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**...EQUIPPING THE SAINTS TO
REFLECT THE FINISHED WORK
OF JESUS...**

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Paul's Letters

Romans 1

**...THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE, AS YOU, FATHER, ARE IN ME, AND I IN YOU; THAT THEY ALSO MAY
BE ONE IN US...JOHN 17:21**

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... the more I understand that God is truly my source for everything, the more clearly I am able to see my own personal true identity...

...He has created a small facet of Himself in each of us, His image bearers, that is unlike anyone else...

...He has been parenting His image bearers from before the foundations of the world and I believe that as we process this wonderful revelation, He will further empower His children making us even a more clear and authentic carrier of Jesus...

...because, it is God's good pleasure to further reveal His mysteries kept secret from before the foundations of the world **Matt 13:35-Eph 1:9**

...short review...

...but of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God--and righteousness and sanctification and redemption- 1st Cor 1:30 (NKJV)

...are we truly beginning to understand that everything about us was by the **will of Another..?**

...I was born by the will of Another...
Gen 1:26 Acts 17:28

...I fell by the will of another...
1 Cor. 15:21-22, Rom 5:12 & 14, 1st Tim 2:14(KJV)

...I was redeemed by the will of Another...
1 Cor. 15:21-22, Rom 5:12 & 14, 1st Tim 2:14(KJV)

...Think about this, Papa found me and knew me in
Jesus before He lost me through Adam...

...YEA GOD...

...I am being transformed from glory to glory by the
will of Another (Holy Spirit)...

2nd Cor 3:18

...my mind is being transformed/renewed by the will
of Another (Vines word usage says, by God's power)...

Eph 4:23 Rom 12:2

...I am being brought into unity with Jesus and Papa
by the will of Another

Jn 17:23 NIV...



...a good work is being done in me by Another

Phil 1:6...

...Another is thinking about me continually...

Psalms 40:5 / 139:17-48

thoughts in Heb... (Ma-Ha-Sha-Ba i.e., His intentions and plans)

...my destiny (to will and to do) is determined by the
will of Another...

Phil 2:13 / Psalms 40:5 / 139:17-48

... by the will of Another I am being strengthened with
all might, according to His glorious power...

[Col 1:11 NKJV]

...by the will of Another, I reign in life...

(Rom 5:17 NKJV)

...I am totally dependent on the will of Another and I believe this dependency in my own life, produces His peace, His rest, His joy in me...

...I do play one small part...

...what, you ask..?

...to become childlike...

...why you ask..?

...small children depend on another...

...except ye be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven... **Matt 18:3 (KJV)**



...and in all of this, by the will of Another, I have been placed into the Body of Christ still maintaining my own personality, all that makes me unique and one-of-a-kind, holy, blameless and above reproach in His sight... (Col 1:22)

...today begins a new series as we continue to discover our identity in His grace as presented in the book of Romans...

The following introduction to Romans is taken from the New Spirit-Filled Life Bible, edited by Pastor Jack Hayford...



...when Paul wrote Romans about A.D. 56,
he had not yet been to Rome, but

he had been preaching the gospel since his conversion
in A.D. 35. During the previous ten years he had
founded churches throughout the Mediterranean
world. Now he was nearing the end of his third
missionary journey...

...this epistle is therefore a mature statement of his
understanding of the gospel. The church at Rome had
been founded by other Christians (unknown to us, but
we do have a clue, see "visitors from Rome" in Acts 2:10);
and Paul, through his travels, knew many of the
believers of the church in Rome... (Acts 16:3-15)



...Paul most likely
wrote Romans while he was in Corinth
in A.D. 56, taking a collection to help the needy
Christians in Jerusalem...
(Rom 15:25-28, 31; 2 Cor. 8, 9)

...Paul planned to go to Jerusalem with this collection,
then visit the church in Rome...
(Rom 1:10, 11; 15:22-24)

...after being refreshed and supported by the
Christians in Rome, he planned to travel to Spain to
preach the gospel **(Rom 15:24)**. He wrote to tell the
Romans of his impending visit. The letter was likely
delivered by Phoebe... **(Rom 16:1, 2)**



...Paul wrote to introduce himself to a church he had never visited. At the same time he set forth a full and orderly statement of the great principles of the gospel that he preached...

...Romans is commonly considered the greatest exposition of Christian doctrine anywhere in Scripture...

...Romans contains an orderly, logical development of profound theological truths. It is filled with the great themes of redemption: the guilt of all mankind, our inability to earn favor with God, the redeeming death of Christ, and the free gift of salvation to be received by faith alone...



...Since Paul had not visited Rome, the epistle does not address specific local problems, but contains **general teaching applicable to all Christians for all time...**

...throughout the history of the church, expositions of Romans have sparked many revivals as people have become aware of the magnificence of God and His grace toward us...

