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Romans

Romans 1

Romans 1:1

ULT

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called {to be} an apostle, having been set apart for the gospel of God,

UST

¹ I, Paul, who serve the Messiah Jesus, am writing this letter to all of you believers in the city of Rome. God chose me to be an apostle, and he appointed me in order that I should proclaim the good news that comes from him.

By what means had God promised the gospel before Paul's time? (vv1-2)

God had promised the gospel before by his prophets in the holy scriptures.

Romans 1:2

ULT

² which he promised beforehand by his prophets in the holy scriptures,

UST

² Long before Jesus came to earth, God promised that he would reveal this good news by means of what his prophets wrote in the sacred scriptures.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:3

ULT

³ concerning his Son—who was born from a seed of David according to the flesh,

UST

³ This good news is about his Son. As to his Son's physical nature, he was born a descendant of King David.

God's Son was born out of which descendants according to the flesh?

God's Son was born out of the descendants of David according to the flesh.

Romans 1:4**ULT**

⁴ who was designated the Son of God in power through the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of the dead —Jesus Christ our Lord,

UST

⁴ As to his divine nature, it was powerfully shown that he is God's own Son. God showed this when his Holy Spirit caused him to become alive again after he died. He is Jesus the Messiah our Lord.

By what event was Jesus Christ declared to be the Son of God?

Jesus Christ was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 1:5**ULT**

⁵ through whom we received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for the sake of his name,

UST

⁵ He has shown us great kindness and appointed us to be apostles. He did that in order that many among all the people groups would believe in him and obey him.

For what purpose did Paul receive grace and apostleship from Christ?

Paul received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among all the nations.

Romans 1:6**ULT**

⁶ among whom are you also, called of Jesus Christ.

UST

⁶ You believers who are living in Rome are included among those whom God has chosen to belong to Jesus the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:7**ULT**

⁷ To all those being in Rome, beloved of God, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

⁷ I am writing this letter to all of you in Rome whom God loves and whom he has chosen to become his people. I pray that God our Father and Jesus the Messiah our Lord may continue to act kindly toward you and will continue to cause you to have peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:8**ULT**

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ concerning all of you, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

UST

⁸ As I begin this letter, I thank my God for all you believers in Rome. It is because of what Jesus the Messiah has done for us that I am able to do that. I thank him because people all over the Roman Empire are talking about how you are trusting in him.

For what does Paul thank God concerning the believers in Rome?

Paul thanks God because their faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.

Romans 1:9**ULT**

⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how I continually make mention of you,

UST

⁹ God, whom I devotedly serve as I proclaim to people the good news concerning his Son, knows that I tell the truth when I say that I always mention you whenever I pray to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ always requesting in my prayers if somehow now at last I will be successful by the will of God to come to you.

UST

¹⁰ I especially ask God that if he desires me to visit you, somehow at last I shall be able to do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ For I long to see you so that I may give to you some spiritual gift, to strengthen you,

UST

¹¹ I pray this because I long to visit you to help you in order that you may trust and honor the Messiah more and more.

Why does Paul desire to see the believers in Rome?

Paul desires to see them in order to give them some spiritual gift in order to establish them.

Romans 1:12**ULT**

¹² and that is to be mutually encouraged with you through the faith in one another, both yours and mine.

UST

¹² I mean that I want us to encourage each other by telling each other how we trust in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:13**ULT**

¹³ Now I do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, that I often intended to come to you (but I was hindered until now), so that I might have some fruit among you also, just as also among the rest of the Gentiles.

UST

¹³ My fellow believers, many times I planned to visit you. I certainly want you to know that. But I have not been able to come to you because something has always stopped me. I have wanted to come in order that more people among you might trust in Jesus, just as in other places among the non-Jews.

Why had Paul been unable to visit the believers in Rome until now?

Paul had been unable to visit because he was hindered until now.

Romans 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

UST

¹⁴ I feel obliged to proclaim the good news to all non-Jewish people, to those who speak Greek and to those who do not, to people who are smart and to those who are unintelligent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So, as it depends on me, {I am} eager to proclaim the gospel also to you who {are} in Rome.

UST

¹⁵ As a result, what I have eagerly desired is that I might proclaim this good news to you who are living in Rome also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:16**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁶ I very confidently proclaim the good news about what the Messiah has done, because this good news is the powerful way in which God saves those who trust in what the Messiah has done for them. Specifically, God first saves the Jews who believe the good news, and then he saves non-Jews.

What does Paul say the gospel is?

Paul says the gospel is the power of God for salvation for every one who believes.

