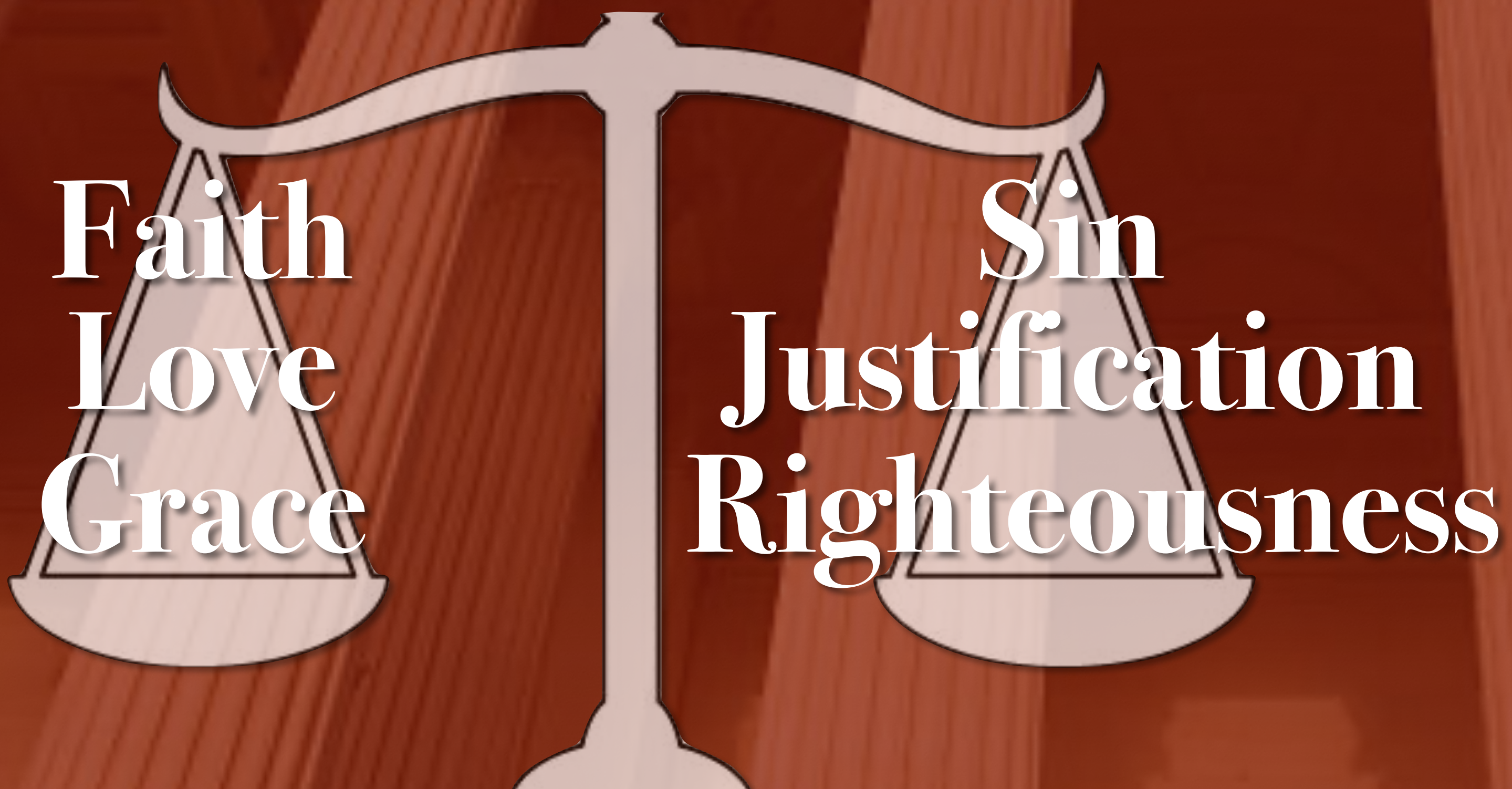


Romans

Back to Bible Basics



Chap. 12

“Where the Gospel walks in shoe leather.”

- J. Vernon McGee

Paul translates “learning into living”

- Warren Weirsbe

Discovering God's Will



- 1. You read/hear the Word of God - leads to faith**
- 2. Do the Word of God - offer/obey**
- 3. Your desires are changed, transformed as you serve God & others - see & meet the needs**
JUST SHOW UP!
- 4. Get addicted to the things the Lord - discover your spiritual gifts & skills as you serve in various ways**

What do we look for here at Calvary?



Faithful

Available

Servants

Teachable

NOTES: v. 1-9

- ❖ **“Therefore...in view of”**
- ❖ **“I urge you...offer your bodies”**
- ❖ **“as living sacrifices”**
 - **Continual sacrifice, serving God & others, knowing God’s not going to burn us out, but transform us!**
 - **Get to dispense gifts grace & love out of the overflow of what God’s has given us!**

NOTES: v. 1-9

- **We are not the savior,**
- ❖ **We are to be transformed not just reformed...called to change our thinking, attitudes & actions**
- ❖ **Instruments for doing God's good... holy & pleasing to Him!**
- ❖ **John 13:1-5**
 - **The little things can make the biggest difference!**

NOTES: v. 9

- * Paul spoke of how we dispense the grace & love of God, now he is speaking the heart & attitude in which we do these things
- * Paul saying “Get Real” or “Be Real”
 - You can't fake genuine love