...the overall doctrinal theme that Paul seeks to demonstrate is that God is righteous. In spite of all that happens in this world—even though all men are sinful (Rom 1:18–3:20); even though God does not punish but forgives guilty sinners; (Rom 3:21–5:21)



...even though believers may not fully live
in a way consistent with God's
Righteousness...; (Rom 6:1–8:17)

...even though believers suffer and final redemption is
delayed; (Rom 8:18-39)

...even though many Jews do not believe;
(Rom 9:1–11:36) still, God is perfectly righteous, and by
His grace has forgiven us...

Because of this great mercy from an all-righteous
God, we should live a pattern of life consistent with
God's own righteousness... (Rom 12:1–16:27)



...Romans teaches us that we should not trust in ourselves for salvation, but in Christ; (Rom chs. 1–5)

...that we should imitate the faith of Abraham; (Rom ch. 4)

...be patient in times of trouble; (Rom 5:1-11)

...rejoice in our representation by Christ; (Rom 5:12-21)

...grow in daily death to sin; (Rom 6:1–7:25)

...walk according to the Spirit each moment; (Rom 8:1-17)




...hope in future glory and trust that God will bring good out of present sufferings;
(Rom 8:18-39)

...pray for and proclaim the gospel to the lost, especially the Jews; (Rom 9:1–11:32)

...and praise God for His great wisdom in the plan of salvation. (Rom 11:33-36)

...especially in chapters 12–15 the letter gives many specific applications to life, showing how the gospel works out in practice both in the church and in the world. Finally, we can even learn to imitate Paul's deep personal care for many individual believers...
(Rom ch. 16)

 ...Romans 1:1-14 is a lengthy salutation by Paul...

...Paul declares in **Rom 1:15**, so, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also...

...for I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ**: for it is the **power of God** unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek...
Romans 1:16 (KJV)

...Francois Du Toit comments: God rescued the life of our design; He redeemed our innocence...

...man would never again be judged **righteous** or **unrighteous** by his own ability to obey moral laws..!



...for therein (the gospel of Christ) is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17 (KJV)

...it is not about what man must or must not do but about what Jesus has done! God's faith in you, rubs off on you! It is from faith to faith, and not man's good or bad behavior or circumstances interpreted as a blessing or a curse in (Duet 28)... Example Please...

...the life I now live, I live by the Faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me... Gal 2:20

...the law reveals how guilty and sinful man is, while the gospel reveals how forgiven and restored to His original blueprint man is...



...then how does faith to faith work...?

...short, but very important rabbit trail...

...in the past we have reminded you that in the KJV in the original text, in Young's Literal Translation, in Darby, and in several older translations of the Bible, the text reads (faith of the Son of God), or (the faith of Christ) not (faith in the Son of God)...

...there are many verses that do say faith in the Son of God and they are translated correctly...

...please consider this...

...if I read "it is of His faith, I can trust Him to perform His word" ...



...if I read it is of my faith, very often I fall short...

...Bible translators say the words were changed from "faith of the Son of God or faith of Christ" TO "faith in the Son of God or faith in Christ" simply for readability...

...and again I say...

...if something is of His faith, I can depend on Him, conversely, if something is of my faith, I may fail...

...so the correct translation is very, very important...

...just a few examples...



Romans 3:22 (KJV)

²² Even the righteousness of God *which is by faith of Jesus Christ* unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Galatians 2:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but **by the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified **by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.



Galatians 2:20 (KJV)

²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 3:22 (KJV)

²² But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Philippians 3:9 (KJV)

⁹ And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:



...the end of the short but very important rabbit
trail...



...for the wrath of God ([Rom. 1:18](#); [Ps. 78:31](#); [Jn. 3:36](#); [Eph. 5:6](#); [Col. 3:6](#); [Rev. 14:10,19](#); [15:1,7](#); [16:1](#)) is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, (Rom. 3:10-18) who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, Rom 1:18 (NKJV)

...this is what God's wrath is against...

In [Rom. 1:18-32](#) Paul proves the utter ungodliness of the Gentile world and its deserving God's wrath.

In [Rom. 2:1](#) -- [Rom. 3:8](#) he proves that the Jews are also ungodly and deserving of God's wrath.

In [Rom. 3:9-20](#) he sums up the case of both Jews and Gentiles, proving the whole world guilty.



...again, what did Rom 1:18 say..?

...for the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, Rom 1:18 (NKJV)

...mankind suppresses the truth in their own unrighteous life-style and language...

...and I submit, that Papa places in each of His children, DNA that resonates with His own glory...
...i.e., every man woman and child ever born onto planet Earth knows there is a God and is without excuse...

...He (Jesus) was the true Light, which does enlighten every man, coming into the world; John 1:9 (YLT) ...



...verse nineteen...

...because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. Rom 1:19 (NKJV)

...the Mirror Bible says..;

1:19 God is not a stranger to anyone; whatever can be known of God is evident in every human life...