Romans 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For the righteousness of God is revealed in it from faith to faith, just as it has been written, "But the righteous will live by faith."

UST

¹⁷ By means of this good news God reveals how he puts people right with himself. This is like what a prophet wrote long ago in the scriptures: "Those whom God puts right with himself will live because they trust him."

What scripture does Paul quote concerning how the righteous will live?

Paul quotes the scripture, "The righteous will live by faith".

Romans 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who through unrighteousness are holding back the truth,

UST

¹⁸ God in heaven makes it clear that he is angry with all who show no respect for him and who do wicked things. He shows them that they deserve for him to punish them. Because they do wicked things, they also keep other people from knowing what is true about God.

What do the ungodly and unrighteous do even though that which is known about God is visible to them? (vv18-19)

The ungodly and unrighteous hold back the truth even though that which is known about God is visible to them.

Romans 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ because that which {is} known about God is visible to them, for God has made it known to them.

UST

¹⁹ All non-Jews can clearly know what God is like, because God himself has revealed this to everyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ For his invisible qualities, both his eternal power and divine nature, are clearly seen from the creation of the world, being understood through the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

UST

²⁰ People cannot actually see with their eyes what God is like. But ever since he created the world, the things in it make us understand things about him—for example, he has always been able to do powerful things. Another example is that everyone knows that he is completely different from all that he has created. So no one is able to say truthfully, “We never knew about God.”

How are the unseen things about God clearly visible?

The unseen things about God are clearly visible through the created things.

What characteristics of God are clearly visible?

God’s everlasting power and divine nature are clearly visible.

Romans 1:21**ULT**

²¹ For having known God, they did not glorify him as God, nor did they give him thanks. Instead, they became foolish in their thoughts, and their senseless heart was darkened.

UST

²¹ Although non-Jews knew what God is like, they did not honor him as God, nor did they thank him for what he had done. But instead, they began to think foolish things about him, and they were no longer able to understand what he wanted them to know about himself.

What happens to the thoughts and hearts of those who do not glorify God nor give him thanks?

Those who do not glorify God nor give him thanks become foolish in their thoughts and their hearts are darkened.

Romans 1:22**ULT**

²² Claiming to be wise, they became foolish,

UST

²² Although they claimed that they were wise, they became foolish,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:23**ULT**

²³ and exchanged the glory of the imperishable God for the likenesses of an image of perishable man, and of birds, and of four-footed beasts, and of creeping things.

UST

²³ and they refused to admit that God is glorious and will never die. Instead, they made and worshiped idols that resembled people who will some day die, and then they made other idols that resembled birds and four-footed animals, and finally they made idols that resembled reptiles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:24**ULT**

²⁴ Therefore, God gave them over to the lusts of their hearts for uncleanness, to dishonor their bodies among themselves;

UST

²⁴ So God allowed the non-Jews to do immoral sexual things that they strongly desired, things that they thought they had to do, because they wanted so much to do them. As a result, they began to dishonor each other's bodies by their sexual actions.

What does God do to those who exchange his glory for the images of perishable men and animals?

God gives them over to the lusts of their hearts for uncleanness, for their bodies to be dishonored among themselves.

Romans 1:25**ULT**

²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and worshiped and served the creation instead of the Creator, who is blessed to eternity. Amen.

UST

²⁵ Also, they chose to worship false gods instead of admitting what is true about God. They worshiped things that God created instead of worshiping him, the one who created everything, the one whom we should all praise forever! Amen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:26**ULT**

²⁶ For this reason, God gave them over to dishonorable passions, for both their women exchanged natural relations for those contrary to nature,

UST

²⁶ So God allowed the non-Jews to do shameful sexual things that they strongly desired. As a result, many women began sleeping with other women—something that goes against nature.

For what dishonorable passions do these women and men burn in their lust? (vv26-27)

The women burn in their lust for one another, and the men burn in their lust for one another.

Romans 1:27**ULT**

²⁷ and likewise, the men also, having left the natural use of the female, burned in their lust for one another, male with male committing shameless acts and receiving in themselves the penalty they deserved for their error.

UST

²⁷ Similarly, many men abandoned their natural relationships with women. Instead, they developed strong sexual desire for each other. They committed homosexual acts with other men, acts that were shameful. As a result, God has punished them by sicknesses in their bodies, which is the direct consequence of that kind of sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:28**ULT**

²⁸ And just as they did not approve of having God in {their} awareness, God gave them up to a depraved mind, to do those things that are not proper.

UST

²⁸ Furthermore, because they decided that it was not worthwhile to know God, he allowed their own worthless thoughts to completely control them. As a result, they began doing evil things that no one should do.