**“18 DEAR CHILDREN, LET
US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS
OR TONGUE BUT WITH
ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH.”**

1 JOHN 3:18 | NIV84

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- * **Paul spoke of ways in which we dispense the grace & love of God, now he is speaking the heart & attitude in which we do these things**
- * **Paul saying “Get Real” or “Be Real”**
 - **You can't fake it**
 - **What we say & do have to line up with each other & with the heart of God as his representatives**

NOTES: v. 9

- * **People don't care what we know, until they know how much we care**
- * **Evil - not just things from a horror movie = anything opposite of God**
 - **Many don't hate evil - just hate the consequences of it**
- * **This is speaks to the difference between remorse & repentance**

NOTES: v. 9

- * **In our heart to love we can't be permissive concerning evil or accepting of it.**
 - **Realize in love Jesus died because of sin & evil, to do away with it**
 - **Our love & good is very tainted by the world- need to find out God's definition of love & good**

NOTES: v. 9

- **World's version comes with compromise, conditions, pride, & what can I get out of it**
- * **Do you cling to good & does good cling to you?**
- * **God needs to transform our thinking about good & evil**

NOTES: v. 10

- * **We are to have a family mindset - new spiritual DNA - Is. 53:12 Jesus was number with the transgressors**
- * **All have sinned, are saved by grace & adopted into the family of God**
- * **What sad is the harshness & ugliness of the way believers & churches treat each other - then talk of outreach & loving their community**

NOTES: v. 10

- * **J. Vernon McGee** *“We have to live together in eternity, we need to start practicing now!”*

NOTES: v. 11

- * Why is this here?**
- * It's easy to get excited & caught up in doing the do's & forget why we are doing these things & letting God empower us to do them**
- * Rev. 2 - Church of Ephesus "You forgot your first love"**
- * Zeal & fervor for the Lord can easily dim, allowing hearts to harden**

NOTES: v. 11

- * **The fire dies and we burnout, then we stop serving eventually rusting out!**

“23 WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR MEN, 24 SINCE YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE FROM THE LORD AS A REWARD. IT IS THE LORD CHRIST YOU ARE SERVING.”

NOTES: v. 11

- * **The fire dies and we burnout, then we stop serving eventually rusting out!**
- * **America has fallen into the trap of the social Gospel that God is trying to provide for every little need & give them a good life - when it's about us being reconciled to him & to have eternal life through Christ!**

NOTES: v. 11

- * Remember the misplaced zeal of Israel from chapters 9 - 11
- * We get tired of serving ungrateful people who don't listen, don't care, who overwhelm us with too many problems = fall prey to the 'Savior Complex'
- * Start creating more programs, forgetting the answer = Jesus & Word

“35 BUT LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM, AND LEND TO THEM WITHOUT EXPECTING TO GET ANYTHING BACK. THEN YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT, AND YOU WILL BE SONS OF THE MOST HIGH, BECAUSE HE IS KIND TO THE UNGRATEFUL AND WICKED. 36 BE MERCIFUL, JUST AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL.”

NOTES: v. 12

- * Want to keep your spiritual fervor - ministry has to flow from Jesus & his holy spirit**
- * Joy = 2nd Fruit**
- * Hope = of Jesus' return & eterniy which gives us patience in the pain**
- * Pray, pray, pray - keep giving things over to the Lord!**

NOTES: v. 13

- * **Again here Paul says 'family' first - if don't take care of them we have no business going anywhere else**
 - **We practice here!**
- * **Hospitality is hard for many**
 - **= Mi casa es su casa!**
 - **Takes humility to let people into your world or go in their world**

NOTES: v. 13

- **You may get more than you asked for - Don't follow the Graham's example**
- * **I appreciate those who don't wait for the Pastor's authorization to show hospitality, to reach out and serve others**

NOTES: v. 14

- * Doing this not only in their presence, but behind closed doors or with others**
- * What do we say around our kids?**
- * This is the place we can get into trouble with gossip**
- * Didn't we all love governor's Covid rules about reporting...**

NOTES: v. 15

- * **Celebrating with others is usually never difficult**
 - **It's killed by jealousy & envy**
- * **Mourning is difficult**
 - **For some reason we have this pressure to do something or say something - we don't need to do anything but mourn with the person!**

NOTES: v. 15

- **Just show up & let the Lord lead**
- **Don't follow the bad example of Job's friends**
- **Sometimes this is having the grace to just be with someone mourning because of their own failure**

NOTES: v. 16

* **Harmony = Worship Music**

- **Requires us to listen to one another**
- **Find our part - different instruments, ranges of voices**
- **Going back to gifts - using our gifts to compliment & build up**
- **Requires humility & patience**

“19 MY DEAR BROTHERS, TAKE
NOTE OF THIS: EVERYONE
SHOULD BE QUICK TO LISTEN,
SLOW TO SPEAK AND SLOW TO
BECOME ANGRY”

JAMES 1:19 | NIV84

NOTES: v. 16

- * Church should be the end of the class system, social clubs, the family & racial prejudices = beauty of the Gospel**
- I have to check my high opinion of myself or my abilities or knowledge at the door for the body to function properly**

Final Exhortations



- ◆ **People are watching believers let's exceed their expectations**
- ◆ **Kill people with grace & love**
- ◆ **Nobody will care how much you know until they know how much you care!**
- ◆ **More than pass out tracts, be the tract, be the Gospel in the flesh**
- ◆ **Transformation not reformation**