

ROMANS 10

We will begin this lesson in Romans 4:14 "For if they which are of the law [be] heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:" We see the law is totally different from the justification by faith that came from Abraham. Abraham was not promised to bless all nations through the law which was given to just one nation, Israel) but the promise came through faith. His seed that we have mentioned so many times before in these lessons, is all believers in Christ. Galatians 3:28 ***"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.."***
Galatians 3:29 ***"And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."***

You can easily see, if you can see heirship by work, it would not be by promise. Law is exacting and must be obeyed to the letter, but the grace of Jesus Christ leaves opportunity for repentance and new life. Abraham did not earn the right, he believed God and that was enough. God wants us to trust Him. Actually Abraham's promise from God was two fold. He was promised in the physical the promised land (Israel). In the spirit these promises went much further. The promise of the spirit was not of this earth, but for the promised land (heaven) for all who believe.

Romans 4:15 ***"Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, [there is] no transgression."***

How can you break a law, if there is no law? If you break the law (that you are living under), you will be punished (wrath). If there is no law, you are not punished. (There are no laws written down on paper for Christians. God's laws are written in our heart. We are pardoned by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Romans 4:16 ***"Therefore [it is] of faith, that [it might be] by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,"***

The following Scripture speaks of this grace I Corinthians 1:4 ***"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;"***

Grace (unmerited favor) was offered to each of us (not because we were worthy) but because God loved us each one.

II Timothy 1:9 ***"Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"*** Just the love of God provided Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord for each of us. Our obligation is to reach out and receive this gift of grace in Jesus Christ.

Romans 4:17 ***"(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [even] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were."***

This Scripture has been greatly misunderstood by many. Some believe that this is saying that you can have anything you want by just claiming it for yourself. I personally believe this is speaking of the Gentiles when it is saying those who were not. Many nations could not be just Israel. Israel is just one nation. This Scripture is speaking of the Jew and Gentile. The Gentiles were not, because they were heathen people. Through Jesus they are the family of God, which they had not been previously. This is, also, speaking of the resurrection of the dead. I

Thessalonians 4:13 ***"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."*** I Thessalonians 4:14 ***"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."***

I Thessalonians 4:15 ***"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep."***

I Thessalonians 4:16 ***"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"*** I

Thessalonians 4:17 ***"Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."***

" I Thessalonians 4:18 ***"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."***

You should, also, read 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 35 through 58.

Romans 4:18 ***"Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be."***

When the promise was given to Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, it seemed impossible. Here he and his wife Sarah were very old people and have never had any children. For a person who thought with a carnal mind this would be an impossibility. Sarah had passed the age of women have children. Abraham did not listen to the carnal mind, but believed all things were possible with God. His faith in God and nothing else completed his righteousness to God. God honored his great faith and gave him a son by Sarah (Isaac). Isaac was the beginning of the promise that Abraham was to become father of many nations.

Romans 4:19 *"And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:"*

You see Abraham did not think with his carnal mind. He knew all things were possible with God. God had created him in the beginning and he knew God could restore his and Sarah's youth enough that they could bring forth a child. (All men have their measure of faith.) Abraham had great faith beyond the measure each man requires. He believed so strongly, he became known as the father of the faithful.

Romans 4:20 *"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;"*

Jesus' own words Matthew 19:26 *"But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, **With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.**"* Abraham knew in his heart that nothing was impossible to God. His faith was not of this world, but in God.

Romans 4:21 *"And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."*

Abraham knew whatever God said he would do, He was perfectly capable of doing.

Romans 4:22 *"And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness."*

The number one meaning for impute above was compute. Righteousness is not earned but received by faith. We are made righteous in God's sight when we are washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Romans 4:23 *"Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;"*

This just means that not only is faith full payment for Abraham's righteousness, but any one who has faith in Jesus Christ is counted righteous, as well. Our faith makes us in right standing with God.

Romans 4:24 *"But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;"*

Look at Romans 10:9 *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."* This leaves absolutely no doubt what it takes to be saved.

Romans 4:25 *"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."*

Jesus was without sin. He was innocent of all sin. He took our sins on his body and paid our penalty in full. I should have been crucified. My sins help put Jesus on the cross. I Corinthians 15:3 **"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;"** Jesus bought us and paid for us with his own precious blood. Our salvation lies in him.