What does God do to those who do not approve of having him in their awareness?

God gives them up to a depraved mind, to do those things that are not proper.

Romans 1:29**ULT**

²⁹ Having been filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, {and} malice, {they} are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, {and} evil intentions. {They are} gossips,

UST

²⁹ They strongly desire to do all kinds of unrighteous deeds and evil things to others and take things that belong to others and harm others in various ways. Many constantly envy other people and desire to murder people and to cause arguments and quarrels between people and deceive others and speak hatefully about others.

What are some of the characteristics of those who have a depraved mind?

Those who have a depraved mind are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and evil intentions.

Romans 1:30**ULT**

³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

UST

³⁰ Many say evil things about others and slander others. Many act especially hatefully toward God and violently toward others and treat others contemptuously and boast about themselves to others and invent new ways to do evil deeds. Many children disobey their parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:31**ULT**

³¹ senseless, faithless, heartless, {and} unmerciful.

UST

³¹ Many act in other foolish ways that offend God and do not do what they promised others that they would do and do not even love their own family members and do not act mercifully toward other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:32**ULT**

³² They, having understood the righteous decree of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do these things, but also approve of those who do them.

UST

³² Although they know that God has declared that those who do such things deserve to be killed, they not only do these kinds of evil things, but they also approve of others who do them.

What do those with a depraved mind understand about God's requirements?

Those with a depraved mind understand that those who practice such things are worthy of death.

Even though those with a depraved mind understand God's requirements, what do they do anyway?

They do unrighteous things anyway, and approve of those who practice them.

Romans 2

Romans 2:1

ULT

¹ Therefore, you are without excuse, O man—anyone who judges—for in that which you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

UST

¹ You may say that God must punish people for doing what he hates. But when you say that, you are really saying that God should punish you because you also have lived the same kind of life. You did the same things they have done.

Why are some people without excuse in their judging?

Some people are without excuse in their judging because what they judge in another they practice themselves.

Romans 2:2

ULT

² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth upon those who practice such things.

UST

² We know very well that God will judge and punish fairly people who do such evil deeds.

How does God judge when he judges those who practice unrighteousness?

God judges according to truth when he judges those who practice unrighteousness.

Romans 2:3

ULT

³ But do you think this, O man who judges those who are practicing such things and you are doing the same things, that you will escape from the judgment of God?

UST

³ So you who say that God should punish others for doing evil deeds, although you do evil deeds yourself, you should certainly not think that you yourself will be able to escape from God when he begins to punish you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:4**ULT**

⁴ Or do you scorn the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

UST

⁴ And you should not say, "God is acting very tolerantly and patiently toward me, so I do not need to turn away from my sin." You should understand that God is patiently waiting for you to repent from your sins.

What is God's patience and goodness meant to do?

God's patience and goodness is meant to lead a person to repentance.

Romans 2:5**ULT**

⁵ But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up for yourself wrath on the day of wrath and of the revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

UST

⁵ But instead, because you are stubborn and refuse to stop sinning, God will punish you even more severely. He will do that at the time when he shows that he is angry and judges all people fairly.

What are those with hard, unrepentant hearts toward God storing up for themselves?

Those with hard, unrepentant hearts are storing up for themselves wrath for the day of God's righteous judgment.

Romans 2:6**ULT**

⁶ who will pay back to each according to his deeds:

UST

⁶ God will pay back everyone according to what they deserve for what they have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:7**ULT**

⁷ eternal life to those who according to consistent, good actions are seeking glory and honor and incorruptibility;

UST

⁷ Specifically, some people keep doing good deeds, because they want God to honor them, and they want to live forever with him. God will reward them in this way.

What do those receive who have done consistent, good actions?

Those who have done consistent, good actions will receive eternal life.

Romans 2:8**ULT**

⁸ but wrath and fierce anger to those who {are} from selfish ambition and who are disobeying the truth but obeying unrighteousness.

UST

⁸ But some people act in a selfish way and refuse to believe that what God says is true, and they do the things that God says are wrong. God will be very angry and will punish them severely.

What do those receive who obey unrighteousness? (vv8-9)

Those who obey unrighteousness receive wrath, fierce anger, tribulation, and distress.

Romans 2:9**ULT**

⁹ Tribulation and distress will be on every human soul that practices evil, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

UST

⁹ He will cause everyone who habitually does evil deeds to suffer greatly and to have many troubles. This certainly will happen to the Jews who refuse to accept God's message, because God gave them the privilege to be his special people, but it will also happen to the non-Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But glory and honor and peace will be to everyone who practices good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

UST

¹⁰ But God will praise, honor, and give a peaceful spirit to every person who habitually does good deeds. He will certainly do this for the Jews because he chose them as his special people, but he will also do it for the non-Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ For there is no favoritism with God.

