

# Romans

Back to Bible Basics



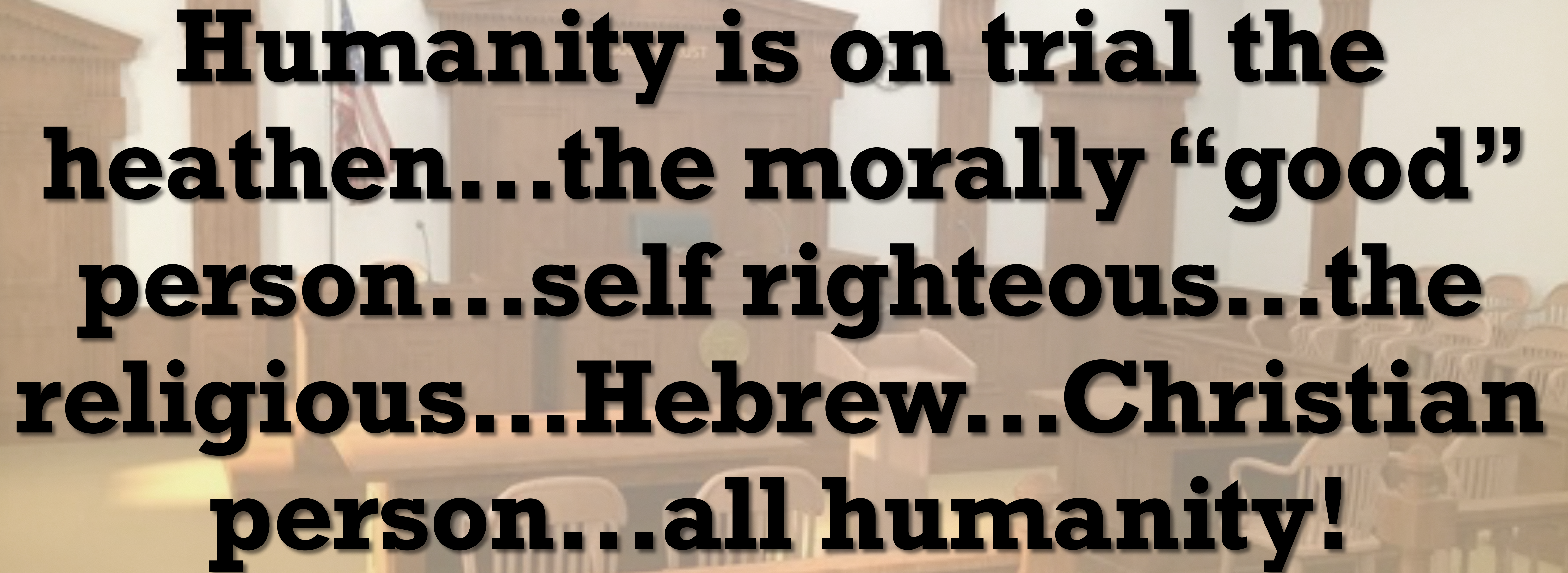
Chap. 12

***“Where the Gospel walks in shoe leather.”***

**- J. Vernon McGee**

***Paul translates “learning into living”***

**- Warren Weirsbe**

A courtroom scene with a judge's bench, an American flag, and rows of wooden chairs. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Humanity is on trial the  
heathen...the morally “good”  
person...self righteous...the  
religious...Hebrew...Christian  
person...all humanity!**

# Allegation: Sin & Unrighteousness

Claims: ignorance, immunity, special standing or circumstances

Witnesses, Evidence & Cross Ex.:

- ❖ God
- ❖ Creation
- ❖ God's Word
- ❖ Law (Covenant/Contract)

- ❖ History/Heritage
- ❖ "Good"
- ❖ Intentions
- ❖ Gentiles
- ❖ Jews

# Chapters 3-7

## Cross Examinations

### Questions

Objections = Why's  
& "Yeah But's"

