

TRANSFORMATIONS WEEK 10: 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: ...

Our New Motivator... God’s Immeasurable Love

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,”

Ephesians

“In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would

be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans

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.

"For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved."

"I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the

covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants will be named." That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants. For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come, and Sarah shall have a son." And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth." So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles. As He says also in Hosea, "I will call those who were not My people, 'My people,' And her who was not beloved, 'beloved.' " "And 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 the living God."

Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved; for the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly." And just as Isaiah foretold, "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, We would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah." What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, just as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.""

Romans

BREAKOUT TIME:

- 1.) What are you hearing the Holy Spirit show you from this teaching?
- 2.) Read the above scriptures this week. Are there areas of your life in which you have a hard time experiencing the love of God? Take some time to pray through those areas.
- 3.) What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you about who God is since we began studying Romans? Write down a couple thoughts and share them with the group.