UST

¹¹ God will do this fairly, because he pays no attention to how important anyone is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:12**ULT**

¹² For as many as have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and as many as have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.

UST

¹² Although non-Jews do not have the laws that God gave to Moses and still sin without having a law, God will bring them to ruin forever. And he will also punish all the Jews who have disobeyed his law, because he will judge them according to what the law says.

How does God show no partiality in his judgment between Jew and Greek?

God shows no partiality because those who sin, either Jew or Greek, will perish.

Romans 2:13**ULT**

¹³ For the hearers of the law {are} not righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be justified.

UST

¹³ It is right for God to punish them because it is not those who know about God's laws that he makes righteous. Only those who have obeyed all of God's law, they are the only ones God makes righteous.

Who is justified before God?

The doers of the Law are justified before God.

Romans 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature the things of the law, they, not having the law, are a law to themselves.

UST

¹⁴ Whenever the non-Jews, who do not have the law of God, follow those laws because they obeyed them by the light of nature, they prove that they have a law within themselves, even though they never had the laws that God gave to Moses.

How do Gentiles show that they do have a law to themselves?

Gentiles show that they have a law to themselves when they do by nature the things of the Law.

Romans 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ They show the deeds of the law to be written in their hearts, the conscience bearing witness to them, the thoughts between themselves both accusing or even defending them

UST

¹⁵ They show that they know in their own minds what God commands in his law, for each person in his very own conscience either accuses himself of bad behavior or defends himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ on the day when God will judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, through Christ Jesus.

UST

¹⁶ God will punish them at the time when he will judge people according to what they have thought and done secretly. He will judge people by authorizing the Messiah Jesus to judge them. This is what I tell people when I preach the good news to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But if you name yourself a Jew and rely upon the law and boast in God,

UST

¹⁷ Now I have something to say to anyone of you Jews to whom I am writing: You trust that God will save you because you know the laws that he gave to Moses. You boast that you belong to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ and know {his} will and approve of what is excellent, being instructed from the law;

UST

¹⁸ You know what God desires. Because you have been taught God's laws, you are able to know which things are right and to choose to do them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ and you are convinced that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those in darkness,

UST

¹⁹ You are certain that you are able to show God's truth to non-Jews, and that you can instruct those who know nothing about God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth,

UST

²⁰ You are certain that you can instruct those who believe foolish things about God and those who are like children because they know nothing about him at all. You are certain about all this because you have the law that teaches you truly about God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:21**ULT**

²¹ then you, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You, who preach not to steal, do you steal?

UST

²¹ Since you claim that you have all these advantages because you are a Jew, it is disgusting that you teach others but do not obey the laws yourself! You who preach that people should not steal things, it is disgusting that you yourself steal things!

What challenge does Paul give to those Jews who rest upon the Law and teach others?

Paul challenges them that if they teach others the Law, they should also teach themselves.

Which sins does Paul mention that the Jewish teachers of the Law should stop doing? (vv21-22)

Paul mentions the sins of stealing, adultery, and the robbery of temples.

Romans 2:22**ULT**

²² You, who says not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You, who hate idols, do you rob temples?

UST

²² You who command people not to sleep with someone to whom they are not married, it is disgusting that you commit adultery yourself! You who command others not to worship idols, it is disgusting that you do not avoid disgusting things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:23**ULT**

²³ You, who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?

UST

²³ You who boast saying, "I have God's laws," it is disgusting that you disobey those same laws! As a result you are insulting God!

Why is the name of God dishonored among the Gentiles because of the Jewish teachers of the Law? (vv23-24)

God's name is being dishonored because the Jewish teachers of the Law are transgressing the Law.

Romans 2:24**ULT**

²⁴ For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," just as it has been written.

UST

²⁴ It is just as the scriptures tell us, "Because of the evil things that you Jews do, the non-Jews say insulting things about God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:25**ULT**

²⁵ For circumcision indeed benefits if you obey the law, but if you are transgressors of the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.

UST

²⁵ Any one of you who is circumcised to show that he belongs to God can benefit from that if he obeys the law that he gave to Moses. But if you, a circumcised person, disobey the law, God will consider you to be no better in God's sight than someone who is not circumcised.

How does Paul say a Jewish person's circumcision can become uncircumcision?

Paul says that a Jewish person's circumcision can become uncircumcision if that person is a violator of the Law.

Romans 2:26**ULT**

²⁶ If, then, the uncircumcised one keeps the requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be considered as circumcision?

UST

²⁶ This means that God will certainly consider that even non-Jews who are not circumcised can become his people if they obey the things that he commanded in his laws.

How does Paul say that a Gentile person's uncircumcision can be considered circumcision?

Paul says that a Gentile person's uncircumcision can be considered circumcision if that person keeps the requirements of the Law.

Romans 2:27**ULT**

²⁷ And the one who, by nature uncircumcised, fulfills the law, will condemn you as a transgressor of the law, though having the letter and circumcision!

UST

²⁷ These people, who are not circumcised but who still obey God's laws, will declare that God is right when he punishes you, for you are circumcised but still break the law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:28**ULT**

²⁸ For he is not a Jew who {is} one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which {is} outward in the flesh.

UST

²⁸ It is not those who perform rituals for God who are true Jews, and it is not being circumcised in their bodies that causes God to accept them.

Who does Paul say is a true Jew? (vv28-29)

Paul says that a true Jew is a Jew inwardly, with a circumcision of the heart.

Romans 2:29

ULT

²⁹ But the one who {is} inwardly a Jew, and circumcision of the heart in the Spirit, not in the letter; of him the praise {is} not from men but from God.

UST

²⁹ On the contrary, we whom God has changed inwardly are the true Jews. God has accepted us and God's Spirit has changed our nature, not because we perform the rituals commanded by the law. Even if other people will not praise us, God will praise us.

From whom does a true Jew receive praise?

A true Jew receives praise from God.

Romans 3

Romans 3:1

ULT

¹ What then {is} the advantage of the Jew, or what {is} the benefit of the circumcision?

UST

¹ Someone might say then, "If that is true, then it appears that there is no advantage to be a Jew over a non-Jew, and being circumcised does not benefit us Jews at all."

What is first of all among the advantages of the Jew? (vv1-2)

First of all among the advantages of the Jew is that they were entrusted with revelation from God.

Romans 3:2

ULT

² Great in every way! For first of all, that they were entrusted with the sayings of God.

UST

² But I tell you that being Jews has many benefits. First of all because it was to their ancestors that God spoke his words, words that show us who he is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:3

ULT

³ For what if some were unfaithful? Their unbelief will not abolish the faithfulness of God, will it?

UST

³ Someone might think that the Jews being unfaithful might mean that God will not bless the Jews as he promised that he would?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:4**ULT**

⁴ May it never be! Instead, let God be true, but every man a liar. Just as it has been written, “That you might be shown to be righteous in your words, and that you might prevail when you are judged.”

UST

⁴ No, it certainly does not mean that! God always does what he has promised, even though people do not. All those who accuse God of not keeping his promises to us Jews are very mistaken. King David wrote about this: “So everyone must acknowledge that what you have said about them is true, and that you will always win the case when anyone accuses you of doing wrong.”

Even though every man is a liar, what is God found to be?

Even though every man is a liar, God is found to be true.

Romans 3:5**ULT**

⁵ But if our unrighteousness shows the righteousness of God, what will we say? God {is} not unrighteous for imposing {his} wrath, {is he}? (I speak according to men.)

UST

⁵ So we cannot say that God did not bless us because we were wicked. We cannot say that he acted unfairly. That he was wrong to punish us out of anger. (I am speaking as ordinary humans speak.)

Because God is righteous, what is he able to do? (vv5-6)

Because God is righteous, he is able to judge the world.

Romans 3:6**ULT**

⁶ May it never be! Otherwise, how will God judge the world?

UST

⁶ We should certainly not conclude that God should not judge, because if God did not judge, it could not possibly be right for him to judge the world!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:7**ULT**

⁷ But if the truth of God through my lie abounds to his glory, why am I still judged as a sinner?

UST

⁷ But someone might answer, "The fact that God truly keeps his promises becomes very clear because for example, I told a lie and the result is that people praise God because he has mercy! So God should no longer say that I should be punished on account of my having sinned, since people are praising him because of it!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:8**ULT**

⁸ And not—just as we are blasphemed and just as some affirm us to say—"Let us do evil, so that good may come"? Their condemnation is just.

UST

⁸ If what you, Paul, say is true, then we might as well do evil things in order that good things like that will result!" Some people speak evil about me because they accuse me of speaking like this. God will punish people who say such things about me, and they will deserve for him to punish them!

What comes on those who say, "Let us do evil, that good may come."?

Judgment comes on those who say, "Let us do evil, that good may come".