**SPIRIT'S ROLE**

**ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**FAITH**

**8 PROMISES**

**SAINT**

**10:9-10 CONFESS &  
BELIEVE**

**OBEDIENCE**

**5:8 GIVEN A GIFT**

**6:23 DESERVE DEATH**

**JUSTIFICATION**

**3:23 ALL HAVE SINNED**

**GRACE**

**Roman road of the Gospel**

# NOTES: v.1

- ❖ **“Therefore...in view of”**
  - **God’s deal of salvation & grace**
  - **By Faith in what Christ has done**
  - **God’s forgiveness & justification**
  - **No condemnation & promises of Roman’s 8**
  - **God’s sovereignty = his plan, purpose & people**

# NOTES: v.1

- ❖ **“I urge you...offer your bodies”**
- **In light of Paul’s revealing a righteousness by faith not the law**
- **He encourages us...doesn’t command us, creating a new law**
- **Not “have to’s”, but freedom to “get to” do now = no longer slaves to sin & your former life in the world**



# **NOTES: v.1**

- **If you are doing the do's you don't have time to do the don'ts!**

## **❖ As living sacrifices**

- **OT sacrifices were killed & burned = we are the continual sacrifice in Christ 6:8-14**
- **An instrument is used/played continually**

# **NOTES: v.1**

- **1 Cor. 6:19-20 - temple of the Holy Spirit = moved as he moves**

## **❖ Note: Holy & Pleasing**

- **Many people want to serve in the work of the ministry to get affirmation from people (people pleasing), but are not striving to please God**
- **Remember Israel - chap. 9-11**

# **NOTES: v.1**

- **God is not looking for zealots to burnout or crucify - we do “take up our cross”, do the hard work as we are empowered by the Holy Spirit = You are not the savior**
- **Do need to be willing to invest - David - 2 Sam. 24:24 “I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offering that cost me nothing”**
- **This is pleasing to the Lord!**

“I AS A PRISONER FOR THE LORD, THEN, I URGE YOU TO LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE CALLING YOU HAVE RECEIVED.”

EPHESIANS 4:1 | NIV84

“**1 FINALLY, BROTHERS, WE INSTRUCTED YOU HOW TO LIVE IN ORDER TO PLEASE GOD, AS IN FACT YOU ARE LIVING. NOW WE ASK YOU AND URGE YOU IN THE LORD JESUS TO DO THIS MORE AND MORE.**”

**1 THESSALONIANS 4:1 | NIV84**

“9 BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE BELONGING TO GOD, THAT YOU MAY DECLARE THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT. 10 ONCE YOU WERE NOT A PEOPLE, BUT NOW YOU ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD; ONCE YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED MERCY, BUT NOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED MERCY.”

1 PETER 2:9-12 | NIV84

“11 DEAR FRIENDS, I URGE YOU, AS ALIENS  
AND STRANGERS IN THE WORLD, TO ABSTAIN  
FROM SINFUL DESIRES, WHICH WAR AGAINST  
YOUR SOUL. 12 LIVE SUCH GOOD LIVES  
AMONG THE PAGANS THAT, THOUGH THEY  
ACCUSE YOU OF DOING WRONG, THEY MAY  
SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY GOD  
ON THE DAY HE VISITS US.”

1 PETER 2:9-12 | NIV84

# **NOTES: v.1**

## **❖ Spiritual act of worship**

- About relationship over religion**
- KJV = “Reasonable” = Vine’s tells us it’s rational, logical, intelligent vs. ritual & compulsion - mindful of God’s mercies**
- In harmony with God’s character & purposes revealed in the Gospel**



# **NOTES: v.1**

- **Practical ways we serve the Lord & others - not some hyper ritualistic, dramatic acts that are weird & odd**
- **Fruit of the Spirit not the world - Gal. 5:16-25**

