

Bible Study Through
ROMANS
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the wisdom of the prudent
is to **FIGURE IT OUT**

Proverbs 14:8

OUTLINE

Chaps 1-8

FAITH

1-3 Recognize our sin

BIG Problem!

4-5 How is one saved

BIG Gift!

6-8 Process of sanctification

NOW you know!

Chaps 9-11

HOPE Can God love us without rescinding His Holy nature?

9 Israel's history

10 Israel's current situation

11 Israel's future

Chaps 12-16

LOVE The *process of sanctification* in our lives.

12 Service to others

13 Respect government

14-15 One's conscience

16 Greetings/salutations

quick reminder

Destruction of
Jerusalem
DIASPORA

Nation of
Israel

70 AD

1878 Years

1948 AD

?Time?

70th Shabua

Daniel wrote at
1st year of Darius
539 BC
The “decree” came
almost 100 yrs later
March 14, 445 BC

Deut. 4:31 *“The
Lord your God is
compassionate
He will not fail you
He will not destroy you
and He will not forget
the Covenant with your
Fathers He swore to them”*

Harpazo at
Fullness of
Gentiles?

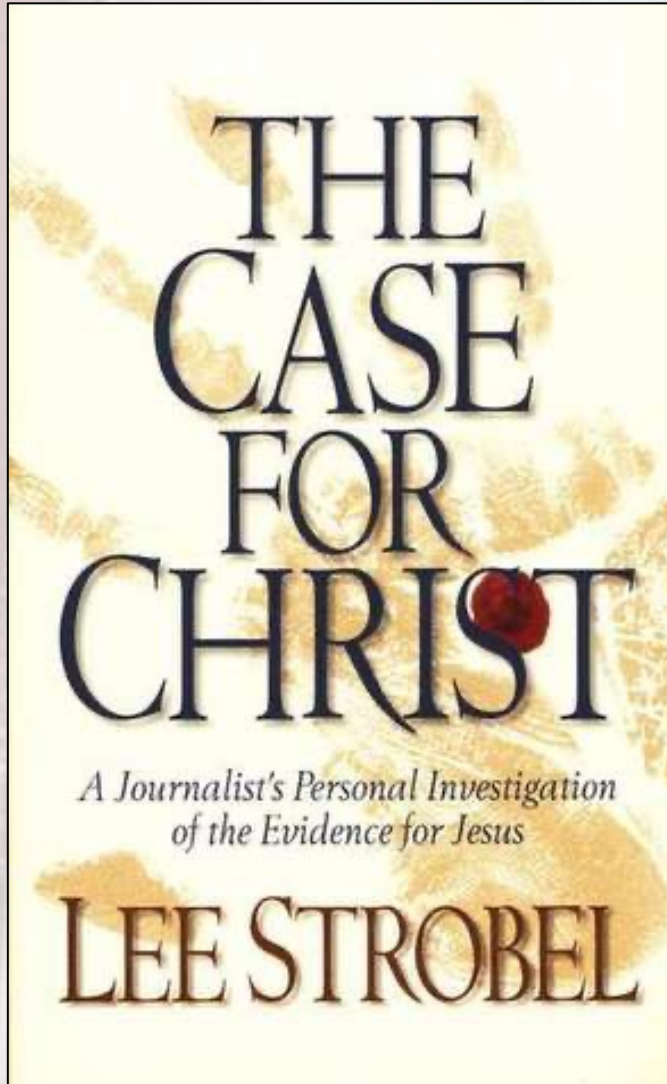
TONIGHT'S PLAN

CAPITVLVM XII

- From Godly Character to Godly Action/Conduct
- A *Living* Sacrifice
- **CON**formed vs. **TRANS**formed
- Various **Members** Comprise ONE Body
- Gifting by Holy Spirit [His discretion]
- Various **Gifts** Complement ONE Body and Each Other
- Love Underscores ALL

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another belief-unbelief



“Essentially, I realized that to stay an atheist, I would have to believe that:

- *nothing produces everything*
- *non-life produces life*
- *randomness produces fine-tuning*
- *chaos produces information*
- *unconsciousness produces consciousness, and*
- *non-reason produces reason*

Those leaps of faith were simply too big for me to take, especially in light of the affirmative case for God’s existence and Jesus’ resurrection (and, hence, his divinity). In other words, in my assessment, the **Christian worldview** accounted for the totality of the evidence much better than the atheistic worldview.

Romans 12:1-2 *classic*

[segue] WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?
From Him and thru Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

Therefore I **URGE** [Beseech] you my brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies
a **living** and holy **sacrifice**, acceptable [**well-pleasing**] to God
*which is **your spiritual service of worship** –*

Wait? Paul said **“living sacrifice”**? [oxymoron] By definition, a sacrifice is DEAD!