Romans 3:9**ULT**

⁹ What then? Are we excusing ourselves? Not at all. For we have already accused both Jews and Greeks, all of them, to be under sin.

UST

⁹ Shall we conclude that God will treat us more favorably and will treat the non-Jews less favorably? We can certainly not conclude that! The Jews and also the non-Jews have sinned and so they deserve for God to punish them.

What is written in the Scriptures about the righteousness of all, both Jews and Greeks? (vv9-10)

It is written that there is none righteous, not one.

Romans 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Just as it is written: "There is none righteous, not even one.

UST

¹⁰ The following words that are written in the scriptures support this, No person is righteous. There is not even one righteous person!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ There is none who understands. There is none who seeks God.

UST

¹¹ There is no one who understands how to live properly. There is no one who seeks to know God!

According to what is written, who understands and seeks after God?

According to what is written, none understand and none seek after God.

Romans 3:12**ULT**

¹² They all have turned away. They together have become useless. There is none doing good—there is not even one."

UST

¹² Absolutely everyone has turned away from God. God considers them depraved. There is no one who acts righteously; no, there is not even one!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:13**ULT**

¹³ "Their throat {is} an open grave. Their tongues have deceived. The poison of asps {is} under their lips."

UST

¹³ What people say is foul, like the smell that comes from a grave that has been opened. By what people say, they deceive people. By what they say they injure people, just like the poison of snakes injures people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:14

ULT

¹⁴ "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

UST

¹⁴ They are continually cursing others and saying cruel things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:15

ULT

¹⁵ "Their feet {are} swift to pour out blood.

UST

¹⁵ They go quickly to murder people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:16

ULT

¹⁶ Destruction and suffering {are} in their paths.

UST

¹⁶ Wherever they go they ruin everything and make people miserable.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:17

ULT

¹⁷ And they have not known a way of peace."

UST

¹⁷ They have not known how to live peacefully with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

UST

¹⁸ They absolutely refuse to honor God!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those under the law, so that every mouth may be shut, and the whole world may become accountable to God.

UST

¹⁹ We know that whatever these laws command is to those who are required to obey. This means that Jews or non-Jews are not able to say anything contrary when God demands an answer for having sinned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ {This is} because no flesh will be justified by the works of the law in his sight; for through the law {is} the knowledge of sin.

UST

²⁰ It is not because people have done the things that God's laws require that God will erase the record of their sins because no one has done those things completely. In fact, the result of our knowing God's laws is that we know clearly that we have sinned.

Who will be justified by the works of the Law?

No flesh will be justified by the works of the Law.

What comes through the Law?

The knowledge of sin comes through the Law.

Romans 3:21**ULT**

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been made known. It was witnessed by the Law and the Prophets;

UST

²¹ When God declares us right with him it does not depend on our obeying the law that he gave Moses. It was written about in the laws and by the prophets that God forgives our sins by a different way.

By what witnesses has a righteousness without the Law now been made known?

By the witnesses of the Law and the Prophets has a righteousness without the Law now been made known.

Romans 3:22**ULT**

²² but the righteousness of God {is} through faith in Jesus Christ to all those who believe, for there is no distinction.

UST

²² God erases the record of our sins because we trust in what Jesus the Messiah has done for us. God does this for every person who trusts in the Messiah, because he considers that there is no difference between Jews and non-Jews.

What is the righteousness without the Law that has now been made known?

The righteousness without the Law is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe.

Romans 3:23**ULT**

²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

UST

²³ All people have done evil, and everyone has failed to accomplish the glorious goals that God set for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ being freely justified by his grace through the redemption that {is} in Christ Jesus;

UST

²⁴ Our record of sins has been erased by his acting kindly to forgive our sins, without our doing anything to earn it. The Messiah Jesus accomplished this by redeeming us.

How is a person justified before God?

A person is justified before God freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:25**ULT**

²⁵ whom God intended as a propitiation through faith in his blood for a demonstration of his justice, because of the overlooking of the sins that happened previously

UST

²⁵ God showed that the Messiah turned away his anger by shedding his blood when he died, and we must believe in what he did for us. The sacrifice of the Messiah shows that God acted in a just manner. Otherwise, one might not have thought he was just, because he had overlooked sins that people had previously committed, for he is patient.

For what purpose did God provide Christ Jesus?

God provided Christ Jesus as a propitiation through faith in his blood.

Romans 3:26**ULT**

²⁶ in the forbearance of God, for the demonstration of his righteousness at this present time, so that he could be just, and the justifier of the one who {is} of faith in Jesus.

UST

²⁶ God appointed the Messiah to die for us. By doing that, he now shows that he is just, and he shows that he is justly able to erase the record of sins for everyone who trusts in Jesus.