# NOTES: v.2

- **Many claim to be non-conformist  
= funny**

# Top Ad Campaigns:

**Just Do It**

**This Buds for You**

**Best part of  
waking up....**

**Where's the  
beef?**

**Mikey Like it!**

**NIKE**

**Budweiser**

**Folgers in your  
cup**

**Wendy's**

**Life Cereal**

# Top Ad Campaigns:

**Can you hear me  
now?**

**Verizon**

**Melt's in your  
mouth.....**

**Not in your  
hands -M&M's**

**Be all you can be!**

**Army**

**Breakfast of  
Champions**

**Wheaties**

# Top Ad Campaigns:

**Don't leave home  
without it!**

**The few the  
proud...**

**What's in your  
wallet?**

**Heartbeat of  
America**

**American  
Express**

**The Marines**

**Capital One**

**Chevrolet**

# NOTES: v.2

- **Many claim to be non-conformist = funny**
- ❖ **God looking for those who don't conform to the world, but do conform to ways of his kingdom!**
- ❖ **God isn't remodeling or fixing up = Transformation Greek 'metamorphoō' to change into another form = image of Christ**

“17 THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS  
IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW  
CREATION; THE OLD HAS GONE,  
THE NEW HAS COME!”

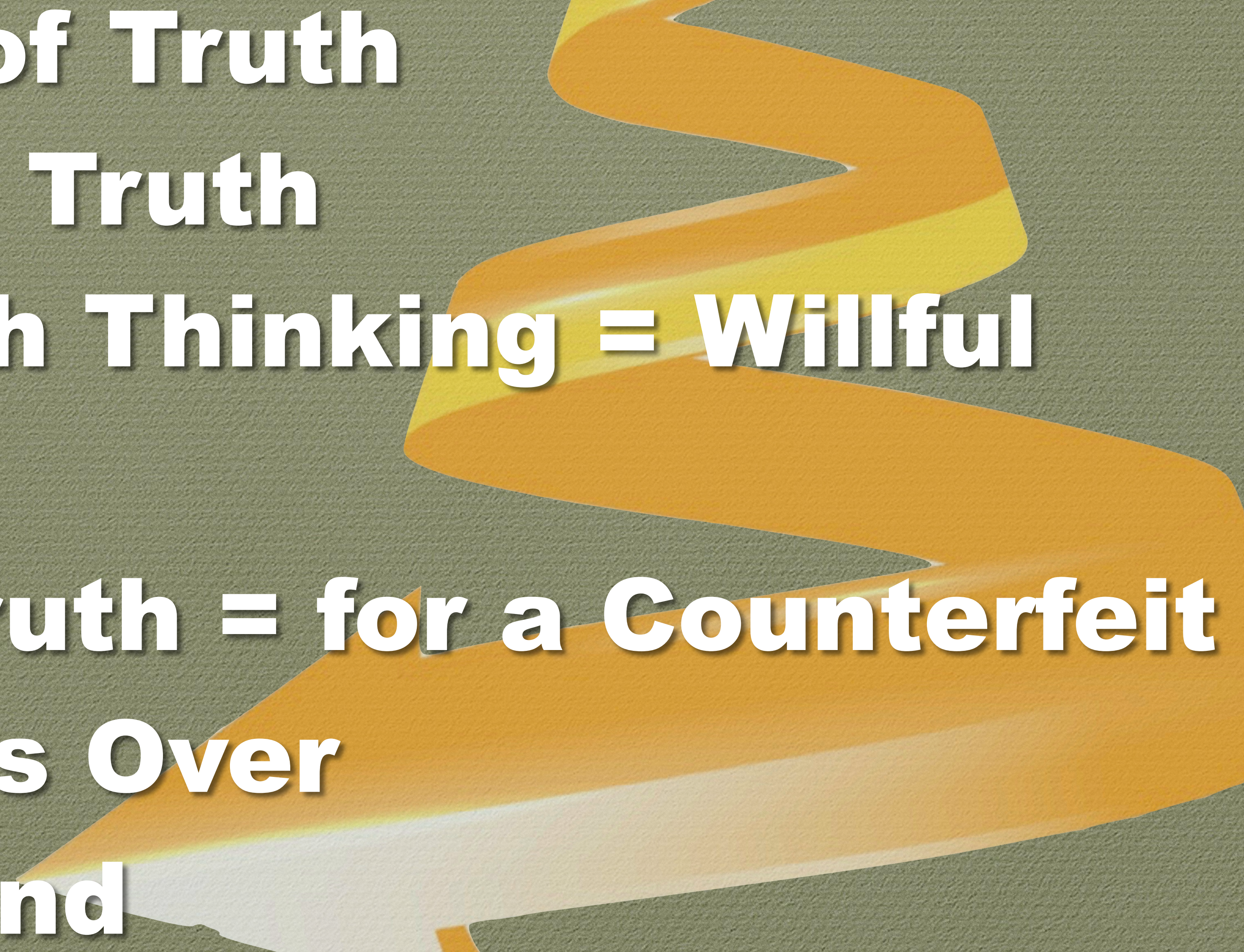
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 | NIV84

