

A Walk Down The Romans Road

Encountering The Truths of The Book of Romans

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10:30 AM

Chapter 1 - The Call of The Gospel

Is a Call to FOLLOW

- We Must HEAR The Call
- We Must UNDERSTAND The Call
- We Must RESPOND to The Call
- We Must CONTINUE to FOLLOW The Call

Is a CALL to be FAITHFUL

For the last few months I have been meditating on these two passages, which I believe speak to what we have studied in Romans Chapter 1 and what we will talk about in Romans Chapter 2

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Colossians 3:5-10

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

In light of that, let's see what Romans has to say about what I have titled "Authentic Christianity"

Chapter 2 - AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY

1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

Focuses on JUDGING OURSELVES rather than JUDGING OTHERS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You cannot put straight in others what is warped in yourself."

- St. Athanasius of Alexandria

2 Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. 3 So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?

Allows God to be THE JUDGE and understands that He will judge us all according to HIS TRUTH, not ours

4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Seeks to be filled with KINDNESS, FORBEARANCE and PATIENCE

In the Bible,

forbearance refers to God's purposeful "holding back" of his righteous judgment against sin to allow time for repentance. While it is closely related to patience and mercy, it carries a more legal and descriptive weight of **restraint**—choosing not to immediately enforce a deserved punishment or debt.

1. The Forbearance of God

God's forbearance is the divine suspension of his wrath.

Anoché (Greek): Literally "a holding back" or a "truce." It describes a temporary suspension of hostilities.

5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

Maintains a SOFT and REPENTANT HEART

6 God "will repay each person according to what they have done." 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. 9 There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; 10 but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism.

Persists in DOING GOOD, SEEKING GLORY, HONOR and IMMORTALITY

*Something that we will learn in chapter 3 is impossible to do on our own (and in chapter 1)

12 All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. 14 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) 16 This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

Knows that HEARING THE TRUTH must be combined with PRACTICING OBEDIENCE TO THE TRUTH

17 Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and boast in God; 18 if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; 19 if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—

Is not a Christian in NAME ONLY

AVOIDS HYPOCRISY of all kinds

21 you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? 24 As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

25 Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. 26 So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? 27 The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker.

28 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. 29 No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code.

Works on making THE INSIDE and THE OUTSIDE the SAME

29 Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.

Is more concerned about WHAT GOD THINKS ABOUT THEM than what OTHERS THINK ABOUT THEM