What did God show by all that happened through Jesus Christ?

God showed that he is the one who justifies anyone because of faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:27**ULT**

²⁷ Where then {is} boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? Of works? No, but through the law of faith.

UST

²⁷ It is not at all because we obey the laws of Moses that God erases the record of our sins. So there is no way that we can boast that God favors us because we obeyed those laws. Instead, it is because we believe in the Messiah that God erases the record of our sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:28**ULT**

²⁸ For we reckon a man to be justified by faith apart from works of the law.

UST

²⁸ So it is clear that God makes someone right with himself if that person trusts in the Messiah—not if that person obeys the law.

What role do the works of the Law have in justification?

A person is justified by faith without the works of the Law.

Romans 3:29**ULT**

²⁹ Or {is} God of Jews only? {Is he} not also of Gentiles? Yes, of Gentiles also.

UST

²⁹ You who are Jews certainly should not think that you are the only ones whom God will accept! You certainly should realize that he will accept non-Jews, too. Of course, he will accept non-Jews,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:30**ULT**

³⁰ If, indeed, God {is} one, he will justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through faith.

UST

³⁰ because, as you firmly believe, there is only one God. It is this same God who will make Jews—who have been circumcised—right with himself because they trust in the Messiah, and it is also God who will make non-Jews—who have not been circumcised—right with himself, because they also trust in the Messiah.

How does God justify the circumcised Jew and the uncircumcised Gentile?

God justifies both by faith.

Romans 3:31**ULT**

³¹ Do we then nullify the law through faith? May it never be! Instead, we uphold the law.

UST

³¹ If you say that God makes us right with himself because we trust in the Messiah, does that mean that the law is now useless? Certainly not. Instead, that law is truly valid.

What do we do with the Law through faith?

We uphold the Law through faith.

Romans 4

Romans 4:1

ULT

¹ What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has discovered?

UST

¹ Abraham is the revered ancestor of us Jews. So think about what we can learn from what happened to Abraham.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:2

ULT

² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has a reason to boast, but not before God.

UST

² If it was because of Abraham's doing good things that God put him right with himself, Abraham would then have had reason to boast about that to people, (but, even so, he would not have had any reason to boast to God about it).

What would have given Abraham reason to boast?

Abraham would have had reason to boast if he had been justified by works.

Romans 4:3

ULT

³ For what does the scripture say? "But Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

UST

³ Remember that in the scriptures it is written that Abraham believed what God promised to do for him, and that for this reason, God considered Abraham to be right with himself.

What do the scriptures say about how Abraham was justified?

The scriptures say that Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.

Romans 4:4**ULT**

⁴ Now to the one who works, the wage is not counted as a gift, but as an obligation.

UST

⁴ Now if we receive wages for work that we do, those wages are not considered to be a gift. Instead, they are considered to be what we have earned. Similarly, if we could do something to obligate God to be kind to us, then that would not be a gift.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:5**ULT**

⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in the one who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

UST

⁵ But in reality, God makes right with himself people who did not honor him previously. Instead, they now trust in him, and God therefore considers them to be right with himself.

What kind of people does God justify?

God justifies the ungodly.

Romans 4:6**ULT**

⁶ Even as David also speaks of the blessing of the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

UST

⁶ Similarly, it is as David wrote in the Psalms about anyone whom God considers to be right with himself without earning it:

According to David, in what way is a man blessed by God? (vv6-8)

According to David, blessed is the man whose sins are forgiven and whose sins are not counted by the Lord.

Romans 4:7**ULT**

⁷ “Blessed {are} those of whom {their} lawless deeds are forgiven, and of whom {their} sins are covered.

UST

⁷ “How fortunate are the people whose sins God has forgiven, whose sins he no longer looks at.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:8**ULT**

⁸ Blessed {is} the man of whom the Lord will certainly not count sin.”

UST

⁸ How fortunate are the people whose sins he no longer keeps a record of.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:9**ULT**

⁹ Then {is} this blessedness to the circumcision, or also to the uncircumcision? For we say, “Faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.”

UST

⁹ Being fortunate like this is not something that only we Jews can experience. No, it is also something that non-Jews can experience. We know this, because it is written in the scriptures that Abraham trusted in God, so God considered him to be right with himself.

**Was Abraham’s faith counted as righteousness before or after he was circumcised?
(vv9-10)**

Abraham’s faith was counted as righteousness before he was circumcised.

