### 10. God's Ethics

**Romans 12:1** I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

## 11. God's Acceptance

**Romans 15:1** Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not *just* please ourselves.

- <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.
- <sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell upon Me."
- <sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
- <sup>5</sup> Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;
- <sup>6</sup> that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>7</sup> Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

## 12. God's Missionary Heart

**Romans 15:20** And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation;

<sup>21</sup> but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard shall understand."

### 13. God's Methods

Romans 15:22 For this reason I have often been hindered from coming to you;

- <sup>23</sup> but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you
- <sup>24</sup> whenever I go to Spain-- for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while—

# 14. God's Family

**Romans 15:30** Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

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**Romans 16:25** Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,

- <sup>26</sup> but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith;
- $^{\rm 27}$  to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

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**Acts 13:1** Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

- <sup>2</sup> And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "**Set apart for Me** Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
- <sup>3</sup> Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Our greatest prayer for you is that you might grow in the knowledge of God; that you might know...

### 1. God's Grace

Romans 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

- <sup>2</sup> which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,
- <sup>3</sup> concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,
- <sup>4</sup> who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,
- <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake,
- <sup>6</sup> among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

#### 2. God's Power

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

<sup>17</sup> For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."

# 3. God's Judgment

**Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

- <sup>19</sup> because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.
- <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

- <sup>21</sup> For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,
- <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image...

## 4. God's Redemption

**Romans 3:19** Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God;

- <sup>20</sup> because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.
- <sup>21</sup> But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
- <sup>22</sup> even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction:
- <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- <sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
- <sup>25</sup> whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;
- $^{26}$  for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

### 5. God's Peace

**Romans 5:1** Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- <sup>2</sup> through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.
- <sup>3</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;
- <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;
- <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- <sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- <sup>7</sup> For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.
- <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.
- <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
- <sup>11</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

#### 6. God's Union with Us

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?

<sup>2</sup> May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

- <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
- <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

## 7. God's Sanctifying Work

**Romans 6:19** I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

- <sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
- <sup>21</sup> Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.
- <sup>22</sup> But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

Romans 8:12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--

- <sup>13</sup> for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- <sup>14</sup> For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

**Romans 8:28** 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.

<sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;...

### 8. God's Love

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

- <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- <sup>33</sup> Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;
- <sup>34</sup> 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.
- <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."
- $^{\rm 37}$  But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.
- <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
- <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 9. God's Sovereignty

Romans 9:1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

- <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.
- <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh