

## ROMANS 19

We will begin this lesson in **Romans 8:22** *"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."*

Until Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross, there was no promise of everlasting life. Mankind died with no hope of everlasting life. The atonement (payment) for sins up until Jesus Crucifixion was just for 1 year at a time. The blood of an animal could not do away with sin, it could only cover it. In Hebrews Chapter 10 v-4, we read *"For [it is] not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."* We read this very thing even more plainly in Hebrews chapter 9 v-12 *"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us]."*

**Romans 8:23** *"And not only [they], but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, [to wit], the redemption of our body."*

In V-18 of the first chapter of James, we read of the Christians being firstfruits. **V-18** *"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."* In 1 Corinthians chapter 15 V-23 we read, *"But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."* This is really speaking of those who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. Receiving the Spirit of God inside of yourself is a first fruit promise of the resurrection.

**Romans 8:24** *"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"* **Romans 8:25** *"But if we hope for that we see not, [then] do we with patience wait for [it]."*

**II Corinthians 5:7** *"(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"* This hope above is the same as faith. In Hebrews Chapter 11 verse 1 we read *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."*

The root word that hope in V-24 is translated from is elpo. Elpo means to anticipate with pleasure and is sometimes translated faith. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and hope of the resurrection is really what saves us. Romans Chapter 10 V-9 says it clearly.

**8:26 Romans** *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."*

We see the problem that many Christians face when they are praying for others. We all pray to the very best of our ability, and still we do not always know what to pray for, or how to pray

for a particular thing. This is when the Spirit takes over for us and prays for us. God's Spirit knows exactly what the needs are.

**Romans 8:27** *"And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what [is] the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to [the will of] God."*

This is speaking of the Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) praying for the saints. The Spirit of God knows the will of God. He prays for us according to God's will. God knows the desires of our heart, even before we pray.

**Romans 8:28** *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his]purpose."*

This is another Scripture that is many times misunderstood, because most people stop reading when it says to them that love God. It truly says much more than that though. Are we fulfilling God's purpose in our lives? If you are, then all things work together for good to you. The key is (them that are called according to His purpose). People in all types of ministry forget that God has called them to a particular ministry and they hurry to get into something of their own choosing. The ministry that God will bless you in is the one He called you to. Sometimes we do not realize exactly what God would have us to do. If we would get alone with God and pray and ask Him, He will reveal unto us what He would have us to do.

**Romans 8:29** *"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."*

We see from this above, that this predestination did not overrule our will. What this is really saying, is that God knew from even before you were born, how you would choose. God has foreknowledge of all happenings, not only in my life and yours, but he knows everything from the beginning of time to the end of time. In fact, He is the Beginning and the Ending. He knows everything about everyone and everything from the beginning to the end. This is because of His foreknowledge. It is predestined, because He foreknew your decision. Jesus' crucifixion was planned from the foundation of the earth. Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus paid for you and me to be adopted into the family with His precious blood at Calvary. We are part of the family of God, because our elder brother (God's only begotten Son) purchased our right to be called God's sons.

**Romans 8:30** *"Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."*

In 2nd Timothy Chapter 1 verse 9 we read, **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,"* This predestination above,

as I said before, is just a carrying out of His foreknowledge. God sent His Son, Jesus Christ to shed His blood that we might be justified (just as if we had never sinned) by His blood. The exciting thing is that we did not work to earn this salvation. We received it by faith. We must believe that Jesus shed His blood on the cross for our sins and believe that He (Jesus) arose from the grave, and be willing to tell this to everyone. (Romans ch. 10-9).

The plan was set at the foundation of the world. Man could not be saved by his own deeds, he must have a Saviour. That Saviour we must have is Jesus Christ our Lord. We do know that God's call for many of His ministers, was a call before they were even born, like John the Baptist. John the Baptist's entire life (even before birth) was planned of God. Read the account of John the Baptist's birth in Luke chapter 1. This does not mean that John had no Choice. He could have refused, but he didn't. God knew he would carry out God's purpose in his life. Obedience to God's will in our life will bring peace in our life, too. Most people today take their call to serve God far too lightly. It is serious business to answer God's call and serve God. We must first be able to say (*not my will be done, but thine O Lord*) and then say, *Here am I Lord, send me.*

## Questions 19

1. In V-22, we see that the whole creation until now does 2 things, what are they ?
2. What brought us a promise of everlasting life ?
3. What does atonement mean ?
4. In Hebrews Chapter 10 V-4, we read that the blood of what could not do away with sin ?
5. Who is the only hope for mankind?
6. In Romans Ch.8 v.23, we Christians groan within ourselves waiting for what?
7. In James ch.1 v.18, we are called a kind of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God`s creatures.
8. 1 Corinthians ch.15 v.33, who is the actual first fruit?
9. Romans ch.8 v.24 says, we are saved by what?
10. What does 2nd Corinthians ch.5 v.7 say about faith?
11. In Hebrews ch.11 v.1, what is faith?
12. Elpo means what?
13. What really saves us?
14. When we do not know what to pray for, who prays for us?
15. Verse 27- He that searcheth the hearts knowest what is the mind of the \_\_\_\_\_ .
16. His intercession is according to what?
17. Who do things work together for good to?
18. How is Romans ch.8 v.28 many times misunderstood?
19. Explain about God's calling us to the ministry.
20. Explain about the predestination in verse 29.
21. What name of God tells us that He knows everything from the foundation of the world until the end of the world?
22. Who is Jesus called in verse 29?
23. How did Jesus pay for our adoption into the family of God?
24. In verse 30, we see that whom God Predestined He \_\_\_\_\_.
25. Who justified us? How?
26. What does being justified mean?
27. In 2nd Timothy ch.1 v.9, we find that not our works, but his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ which was given us in Christ Jesus saved us.
28. Who is a good Bible example of being called before birth to God`s work?
29. In verse 29, we are to be conformed to whose image.

Notes

## ROMANS 20

We will begin this lesson in chapter **8 V-31** "*What shall we then say to these things? If God [be] for us, who [can be] against us?*"

We read in **1 Corinthians chapter 8 verse 12**, "*But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.*" God fights for us and gives us the victory. God causes even our enemies to live at peace with us, if we are Christians. Those who are opposed to God's people are really opposed to God.

**Romans 8:32** "*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*"

The hardest thing for the carnal mind to understand is why God would sacrifice His Son for a bunch of sinners. We read in **Romans Chapter 5 V 8**, "*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" The amazing thing is that God loves the worst sinner. God provided through His Son a way out for all. Jesus died for all sin. The way out is through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The problem is that many will not accept this way out and therefore will die in their sin. The beautiful story in Genesis in the O.T. of Abraham about to sacrifice his son Isaac, is a type and shadow of God sacrificing His Son for all of mankind. A type or shadow is not exact in every detail, but makes you think of the happening it is shadowing. Both Abraham and God were about to sacrifice the one who meant the very most to them. In the case of Abraham, God stopped him and gave him a substitute. In God's case, there was no one greater than Himself to stop Him. Jesus Christ (the only begotten of the Father) was the substitute for all mankind. The greatest gift of love in all time was God loving us enough to give His Son to save us. We deserved to die on that cross, but God the Son took our place for us. He was our substitute. We read earlier in **Romans Ch. 6 V-23** "*For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*"

**In Corinthians ch. 15 V-45** "*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.*" God has given us life in Jesus Christ. What more can we ask?

**Romans 8:33** "*Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? [It is] God that justifieth.*"

Some young children learned the hard way not to insult God's elect in **2 kings Chapter 2 V 23 and 24**. They had made fun of Elisha's bald head. Elisha cursed them in the name of the Lord

and 42 of them were torn of she bears. It is a very dangerous thing to say bad things about God's elect. Another example of how God will not allow this is when Miriam spoke against Moses and became leprous. She was cleansed when Moses prayed for her. Numbers Chapter 12 V-10. These 2 instances remind us not to come against God's elect. God fights their battles for them. We who are God's are not justified by our own deeds, we are justified because we have been cleansed by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. We are justified, because we have taken on the righteousness of Christ.

**Romans 8:34** *"Who [is] he that condemneth? [It is] Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."*

In Matthew Chapter 25, we see that all the people of the world will stand before Jesus to be judged. Beginning with v-31 read the rest of the Chapter. Jesus separates them into sheep on the right (His followers) and goats on the left. The lost and saved are spoken of in v-46 "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." We also take note of what we believe about Jesus in verse 34 chapter 8 of Romans. It gets into real specifics about what we must believe. 1. Christ died for our sins. 2. He rose again. 3. He sits at the right hand of the Father. 4. He is constantly reminding God that He died to pay the cost for our sins.(intercessor).

**Romans 8:35** *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"*

This is a very interesting question. In the parable of the sower in Matthew the 13th chapter, beginning with the third verse, we read about how different people were affected by the cares of the world and turned aside from the love of God. One did not understand the Word (love) he had received, and the evil one immediately took it away. In verse 21 of Matthew 13, we read of another who was slightly stronger than the one mentioned, but in the face of tribulation and persecution lost out. V-22 of Matthew 13 tells of someone who the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches caused to fail. Out of all of the seed (word or love) sown, there was one who received it and nothing or no one could take it away. This person was not only not shaken by all the problems that came, but actually went out and brought others to the Lord. Problems did not stop this person, it just made him stronger and more determined to do the will of God.

**Romans 8:36** *"As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."*

Since Jesus was crucified, there have been men and women who were willing to be martyred (killed) to bring the true message of God.

Paul in writing this could be speaking of himself. He was stoned, ship-wrecked, beaten and left for dead, but he never gave up the cause of Jesus Christ. We are sheep, if we are followers of Jesus Christ (the great Shepherd.) The sheep will follow the Shepherd even to death of his body.

**Romans 8:37** *"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."*

A true follower of Jesus Christ will not turn back into these problems. We know that Jesus has won the victory. These little battles are nothing, Jesus won the war at Calvary. Our strength is in Jesus.

**Romans 8:38** *"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,"* **Romans 8:39** *"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

I think **Ephesians chapter 2 verse 18 thru 22** says it all. **Ephesians 2:18** *"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."* **Ephesians 2:19** *"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;"* **Ephesians 2:20** *"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone];"* **Ephesians 2:21** *"In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:"* **Ephesians 2:22** *"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."* We are in Him and He is in us. How can you separate that?

## Questions 20

1. If God be for us, \_\_\_\_\_ can be against us?
2. 1 Corinthians ch.8 v.12 says if ye sin against the brethren you are really sinning against whom?
3. Who did the Father God not spare to help us?
4. What does verse 32 say He will freely give us?
5. What is the hardest thing for the carnal mind to understand?
6. While we were yet in \_\_\_\_\_, Christ died for us.
7. What O.T. character is a type and shadow of God the Father?
8. What is the difference between the shadow and the real Father?
9. What is the greatest show of the Father's love to mankind?
10. The first Adam was made a living \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. The second Adam (Jesus Christ) was made a \_\_\_\_\_ .
12. Who justifies the elect?
13. Give two examples of how dangerous it is to be against God's elect.
14. Who is He that condemneth?
15. Where is Christ now?
16. Who intercedes for the Christians?
17. Who is the judge of all the world?
18. What two animals describe the two sides of good and evil?
19. Where do we find the Scripture that tells us of this?
20. What four things must we believe?
21. Verse 35 asks a question about six things that might separate us from the love of Christ? What are they?
22. What does the parable of the sower from Matthew the 13th Chapter show us?
23. What is meant by us being killed all the day long?
24. What are we called in V-37?
25. Who won the war? when?
26. In V-38 & 39 many things are named that cannot separate us from the love of God, name a few.
27. What does Ephesians Chapter 2 Verses 18-22 tell us about the Christians and Jesus?



## **ROMANS 21**

We will begin this lesson in **Romans 9:1** *"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,"* **Romans 9:2** *"That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart."*

We will see in the beginning of this chapter a sorrowful Paul. As we have said before in these lessons, Paul was a Pharisee and he never would quite give up on his Jewish brothers. He went to great lengthst o try to reach them over and over. His greatest opposition came from his own people. In many cases, Paul practiced the old Jewish law tottry to win them to Christ, but even this failed and Paul went away sorrowful.

**Romans 9:3** *"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:"*

We see, here, in this verse that Paul would have gone to almost any length to have his Israelite brothers come to Christ. He says that he would even give up his own salvation, if this would have saved them. Paul makes it clear, here, that these Israelites are his brothers in the flesh, not the spirit. His spiritual brothers are Christians.

**Romans 9:4** *"Who are Israelites; to whom [pertaineth] the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service [of God], and the promises;"*

This just means that God had chosen the Hebrews (Israelites) to give the law to, and he had chosen them to be a peculiar people set aside to worship Him. God's first choice for the salvation message to go to was these Israelites.

**Romans 9:5** *"Whose [are] the fathers, and of whom as concernin g the flesh Christ [came], who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."*

We find, here, the same thing that we find in Revelation about the physical house of Israel belonging to Father God. The spiritual house of Israel (Christians) belongs to Jesus. You remember from the Revelation teaching, that the 144,000 Jews: 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes are marked with the Father's seal and the vast number in white robes around the throne had been washed in the blood of the Lamb. The white robed large number were followers of Jesus and bore His name (Christians).

**Romans 9:6** *"Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they [are] not all Israel, which are of Israel:"*

This means those who follow God are His children. The followers of God are Israelites, not those who were born into the house, but those who chose to follow God.

**Romans 9:7** *"Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, [are they] all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called."*

Isaac was the son of promise. He represented the Spirit. Abraham had a son of the flesh (Ishmael). The promises God had made to Abraham came through the Spirit, not through the flesh. You see from this that the Spirit of God and the promises thereof are for the Spirit, and not for the flesh. **Galatians 3:29** *"And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* Notice above, it speaks of seed as one, not many seed. Flesh does not inherit the things of God. **I Corinthians 15:50** *"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."* God is Spirit and His blessings are for His children in the Spirit.

**Romans 9:8** *"That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these [are] not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed."*

**Galatians 3:26** *"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."* We can look at another Scripture in **Luke 3:8** *"Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to [our] father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."* We can easily see from this that God is not interested in the flesh, but the spirit of man.

**Romans 9:9** *"For this [is] the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son."*

**Genesis 17:19** *"And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and] with his seed after him."* You see again here that the promise that God made to Abraham was to come through the child of promise (Isaac) the child of the spirit. We can see the chain of blessings from the following verse in **Genesis 25:11** *"And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi."*

**Romans 9:10** *"And not only [this]; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, [even] by our father Isaac;"*

Rebecca, also, had 2 sons; one of the flesh (Esau) and a son who the promises of God would flow through (Jacob) whose name would be changed to Israel.

**Romans 9:11** *"(For [the children] being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)"*

This business of election is sometimes hard to explain. We find that all through the Bible there are people who have been chosen out and called to do a certain thing for God. A very good example of that is John the Baptist who seemed to live for one purpose (to tell of the coming Messiah). God has elected that certain things will happen to get the job done that He wants done. We see in the verse above, that He has chosen Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to funnel the spiritual blessings to all the believers in the world. ***1 Peter 1:2 "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."*** We see from this, that God actually knew from the foundation of the world who would choose to follow Him and who would not. He did not predestine, He foreknew.

**Romans 9:12** *"It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger."*

We see in this that Ishmael (son of the flesh) served Isaac (son of the spirit). We, also, see in this that Esau (the oldest son) served Jacob (the younger son). Since we are looking at the spiritual side of these lessons, we can not overlook the fact that the law was given first to the physical house of Israel, and that grace was given to the spiritual house of Israel (Christians). Grace is better than the law.

**Romans 9:13** *"As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."*

We know that God would not hate Esau without a cause. God hated Esau, not because of who he was, but because he did not regard his birthright as being very valuable. In fact, he thought so little of it that he sold it to his brother for a bowl of soup. The blessing of God through Abraham and Isaac then would come through the second son Jacob. From him, the 12 tribes of Israel would come. I say, again, God did not just hate Esau without a cause. Esau turned his back on God when he sold his birthright.

**Romans 9:14** *"What shall we say then? [Is there] unrighteousness with God? God forbid."*

If this had been predestined some would say this was unfair, but this was not predestined, only known ahead of time by God.

**Romans 9:15** *"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."*

It is God's world and we are His creation. He can do with us whatever He chooses to do. We are His creation and He is the Creator. Genesis 2:7 "And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

**Romans 9:16** *"So then [it is] not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."*

**I Peter 2:9** *"But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"* **I Peter 2:10** *"Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."* We read, also, **Titus 3:5** *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"*

**Romans 9:17** *"For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth."*

We know that the 10 plagues that came upon Egypt were for the purpose of discrediting the false gods of Egypt. Egypt represents the world. God shows, through Pharaoh's rebellion, that the gods of this world are no match for the real God. We see an almost identical Scripture in the Old Testament account of this event. **Exodus 9:16** *"And in very deed for this [cause] have I raised thee up, for to shew [in] thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth."* **I Samuel 2:7** *"The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up."* **I Samuel 2:8** *"He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, [and] lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set [them] among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth [are] the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them."* Look also at **Proverbs 16:4** *"The LORD hath made all [things] for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil."* This all speaks for itself, we need no more comment here.

## Questions 21

1. Paul says in verse 1, that what bears him witness?
2. Why did Paul keep on trying to win the Jews to Jesus?
3. In the third verse, what did Paul say he wished himself, if it would save his Jewish brothers?
4. These Physical Israelites were Paul's brothers in the\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who were Paul's spiritual brothers?
6. Who had God chosen to give the law to?
7. Who was God's first choice to give the salvation message to?
8. Who does the physical house of Israel belong to?
9. Who do the Christians belong to?
10. Who are the true Israelites?
11. Which of Abraham's sons would the promise come through?
12. Which of Abraham's sons was thought of as the son of the flesh?
13. In Galatians 3-29, we find that who are the heirs?
14. In Galatians 3-26, we find that we are children of God by what?
15. What unbelievable thing can God raise sons of Abraham of, if He has to?
16. In Genesis God promises Abraham a son, what is his name?
17. After Abraham's death, God blessed his son\_\_\_\_\_.
18. What was the names of the 2 sons of Rebecca?
19. Which of these sons would the blessings of God come through?
20. What are the names of the 3 patriarchs who the blessings would flow through to all believers in God?
21. In 1 Peter 1-2, the elect was according to what?
22. When did God know who would follow Him?
23. God did not predestine, He \_\_\_\_\_.
24. Since we are looking at the spiritual, what does the fact that the second son ruling over the first tell us?
25. In verse 13, who does God hate?
26. Why did God hate him?
27. What absolutely ridiculous question is asked in verse 14?
28. Why does God not have to explain what He chooses to do?
29. In 1 Peter 2-9, what are those who have come into the Light out of darkness called?
30. Not our righteousness saved us, but what?
31. Why did God bring the 10 plagues on Egypt?
32. In Proverbs, we read that God made all things for whom?
33. We find in 1 Samuel that \_\_\_\_ makes the rich and the poor.