Reminder: **1st Corinth. 6:19-20** *Don't you know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit?*

Whom you have from God, you are not your own

You were bought with a price – so then glorify God in your body

Reminder: **Hebrews 10:4** *It is impossible for blood of bulls and goats to take away sin*

Reminder: **1st Sam. 15:22** *Obey Lord is better than sacrifice, to heed His Word more than ram's fat*

SO HOW DO WE DO THIS?

Conduct flows from our Character [sanctification]

Romans 12:1-2 *classic*

And do not be **CONformed** to this world, but be **TRANSformed**

συσχηματίζω

syske-matizo

“**Standardize** to a template”

Stones cut for construction [same]

μεταμορφώω

meta-morpho-o

“Change into an **entirely different** form”

IT'S GREEK *present tense imperative in passive voice “keep on being entirely changed”*

HOW? By the **renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is

ἀνακαίνωσις

ana-kai-nosis

“Wholesale renovation to completely upgrade the prior condition”

that which is: 1] good, 2] *acceptable* [well-pleasing], and 3] perfect **GOD’S ATTRIBUTES**

Reminds me of **Philippians 4:8-9** Whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, any excellence or worthy of praise, **DWELL on these things**

Romans 12:3-5

For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you

not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think [**PRIDE**, *Lucifer's downfall*]

Proverbs 6:16-19 1] **Haughty** eyes 2] lying 3] kill innocents 4] actively wicked heart
5] feet run to evil 6] false witness 7] spread strife among brothers

but to think so as to have sound judgment - as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Just as we have ***many members in ONE body*** and all members ***do not have the same function***

πολύς μέλος "*part of human body*"

autos-praxis

[He's speaking of **GIFTING** among believers]

so we, **who are many are ONE body in Christ** - and ***individually members one of another***

2 Alignments: - *First in the body of Christ [the Church] and*
- *Second with other believers*

Individual gifting serves the entire body – NOT all are the same

"MEMBERS"



"What're you, like the LAST member?"



**Private Club
Members
Only**
Membership Closed

**MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS
REWARDS**

Romans 12:3-5 *clarified*

We who are *many* are **ONE** body in Christ AND *individually members one of another*

2 Alignments: - *First in the body of Christ [the Church] and*
 - *Second with other believers*

Reminder: **1st Corinthians 15:12-14** For even as the body is **ONE** and yet has *many members*, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, *so also is Christ*. For by **ONE** Spirit we were all baptized into **ONE** body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all made to drink of **ONE** Spirit *For the body is NOT one member, but MANY*

15-21 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," it is not for this reason any less *part* of the body. If the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason any less *part* of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the sense of smell? But GOD has placed placed the members, each of them, in the body, just as *He desired*. If they were all one member *where would the body be*? But now there are many members, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you" or the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

continue

22-26 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary - and those *members* of the body which we deem less honorable on these we bestow more abundant honor - our less presentable members become much more presentable - our more presentable members have no need *of it*. But God has composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked so there may be **NO *division in the body***, but members have same care for one another - if one suffers, all the members suffer with it - if *one* is honored, all members rejoice with it **[coming up v14-18]**

27-31 Now you are Christ's body, individually members of it - God has appointed in the church:

- first Apostles
- second prophets
- third teachers
- then miracles
- then gifts of healings
- helps, administrations
- *various* kinds of tongues

CAVEAT

ALL are not **Apostles**, are they? ALL are not **prophets**, are they? ALL are not **teachers**, are they?
ALL are not **workers of miracles**, are they? ALL do not have **gifts of healings**, do they?
ALL do not **speak with tongues**, do they? ALL do not **interpret**, do they?
But earnestly desire the greater gifts, and I show you a still more excellent way.

logical

Physical Body

Arms - Hands - Legs - Feet - Eyes - Ears - Mouth

NOT all same

DIFFERENT / UNIQUE but very complementary **WORKING TOGETHER**

Spiritual Body of Christ

Helps - Faith - Admin - Service - Teaching - Encouraging - Pastoring - Word of Wisdom

Word of Knowledge - Giving - Spiritual Discernment - Leading - Mercy

NOT all same

DIFFERENT / UNIQUE but very complementary **WORKING TOGETHER**

Romans 12:6-8

*Since we have **GIFTS** [alignment with 1st Corin. 12] **that differ according to the grace given to us** each of us is to exercise them accordingly:*

- IF prophecy . . . according to the proportion of his faith
- IF service in his serving
- He who teaches . . . in his teaching
- He who exhorts . . . in his exhortation
- He who gives with liberality
- He who leads . . . with diligence
- He who shows mercywith cheerfulness

