
Romans six sums up all the benefits we find in Christ.

Once we know our union in Christ we desire to obey Him in every way. Only we find a problem. Every time we try to do the right thing we end up doing the wrong thing. Paul found this to be true for him as well discovering a law (the law of sin). See Romans 7:23,25, 8:2.

Every time we try to do God stuff by a flesh self, we end up doing flesh stuff. In fact the act of trying is flesh stuff.

We are left with a dilemma. How can we be obedient without trying to be obedient.

The subtle lie.

The lie says, “If I don't do it, it cannot get done.” The truth says, “If God does not do it, it will not get done.”

My will exercising effort always fails.

My will agreeing with God's will (promises) walks in and walks out His working through flesh, this flesh.

The lie likes to get us to believe we lack what it takes (God's Person). Once we believe we lack what it takes we are invited to do it with God's help. By thinking we are flesh-selves we try and make up the difference. But Christ by His Spirit is what makes the difference. To try to do His doing is the willing to do good that always fails.

Romans eight sets us free to be what He is doing.

In Christ we are complete (perfect).

Being perfect does not mean we cannot try and do good and fail. It means we have all it takes for God to live Himself through us. (He obeys His own will.)

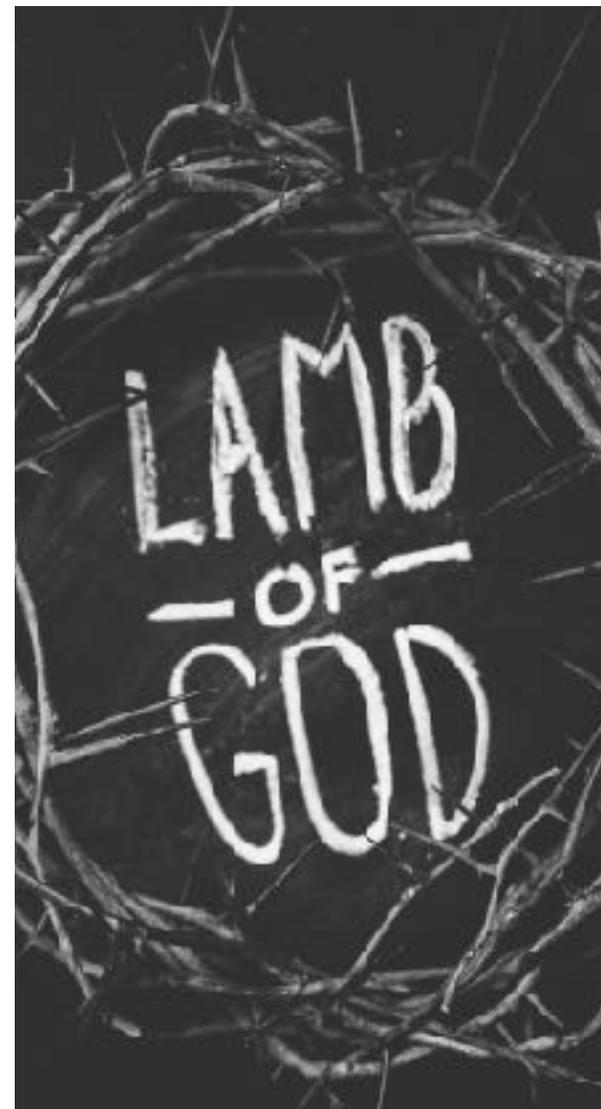
It is sort of like Jesus in the kitchen cooking with you when someone comes to the door asking for a billion dollars. You only have two bucks. Jesus taught us to give all that people ask for and then some. What a dilemma! But we do not have to answer the door. We can hand Jesus what we have (all of it) and say, “Please go to the door and do with it as you will.”

You have given Him everything including the how, when, why, and to what end. Jesus becomes the one knocking and the one receiving. For He said, “As you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto me.”

What then are we to do? Love everyone equally by letting the desire to love be an active trust. Live from knowing that it is He who both wills and does His *good pleasure*. In our obedience to this faith the world recognizes the things we do are purposed and accomplished by our Father.

Highlights of the book of Romans

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Theme of the book of Romans

Obedience into the Faith

By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: (Romans 1:5 KJV)

Through which we have received grace and apostleship into obedience of faith in all the nation in behalf of His name. (Romans 1:5 DLT [Dean and Linda Translation])

Compare

But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: (Romans 16:26 KJV)

But now, revealed through the writings of the prophets, by God's everlasting command, into the obedience of faith, (which is) to be made known into all the nations. (Romans 16:26 DLT)

Everything in-between these verses help us to learn the what, how, when, why, and the specific ability to move into the obedience of faith by any person of any nation.

Saul becomes Paul

Saul's God for the Jews becomes Paul's God for all the nations. How? By God's radical intervention.

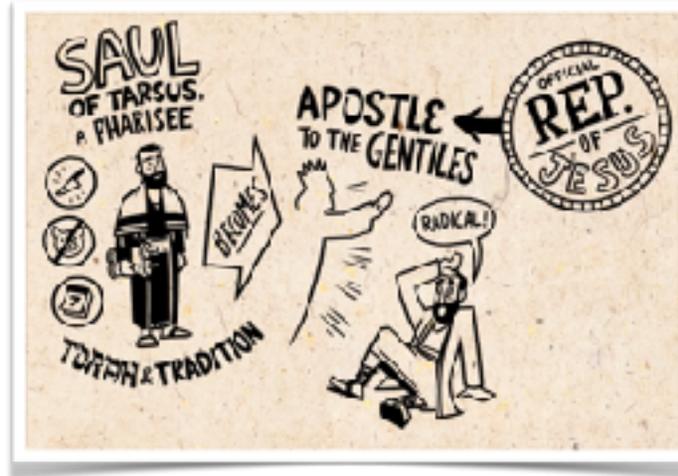
First the bad news.

From Romans 1:1 - 3:9 every human being from every nation is found guilty before the righteous requirements of God.

The good news is...

Everyone has been judged worthy of death and that, that judgement was executed in and on God's Son, our Lord

The excellent news is that everyone who puts their trust in the good news also share in the resurrection and eternal life of Jesus Christ.



God is love and has promised to put a new heart within us.

What God has promised He has accomplished.

God created the instrument by which he could judge all mankind, the law, in order to place everyone on the cross with Christ Jesus. When Christ was crucified every single human being ever conceived was also crucified thus fulfilling righteousness of God concerning disobedience. To do away with sin he had to do away with the humanity that was birthed in the disobedience Adam and Eve. See Gal. 2:20 and Romans 6:6

To accomplish this task God had to first separate all humanity from being flesh-selves. We who have put our trust in Jesus Christ have been transformed from flash-selves (selves-for-selves) trusting living by the flesh to Spirit-selves (selves-for-others) trusting and living by the spirit. This work has been accomplished by Jesus Christ obedience unto death, even the death on the cross. We in him are born of the Spirit of the eternal God and enjoy His presence forever more. We have the obedience of faith, which is trusting God.