God and approved by men.

19 So then ^alet us ^bpursue the things which make for peace and the ^bbuilding up of one another.

20 ^aDo not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. ^bAll things indeed are clean, but ^cthey are evil for the man who eats ¹and gives offense.

Self-denial on Behalf of Others.

21 ^aIt 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 ^bas your own conviction before God. Happy is he who ^adoes not condemn himself in what he approves.

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

21 ^a1 Cor. 8:13

22 ^bLit., according to yourself
^a1 John 3:21

23 ^aRom. 14:5

1 ^aRom. 14:1; Gal. 6:2;
1 Thess. 5:14

CHAPTER 15

NOw we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of ^athose without strength and not just please ourselves.

2 Let each of us ^aplease his neighbor ^bfor his good, to his ^bedification.

3 For even ^aChrist did not please Himself; but as it is written, “^bTHE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED THEE FELL UPON ME.”

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

5 Now may the ^aGod ^bwho gives perseverance and encouragement grant you ^bto be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;

6 that with one accord you may with one ^bvoice glorify ^athe God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore, ^aaccept one another, just as Christ also accepted ^bus to the glory of God.

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

9 and for ^athe Gentiles to ^bglorify God for His mercy; as it is written,

“^cTHEREFORE I WILL ^bGIVE PRAISE TO THEE AMONG THE GENTILES,

AND I WILL SING TO THY NAME.”

10 And again he says,

“^aREJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE.”

11 And again,

“^aPRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES,

AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM.”

12 And again Isaiah says,

“^aTHERE SHALL COME ^bTHE ROOT OF JESSE,

AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES;

“^cIN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE.”

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

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

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

16 to be ^aa minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the ^bgospel of God, that my ^coffering of the

2 ^bLit., for what is good to edification
^a1 Cor. 10:33; 1 Cor. 9:22; 10:24; 2 Cor. 13:9 ^bRom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 10:23; 14:3f.; 26; 2 Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:12; 29

3 ^a2 Cor. 8:9 ^bPs. 69:9

4 ^aRom. 4:23f.; 2 Tim. 3:16

5 ^bLit., of perseverance
^a2 Cor. 1:3 ^bRom. 12:16

6 ^bLit., mouth
^aRev. 1:6

7 ^aSome mss. read, you
^aRom. 14:1

8 ^aMatt. 15:24; Acts 3:26
^bRom. 4:16; 2 Cor. 1:20

9 ^bOr, confess
^aRom. 3:29; 11:30 ^bMatt. 9:8
^cPs. 18:49 [or 2 Sam. 22:50]

10 ^aDeut. 32:43

11 ^aPs. 117:1

12 ^aIs. 11:10 ^bRev. 5:5;
22:16 ^cMatt. 12:21

13 ^aRom. 14:17 ^bRom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 1:5

14 ^aEph. 5:9; 2 Thess. 1:11
^b1 Cor. 1:5; 13:2; 1 Cor. 8:1,
7, 10; 12:8

15 ^bSome mss. read, by God
^aRom. 12:3

16 ^aRom. 11:13; Acts 9:15
^bRom. 15:19, 20; 1:1 ^cEph.
5:2; Phil. 2:17; Rom. 12:1

Romans 15, 16

17 ^aPhil. 3:3 ^bHeb. 2:17; 5:1

18 ¹Or, which Christ has not accomplished ²Lit., to the obedience

^aActs 15:12; 21:19; Rom. 1:5; 2 Cor. 3:5

19 ¹Or, attesting miracles

²Lit., fulfilled

^aJohn 4:48 ^bRom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 1:5 ^cActs 22:17-21 ^dActs 20:1f.

20 ^aRom. 1:15; 10:15; 15:16

^b2 Cor. 10:15f.; 1 Cor. 3:10

21 ^aIs. 52:15

22 ^aRom. 1:13; 1 Thess. 2:18

23 ^aActs 19:21; Rom. 1:10f.; 15:29, 32

24 ¹Lit., in part

^aRom. 15:28 ^bActs 15:3

^cRom. 1:12

25 ¹I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones

^aActs 19:21 ^bActs 24:17

26 ¹Note vs. 25

^a1 Cor. 16:5; 2 Cor. 1:16;

2:13; 7:5; 8:1; 9:2, 4; 11:9;

Phil. 4:15; 1 Thess. 1:7f.;

4:10; 1 Tim. 1:3; Acts 16:9;

^bActs 18:12; 19:21

27 ^a1 Cor. 9:11

28 ¹Lit., sealed to them this fruit

^aJohn 3:33

^bRom. 15:24

29 ^aActs 19:21; Rom. 1:10f.; Rom. 15:23, 32

30 ^aGal. 5:22; Col. 1:8 ^bCol. 4:12; 2 Cor. 1:11

31 ¹Note vs. 25

^a2 Cor. 1:10; 2 Thess. 3:2;

2 Tim. 3:11; 4:17

^bRom. 15:25f.; 2 Cor. 8:4;

9:1 ^cActs 9:13, 15

32 ^aRom. 15:23 ^bRom. 1:10; Acts 18:21

33 ^aRom. 16:20; 2 Cor.

13:11; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess.

5:23; Heb. 13:20; 2 Thess.

3:16

1 ¹Or, deaconess

^a2 Cor. 3:1 ^bActs 18:18

2 ¹I.e., true believers; lit., holy ones ²Lit., and of me, myself

^aPhil. 2:29 ^bActs 9:13, 15

3 ^aActs 18:2 ^b2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:7, 9; 10; 8:1ff. ^cRom. 8:1

Gentiles might become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found ^areason for boasting in ^bthings pertaining to God.