Let **LOVE** [ἀγάπη] be **without hypocrisy** [by definition LOVE is inherently “unconditional”]
[**not** hupo-critos] ἀνυπόκριτος anu-pokritos = **UNfeigned 100% Sincere**

Reminder: **1st Corinth. 14:19** *In the church, I desire to speak 5 words with my mind to instruct others - rather than 1,000 words in tongues*

Reminder: **1st Corinth. 13:1** *If I speak in tongues but no **LOVE** - I’m like a noisy gong or clanging symbol*

parallels

1st Corinth. 12:4-10 28-30 **Variety of Gifts - SAME Spirit** - *Manifest Spirit for common good*
- *Word of Wisdom* - *Word of Knowledge* - *Faith* - *Healing* - *Miracles* - *Prophecy*
- *Distinguish spirits* - *Tongues* - *Interpreting tongues*

BUT One Spirit who works ALL things and distributes gifts individually to each as He wills

GOD appoints: *1- Apostles 2- prophets 3- teachers - healing - miracles - helps – admin – tongues*
Not ALL Apostles, prophets, teachers

Ephesians 4:11-12 *Apostles – prophets – evangelists – pastors – teachers*
For equipping saints for service in building up BODY of Christ [NOT for status/notoriety]

1st Peter 4:10-11 *As each receives a specific gift, employ it serving one another as good stewards*
Whoever *Speaks [as Word of God] Serves [by strength God supplies]*

Mark 16:17-18 *Here Jesus is NOT talking about gifts/gifting . . . but “signs”*
- *Cast out demons* - *Tongues* - *Pick up snakes*
- *Drink deadly poison* - *Heal the sick*

Romans 12:9-13

Let **LOVE** [ἀγάπη] be without hypocrisy: [here is HOW that is done - *genuinely*]

- **Abhor** what is evil
- **Cling to** what is good
- **Devoted** to one another in brotherly love φιλαδελφία "*phila-delphia*"
- **Give preference** to one another in honor
- **Not lagging** behind in diligence ὀκνηρός "*okneros*" *SLOTHFUL-LAZY*
- **Fervent** in spirit
- **Serving** the Lord
- **Rejoicing** in hope
- **Persevering** in tribulation
- **Devoted** to prayer

pneumatika or *charisma* [grace] "get what you don't deserve"

- You can't decide what gifts you want
- You can't take a personality test to find yours
- You can't TRY one out to see if it might work
- Holy Spirit decides and "gifts" as He wills

- **Contributing** to the needs of the saints κοινωνέω "*koinoneo*" = distributing to
- **Practicing** hospitality

Reminder **Heb. 13:2** *by doing so, some have entertained angels unaware*

Romans 12:14-18

Bless those who persecute you - Bless and DO NOT curse

Rejoice with those who rejoice - Weep with those who weep

Be of the same mind toward one another

WHY? *Because we ARE ALL in the SAME BODY*

1- Do NOT be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly [**kindness**]

2- Do NOT be wise in your own estimation [part of/contribute to same body] **gentleness**

3- Never pay back evil for evil to anyone [**ἀγάπη**]

*1st Corinth. 9:19-23 "I'm free but happy to be a slave to all men – to Jews, to Gentiles
to the weak I become weak, to all men so I might win some
I do ALL for the sake of the Gospel*

4- Respect what is right in the sight of all men [**ἀγάπη**]

5- If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at **peace** with all men [**Galatians 5 – FRUIT**]

Chuck Smith always said, "Thanks Lord for the 'IF'."

Romans 12:19-21

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of *God*, for it is written:

“VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord **[Deut. 32:35 Heb. 10:30]**

“BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS **HUNGRY** - FEED HIM [let him starve]

IF HE IS **THIRSTY** - GIVE HIM A DRINK [let him dry up]

FOR IN SO **DOING** YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.” **[Proverbs 25:21-22]**

Psalms 140:9-11 Ancient Hebrew custom - the repenting person balance bowl of hot coals on the head as ***symbol of fire-judgment*** very near, but held back by balance

Burning coals = Repentance/Cleansing *Returning good for evil MAY cause him to repent or change*

Like Isaiah 6 = Coals touch lips / Cleansing – Ready to speak to the people

Borrow coals to keep home-fire burning – Container balanced on head, someone shows kindness

Matt 5:39-47 Return agape for ***every situation*** . . . love your enemies - BLESS those who CURSE you

Do EXACT opposite of typically expected

Do not be overcome by evil - but overcome evil with good

Next Monday
November 1st

ROMANS

CAPITVLVM XIII

Believers
Subject to
Government