

TRANSFORMATIONS WEEK 11: Discipleship Topics in Romans

What is God showing you in the scriptures, this past week, or through our listening exercises?

Review

Romans 1 : The Gospel is the power of God for Salvation. We are becoming obedient to the faith.

Romans 1-3: All the world (religious and non-religious) is guilty of being utterly sinful.

Romans 4: The Old Testament confirms that the “righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 5: The Blood of Jesus and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross has made peace with God. Therefore we are no longer God’s enemies but His friends and beloved children. God has declared us righteous.

Romans 6: We are dead to sin and Alive to God (slaves of righteousness)

Romans 7: We have died to the Law and are Alive to our new Master and Husband, Jesus.

Romans 8: We are no longer condemned, and we have been released of all shame and guilt. We have received the Holy Spirit and have been adopted as God’s children. His love has been poured into us by the Holy Spirit who lives in us. THE HOLY SPIRIT’S MAIN JOB IS TO APPLY THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS INTO OUR LIVES... THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESSURECTION OF JESUS.

Romans 12: Therefore because of what all God has done let us live as living sacrifices to Him.

Romans 13: We are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven therefore we live on earth out of our new identity, living within the Laws of any earthly kingdoms God has placed us in.

Romans 9: Israel’s past, present and future...

Covenant Theology

Noahic Covenant – Post Flood unconditional promise to never flood the earth again.

Abrahamic Covenant – God’s unconditional promise to Abraham to be the Father of “Righteousness by Faith”.

Mosaic Covenant – God’s conditional agreement with the physical seed and nation of Israel to follow the law and remain in the promised land.

Davidic Covenant – God’s unconditional Promise that a physical seed of David’s (Jesus) would inherit an eternal kingdom (Kingdom of God).

New Covenant – Gentiles and Jewish people can have salvation by faith not by works of the Law.

The God Who Changes Times and Epochs

Therefore, Daniel went into Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as follows: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me into the king's presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king." Then Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!" The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?" Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers, magicians nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.

However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed. As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place. But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any wisdom residing in me more than in any other living man, but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind. "You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome. The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. "This was the dream; now we will tell its interpretation before the king. You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory; and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold. After you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth. Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces. In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay. As the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it

will be brittle. And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery. In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy.””

Israel Continued

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation. For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. For not knowing about God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down), or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).” But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!” However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. But I say, surely, they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have; “Their voice has gone out into all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world.” But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, “I will make you jealous by that which is not a nation, by a nation without understanding will I anger you.” And Isaiah is very bold and says, “I was found by those who did not seek Me, I became manifest to those who did

not ask for Me." But as for Israel He says, "All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.””

BREAKOUT TIME:

- 1.) What are you hearing the Holy Spirit show you from this teaching?
- 2.) Read the above scriptures this week. If faith in Christ is the end of the law for righteousness, how does that help you in your relationship with God? What feelings emerge when you consider that it is only by faith that you have right standing with God? It is only by faith that God is pleased with us?
- 3.) What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you about what Jesus accomplished for you and in you since we began studying Romans? Write down a couple thoughts and share them with the group.