18 For I will not presume to speak of anything ¹except what ^aChrist has accomplished through me, ²resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

19 in the power of ¹asigns and ^awonders, ^bin the power of the Spirit; so that ^cfrom Jerusalem and round about as ^dfar as Illyricum I have ²fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 And thus I aspired to ^apreach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, ^bthat I might not build upon another man's foundation;

21 but as it is written,

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

22 For this reason ^aI have often been hindered from coming to you;

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

24 whenever I ^ago to Spain — for I hope to see you in passing, and to be ^bhelped on my way there by you, when I have first ^cenjoyed your company ¹for awhile —

25 but now, ^aI am going to Jerusalem ^bserving the ¹saints.

26 For ^aMacedonia and ^bAchaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the ¹saints in Jerusalem.

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

28 Therefore, when I have finished this, and ^ahave ¹put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will ^bgo on by way of you to Spain.

29 And I know that when ^aI come to you, I will come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

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

31 that I may be ^adelivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and ^bthat my ^cservice for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the ¹saints;

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

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

CHAPTER 16

I ^aCOMMEND to you our sister Phoebe, who is a ¹servant of the church which is at ^bCenchrea;

2 that you ^areceive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the ¹bsaints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, ²and of myself as well.

3 Greet ^aPrisca and ^aAquila my fellow-workers ^bin ^cChrist Jesus,

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

5 also greet ^athe church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus my beloved, who is the ^bfirst convert to Christ from ^cAsia.

6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.

7 Greet Andronicus and ¹Junias, my ^akinsmen, and my ^bfellow-prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were ^cin Christ before me.

8 Greet Ampliatus my beloved in the Lord.

9 Greet Urbanus our fellow-worker ^ain Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

10 Greet Apelles the approved ^ain Christ. Greet ^bthose who are of the *household* of Aristobulus.

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

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

13 Greet ^aRufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.

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

15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all ^athe ¹saints who are with them.

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

17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and ¹hindrances ^acontrary to the teaching which you learned, and ^bturn away from them.

18 For such men are ^aslaves not of our Lord Christ but of ^btheir own ¹appetites; and by their ^csmooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

19 For the report of your obedience ^ahas reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but ^bI want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil.

20 And ^athe God of peace will soon crush ^bSatan under your feet.

^cThe grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

21 ^aTimothy my fellow-worker greets you; and so do ^bLucius and ^cJason and ^dSosipater, my ^ekinsmen.

22 I Tertius, who ^awrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

23 ^aGaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you. ^bErastus, the city treasurer greets you, and Quartus, the brother.

24 (See marginal note.¹)

25 ^aNow to Him who is able to establish you ^baccording to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of ^cthe mystery which has been kept secret for ^dlong ages past,

26 but now is manifested, and by ^athe Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to ^bobedience of faith;

27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, ^ato whom be the glory forever. Amen.

5 ^aI.e., west coast province of Asia Minor

^a1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15;

Philem. 2 ^b1 Cor. 16:15;

^cActs 16:6

7 ^aOr, *Junia* (fem.)

^aRom. 16:11, 21; ^bCol.

4:10; Philem. 23 ^c2 Cor. 5:17;

12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:3, 9,

10; 8:11ff.

9 ^a2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:3, 7, 10; 8:11ff.

10 ^a2 Cor. 5:17; 12:2; Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:3, 7, 9; 8:11ff.

^b1 Cor. 1:11

11 ^aRom. 16:7, 21; 9:3

^b1 Cor. 1:11

13 ^aMark 15:21

15 ^aNote 1, vs. 2

^aRom. 16:2, 14

16 ^a1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor.

13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26; 1 Pet.

5:14

17 ^aLit., occasions of stumbling

^aTim. 1:3; 6:3 ^bGal. 1:8ff.;

2 Thess. 3:6, 14; Titus 3:10;

2 John 10; Matt. 7:15

18 ^aLit., belly

^aRom. 14:18 ^bPhil. 3:19

^cCol. 2:4; 2 Pet. 2:3

19 ^aRom. 1:8 ^b1 Cor. 14:20; Matt. 10:16; Jer. 4:22

20 ^aRom. 15:33 ^bMatt. 4:10

^c1 Cor. 16:23; 2 Cor. 13:14;

Gal. 6:18; Phil. 4:23; 1 Thess.

5:28; 2 Thess. 3:18; Rev.

22:21

21 ^aActs 16:1 ^bActs 13:1 [?]

^cActs 17:5 [?] ^dActs 20:4 [?]

^eRom. 16:7, 11; 9:3

22 ^a1 Cor. 16:21; Gal. 6:11;

Col. 4:18; 2 Thess. 3:17;

Philem. 19

23 ^a1 Cor. 1:14; Acts 20:4

[?] ^bActs 19:22

24 ^aSome ancient mss. add vs. 24, *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

25 ^aEph. 3:20; Jude 24

^bRom. 2:16 ^c1 Cor. 2:1, 7;

4:1; Eph. 1:9, 3:3, 9; 6:19;

Col. 1:26; 2:2; 4:3; 1 Tim.

3:16; Rom. 11:25; Matt.

13:35 ^d2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:2

26 ^aRom. 1:2 ^bRom. 1:5

27 ^aRom. 11:36