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# **Dangerous Downward Spiral**

- ✓ **Knowledge of Truth**
  - ✓ **Suppression Truth**
  - ✓ **Futile/Foolish Thinking = Willful Ignorance!**
  - ✓ **Exchange Truth = for a Counterfeit**
  - ✓ **God Gives Us Over**
  - ✓ **Depraved Mind**
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# NOTES: v.2

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  - **Worldly mind = all about pleasure, pride, power**
  - **Christ like Mind= all about selflessness, service, sacrifice**

# NOTES: v.2

- ❖ **So many people sit around waiting & wondering about the will of God for them**
  - ***“God can’t steer a parked car”* - Steve Hopkins**

# 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**
- 4. Get addicted to the things the Lord - discover your spiritual gifts & skills as you serve in various ways**

# Discovering God's Will



**JUST SHOW UP!**

**What also happens: you join other members of the body who see your gifts pour into you and help encourage you in God's will & call**

# **NOTES: v.3-6**

- ❖ **Paul - I give out what I have received**
- ❖ **Humility/Meekness like Christ = power under control**
  - **Not about what I have to offer, but how God wants to use me - have to be ready to serve in whatever way is needed**
  - **Some people think they are God's gift to the church**

# **NOTES: v.3-6**

## **❖ Christ = Head/Brain of the Body**

- In the body there is only one of some parts, other parts & systems have many members or cells**
- Example one heart, but lots of blood cells/vessels that provide needed oxygen & nutrients to the whole body**
- One liver, 2 kidneys & 2 lungs**

# **NOTES: v.3-6**

- ❖ **We serve by a measure of faith & grace soberly as the Holy Spirit leads**
- **Different “Gifts” = Greek ‘charisma’, ‘charis’ same word used for grace - so about bestowing pleasure, delight or favorable regard**
- **Pride & ego driven people - become like cholesterol or cancer**



# **NOTES: v.3-6**

- **Cause division & stress in the body rather than good**
- **Other side: people who don't think highly enough of their place in the body and are not contributing or think they have nothing to add causing deficiency in small yet vital areas of the body**
- **Our goal = for the benefit of others**

# **NOTES: v.6-8**

- ❖ **So many people make the mistake of limiting spiritual gifts to 1 Cor. 12**
  - **Prophecy = speaking the truth in love (prophet is in control of his own spirit, prophets be careful)**
  - **Serving = blood line of the body**
  - **Teachers - need to first be students & be willing to fill the need**

# **NOTES: v.3-6**

- **Encouraging = cheerleading**
- **Contributing to the needs of others  
- doesn't always mean money  
(although some do have a great  
ability to make money to share)**
- **Leadership - some are not great  
followers, but we are to be the lead  
followers of Jesus & must be first to  
serve (John 13)**

# **NOTES: v.3-6**

- **Requires multiple skills as well as administration & organization = only as good as the people he governs**
- **Mercy = care deeply & compassionately for other**
- **All these must be exercised with a huge amount of grace because can be differing yet complimentary**

# **NOTES: v.3-6**

- ❖ **When we are gifted we can be short sighted & prideful thinking this is the best way or gift and everyone should do the same**
- ❖ **Got to have all the parts working together - knees are not very good thumbs and hearts can't function outside the body....**

# What do we look for here at Calvary?



**F**aithful

**A**vailable

**S**ervants

**T**eachable