QUESTIONS 10

1. In verse 14, faith is made void and the promise of none effect if who be heirs?
2. Who was the law given to?
3. How many nations does it consist of?
4. Who are Abraham's seed?
5. Where do you find the Scripture that tells who Abraham`s seed are?
6. What is the physical promised land?
7. What is the spiritual promised land?
8. We find in verse 15, that the law worketh what?
9. If there is no law, there is no _____.
10. Where are God's laws written for the Christians?
11. In verse 16, it is of faith that it might be of_____.
12. Who is the father of all who believe?
13. How was the grace of God given us?
14. What is grace?
15. Why did God offer us this grace?
16. When was this grace provided for us?
17. Who quickeneth?
18. What two Scriptures speak of the resurrection?
19. In verse 18, was it the written or spoken Word which brought this about?.
20. Why did it seem impossible for Abraham to be father of many?
21. Who was the beginning of the promise fulfilled in?
22. About how old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
23. Who did Abraham give glory to?
24. In Matthew ch. 19 verse 26, what does Jesus teach us about God?
25. What was imputed to Abraham for righteous

ROMANS 11

We will begin this lesson in **Romans 5:1** *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"*

Look at this carefully. Justified means just as if I had never sinned. Notice, again, what makes us justified. It is when we make Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Aside from Jesus no man is justified.

Galatians 2:16 *"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."* Peace comes when we are assured of our salvation.

Romans 5:2 *"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."*

We have access to the Father, because Jesus tore down the middle wall of partition and gave us access when He died on the cross. We see how Jesus furnished us access to the Father....Mark 15:38 *"And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom."* This curtain was not torn down by man, but by God.

Romans 5:3 *"And not only [so], but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;"*

Jesus taught that in this life you will have tribulation. The only peace is in Him. **John 16:33** *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."* II

Corinthians 1:4 *"Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."* You see, the problems come to all. Christians have Jesus to lean upon in their troubles. In Revelation chapter 7 verse 14, we see all the Christians around the throne who have been taken out of great tribulations on this earth. He promises He will be with us and provide a way out for us. **Matthew 5:45** *"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."*

One of the greatest examples of people who are perfect and upright in the sight of God, and yet have great tribulation, is Job in the book of Job. He is tested by tribulation and yet his patience never tires. When we are going through tribulation (undeserved), we must remember that it is

to make us stronger in God. Jesus was tried for 40 days and nights, but never faltered. We can make it, too, if we keep in the back of our mind that it is for our own good and not harm.

Romans 5:4 *"And patience, experience; and experience, hope:"*

We Christians have hope of the resurrection. In Lamentations 3:26 "[It is] good that [a man] should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD." I have discovered that God allows these little trials to come along to see if we still believe in Him under pressure. If we fold in the trial, then we have to go through another similar trial until we learn to lean on him in our trials. **I Thessalonians 4:13** *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."*

Romans 5:5 *"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."*

This Holy Ghost spoken of here comes and dwells within us. It is the Holy Ghost in us that loves others unselfishly. We are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ unto salvation. If we are ashamed of Jesus or the Holy Ghost here, He will be ashamed of us in heaven. We must not be ashamed but boldly tell of our Lord and Saviour and His blessed Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:6 *"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."*

The mystery of it all is how He loved us enough to die for us while we were evil in every way. Jesus died for those who deserved to go to hell, because they had sinned. (There is no one righteous in his own right) everyone needs a Saviour. God loves a sinner and has made way for him or her: the way is Jesus Christ our Lord. He gave each of us a free will so we must be willing to be saved, Jesus does the rest.

Romans 5:7 *"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die."*

This is just saying that it would have been a little more understandable that Jesus would die on the cross for us, if we had been good people. There are no good people (Jesus said even He was not good). A death of this cruel nature would be hard to endure, even for righteous people, but for wicked people it is almost not understandable. The reason we do not understand is because God's love is so much greater than any thing we know about.

Romans 5:8 *"But God commandeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

In verse eight above, it is as if God forced His love to be shown by His mighty hand. The word commandeth means more than just give. The greatest love ever known was when God the Father gave His only begotten son to die on the cross for you and me that we might be saved. The mystery of it all is He does not wait until we are good enough to be saved.

Romans 5:9 *"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."*

One of the best Scriptures on this, I believe, is in Revelation.

Revelation 7:9 *"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;"*

Revelation 7:10 *"And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."*

Revelation 7:11 *"And all the angels stood round about the throne, and [about] the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,"*

Revelation 7:12 *"Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, [be] unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."*

Revelation 7:13 *"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?"*

Revelation 7:14 *"And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."*

This beautiful scene in heaven of Christians (innumerable) standing around the throne of God takes place while the wrath of God is poured out upon the earth. Those saved by the blood of Jesus never taste God's wrath. Notice, it is a voluntary act upon our part, because we are the ones who washed our robe, Jesus provided the blood to wash them with.

Romans 5:10 *"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."*

In **John 11:25** *"Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**"* **John 11:26** *"**And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?**"* Because He (Jesus) lives, We shall live also. Jesus is life: In **John 14:6** *"Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**"* Jesus is life. If we have Jesus, we have life.

Romans 5:11 "*And not only [so], but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*"

Atonement, here, means restoration to divine favor. Notice, this atonement is by Jesus Christ. Even our joy is in Him.

QUESTIONS 11

1. In verse one we are justified by what?
2. Who do we have peace with God through?
3. In Galations ch. 2 v. 16, we find that no man is justified by what?
4. When does peace come to the believer?
5. How do we have access to the Father?
6. How was the veil of the temple rent?
7. We glory in tribulations knowing that tribulations worketh what?
8. In John ch. 16 vr.33, we find that in Jesus we might have _____.
9. In this world we will have_____.
10. In Revelation ch.7 v.14, who do we see around the throne?
11. Who does God make the sun to shine on?
12. What is possibly the best illustration of tribulation undeserved?
13. What do we need to remember when we are being tried?
14. Patience and experience brings what?
15. In I Thessalonians ch.4 vr.13, what hope does the Christian have?
16. What O.T. book gives promise of the same hope?
17. Hope maketh not ashamed, why?
18. What within us loves others unselfishly?
19. Verse 6 said, Christ died for whom?
20. What is our only way out?
21. Verse 7, maybe for _____ some would even dare to die?
22. God _____ His _____ toward us?
23. What condition were we in when Jesus died for us?
24. What is the greatest love ever known?
25. In verse 9, we find that we are justified by what?
26. We will be saved from the _____ to come?
27. How were the Christians dressed in Rev. ch. 7?
28. Where had they come from?
29. In verse 10, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by what?
30. In John ch. 11 vrs. 25, Jesus said He was two things, what were they?
31. In John ch.14 Verse 6, Jesus calls Himself 3 things, name them.
32. The word atonement in verse 11 means what?

ROMANS 12

We begin this lesson in **Romans 5:12** "*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*"

Adam and Eve were created to live (not die). In the Garden of Eden was the tree of life which would make them live forever, if they ate of it. The tree of life is Jesus Christ. Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, and God drove them out of the garden so that they would not eat of the tree of life and live forever in their sinful nature.

Adam and Eve brought sin into the world: thus by one man sin entered. The sin nature of man has to do with the flesh man. The flesh man is controlled by the desires of the flesh. Man is a spirit who lives in a body of flesh. Man has a free will to do with his life on earth as he wishes. When the will is controlled by the flesh (as in Adam), then the man is a man of flesh. If the spirit overrules the flesh and the will of man follows the spirit, you have a spiritual man. All who practice sin are of the flesh. 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 4 tells of these 2, spirit and flesh in a man.

Romans 5:13 "*(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*"

Man chose to follow the flesh instead of God beginning with Adam. It is impossible to break the law, however, if there is no law. If there is no speed limit, you could drive a hundred miles an hour and not be arrested. If the speed limit is 55 and you go even 65 you are probably going to get a fine to pay. You would be breaking the law. Until Moses, there was no law written down.

Romans 5:14 "*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*"

Instead of each person possessing life, they are facing death. Adam brought death into the picture. And God could not allow them to live forever in sickness, pain, and deterioration of body and mind. God provides a way out of this terrible mess that man has gotten himself into, by sending the second Adam (Jesus Christ). All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. God sent us a Saviour.

Romans 5:15 *"But not as the offence, so also [is] the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, [which is] by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."*

Death reigned from Adam until Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ defeated death when He rose from the grave. We see this statement above how much greater Jesus' act of mercy than Adam's act of sin. By one man's transgression sin entered. Jesus Christ actually took the sin of the whole world upon His body and sin for the Christians died on the cross. **II Corinthians 5:21** *"For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."* In **I Peter 2:24** *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."* The real story is that Jesus paid our debt for us. We are bought and paid for with the shed blood of Jesus Christ. He provides our righteousness. Jesus made us righteous. We do not make ourselves right in God's sight. Jesus made us righteous in God's sight.

Romans 5:16 *"And not as [it was] by one that sinned, [so is] the gift: for the judgment [was] by one to condemnation, but the free gift [is] of many offences unto justification."*

God tells Adam in Genesis chapter 3 verse 19 that he is dust and to dust he will return. This is the fate of all flesh. Flesh and blood do not inherit heaven. **I Corinthians 15:50** *"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."* The death that Adam brought was of the flesh. Jesus did not just pick out some sins and die for that, but in fact died for all sin.

Romans 5:17 *"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)"*

This is just repeating, again, that through Adam sin ruled in the flesh of man and brought death until Jesus Christ who defeated sin and death, and brought life when He paid for all sin on the cross.

Romans 5:18 *"Therefore as by the offence of one [judgment came] upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life."*

We read in **I Peter 3:19** *"By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;"* You see the Lord was victorious when He went to hell and he preached to the prisoners there and brought them out with Him. **Ephesians 4:8** *"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up*

on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." **Ephesians 4:9** "(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?" **Ephesians 4:10** "*He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.*")" We see from this that Jesus' purpose in going to hell was not to suffer, but to deliver those in the devil's captivity.

Romans 5:19 "*For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*"

These many who were made sinners, just means that through the ancestry of Adam and Eve they knew sin. The natural thing for anyone to do is to listen to the lust of the flesh. The opportunity and the desire to sin was available to all. Each person did their own sinning. We were not guilty because Adam sinned, but because we sinned. Righteousness is made available to all mankind through Jesus Christ. Again, we must accept His righteousness into our lives. He (Jesus) has made it available for all of us, but we must act upon this availability before it will bring life and righteousness into our lives. **1 Peter 3:18** "*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*" We, too, must put our flesh to death that we might live in His Spirit. **Galatians 5:24** "*And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*"

Romans 5:20 "*Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:*"

When God gave the law to man, it showed man how far short he had fallen in God's ways. There was absolutely no way that fleshly man could keep God's law. Man realized he needed a Saviour. Through the grace of God, Jesus Christ became our Saviour.

Romans 5:21 "*That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*"

Sin reigned until Jesus Christ destroyed sin on the cross. God's grace (unmerited favor) to us provides eternal life to all who will accept Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. We did not earn it, it is a free gift. We can have life eternal, if we will only believe and receive the Lord Jesus Christ into our life.

Questions 12

1. Sin entered into the world, how?
2. What was a byproduct of sin?
3. What percentage of mankind has sinned?
4. Who is the Tree of Life?
5. What does the sin nature of man stem from?
6. What do we find in 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 44?
7. When is sin not imputed?
8. When is it impossible to break the law?
9. What reigned from Adam to Moses?
10. If all face death by one, how do we attain life?
11. What did Jesus defeat when He rose from the grave?
12. In 2 Corinthians 5-21, Jesus was made what?
13. Where does our righteousness come from?
14. Where do we find the Scripture that says (Who his ownself bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.)?
15. The judgement was to what?
16. The free gift is of many offenses unto _____.
17. In Genesis chapter 3 verse 19, God tells Adam he will return to what?
18. What is this speaking of?
19. In 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 50, we read that something cannot inherit the kingdom of God, what is it?
20. How shall we reign in life?
21. What do we read in 1 Peter ch.3 v.19?
22. Righteousness is made available to all in Jesus, what must we do to receive it?
23. Jesus was put to death in the _____, but was quickened in the _____.
24. What was the purpose of the law?
25. By whom does eternal life for each of us come?