...Du Toit says...: "it is in Christ that God finds an accurate and complete expression of Himself, in a human body!

Jesus mirrors our completeness."



while the universe cannot measure or define God, His exact likeness is displayed in human form.

Jesus proves that human life is tailor-made for God!

...in Him we live and move and have our being...

Acts 17:28

...in us He lives and moves and has His being...

Graham Cooke

...for since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they (mankind) is without excuse,
Rom 1:20 (NKJV)



the Mirror Bible helps amplify verse twenty...

God is on display in creation; the very fabric of visible cosmos appeals to reason.

It clearly bears witness to the ever present sustaining power and intelligence of the invisible God, leaving man without any valid excuse to ignore Him. (Rom 1:20 MB)

...the Message Bible says.: God's glory is on tour in the skies, God-crafted an exhibit across the horizon.

Madame Day holds classes every morning, Professor Night lectures each evening. Their words aren't heard, their voices aren't recorded, But their silence fills the earth: unspoken truth is spoken everywhere...
(Psalms 19:1-4 TMB)



...verse twenty-one...

...because, although they (mankind) knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom 1:21 NKJV)

...how do you become futile in your thoughts..?

...by eating and feasting at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...

...your focus is on what the enemy says about you that appeals to your misguided sense of insecurity and inferiority...



...you are no longer feasting at the
Tree of Life...

...remember the Tree of Life is what God says and
thinks about you...

...i.e., you were chosen by God before the foundations
of the world to be holy and blameless and above
reproach in His sight... Eph 1:4 / Col 1:22 / et. al.,

...professing to be wise, they (mankind) became fools,
Rom 1:22 (NKJV)

...and (mankind) changed the glory of the
incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible
man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping
things. Rom 1:23 (NKJV)



verse twenty-one in the Mirror Bible says..:

...yet man only knew Him in a philosophical religious way, from a distance, and failed to give Him credit as God. Their taking Him for granted and lack of gratitude veiled Him from them; they became absorbed in useless debates and discussions, which further darkened their understanding about themselves...(Rom 1:21 MB)

...their thoughts were on futile things and their thoughts brought darkness to their hearts...

..in **Gen 6:5** Papa said " *that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually and the imagination man's heart is on evil from his youth*"

Gen 8:21...



...verse twenty three in the MB says...

1:23 Their losing sight of God, made them lose sight of who they really were. In their calculation the image and likeness of God became reduced to a corrupted and distorted pattern of themselves. Suddenly man has more in common with the "creepy crawlies" than with his original blueprint.

...twenty four...

...therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,
Rom 1:24 (NKJV)



..mankind...

...exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 1:25 (NKJV)

...it almost seems like God unwillingly gave them over to the desires of their hearts; they made the choice to worship idols and pervert their bodies...



...in the end, they made the final decision
to abandon God completely...

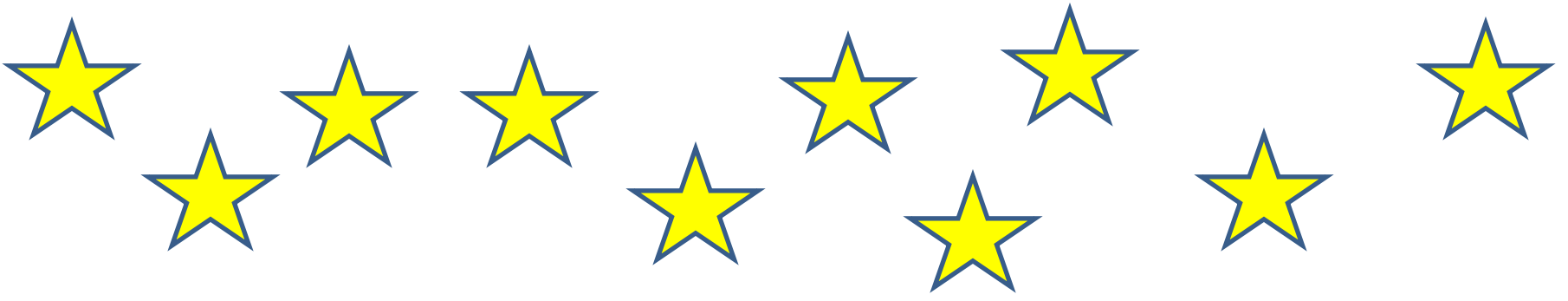
...and they knew better...

...who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that
those who practice such things are deserving of
death, not only do the same but also approve of those
who practice them...

Romans 1:32 (NKJV)

...the Mirror Bible says..: it just doesn't make any
sense, they started off knowing the righteousness of
God, yet by their deeds they clearly prefer death; it
is almost as if sin has become a fashionable contest...

(Rom 1:32 MB)



Amen