Romans 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ How then was it counted? Being in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? {It was} not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

UST

¹⁰ Think about when God did this for Abraham. He did it before Abraham was circumcised, not after.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ And he received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness of the faith that {was} in {his} uncircumcision, so that he would be the father of all those who believe through uncircumcision, so as to be counted for them as righteousness;

UST

¹¹ God commanded that Abraham be circumcised many years after God had already accepted him. Circumcision was the mark that showed that Abraham already was right with God. So we can learn here that God considered Abraham to be the ancestor of everyone who trusts in him, even of those who are not circumcised. In this way, God considers all these people to be right with himself.

Abraham is the father of which groups of people? (vv11-12)

Abraham is the father of all who believe, both the uncircumcised and the circumcised.

Romans 4:12**ULT**

¹² and the father of circumcision to those who {are} not only from the circumcision, but who also walk in the footsteps of the uncircumcised faith of our father Abraham.

UST

¹² Likewise, God considers Abraham to be the ancestor of all us who are true Jews, that is, all Jews who not only have the mark of circumcision on their bodies, but—much more importantly—who live like our ancestor Abraham did before he was circumcised, when he was simply trusting in God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:13**ULT**

¹³ For the promise to Abraham or to his seed that he would be heir of the world {was} not through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

UST

¹³ God promised Abraham and his descendants that they would possess the world. But when he promised that, it was not because Abraham was obeying any law. Instead, it was because Abraham believed that God would do what he promised. So God put Abraham right with himself.

What promise was given to Abraham and his descendants through the righteousness of faith?

It was promised to Abraham and his descendants that they would be heirs of the world.

Romans 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For if those from the law {are} heirs, faith has been made empty, and the promise has been nullified.

UST

¹⁴ If people possess the world because they obey God's law, then it is useless to trust in God for anything, and his promise means nothing.

What would be true if the promise to Abraham had come through the law?

If the promise had come through the law, then faith would be empty and the promise not true.

Romans 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For the law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, neither {is there} transgression.

UST

¹⁵ Remember that in reality, God says in his law that he will punish anyone who does not perfectly obey it. Also remember, however, that for people who have no law, it is impossible to disobey it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For this reason {it is} by faith, in order that according to grace, the promise might be certain to all the seed—not only to those from the law, but also to those from the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all,

UST

¹⁶ So it is because we trust in God that we will receive the things that he has promised to us as a gift, because he is very kind. He gives these things to everyone whom he regards as a true descendant of Abraham—us Jewish believers, who have God’s law and trust him, and also those non-Jews who do not have God’s laws but who trust in him as Abraham did. For God regards Abraham as the true ancestor of all of us believers.

For what reasons is the promise given by faith?

The promise is given by faith so that it is by grace, and so that it is sure.

Romans 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ just as it is written, “I have appointed you the father of many nations,” in the presence of God whom he trusted, who gives life to the dead and calls the things not existing into existence;

UST

¹⁷ This is what God said to Abraham in the scriptures: “I will make you the ancestor of many ethnic groups.” Abraham received this directly from God who raises dead people to life and creates things out of nothing.

What two things does Paul say God does?

Paul says that God gives life to the dead and calls things that do not exist into existence.

Romans 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to what he had been told, "So will your seed be."

UST

¹⁸ He trusted firmly in this promise of God, even though there was no physical reason for him to expect that he would have descendants because he and his wife were too old to bear children. God had promised Abraham that he would become the ancestor of many ethnic groups by saying, "Your descendants will be like the stars in the sky."

How did Abraham respond to God's promise even with these outward circumstances?

Abraham confidently trusted God and did not hesitate in unbelief.

What outward circumstances made it difficult for Abraham to believe God's promise that he would be the father of many nations? (vv18-19)

When God made the promise to Abraham, Abraham was about a hundred years old and Sarah's womb was dead.

Romans 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And not having become weak in the faith, he considered his own body as already having died (being about a hundred years old)—and the deadness of the womb of Sarah.

UST

¹⁹ He did not doubt that God would do what he promised, even though he knew that his body was not able to father a child (he was, after all, about one hundred years old), and he knew that Sarah had never had children, especially now, because she was so old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ But toward the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, having given glory to God,

UST

²⁰ He did not doubt at all that God would do what he had promised. Instead, he trusted in God more strongly, and he thanked God for what God was going to do.

How did Abraham respond to God's promise even with these outward circumstances?

Abraham confidently trusted God and did not hesitate in unbelief.

Romans 4:21**ULT**

²¹ and fully convinced that what he had promised, he is also able to do.

UST

²¹ He was also convinced that God was able to do whatever he promised that he was going to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:22**ULT**

²² Therefore, this was also counted to him as righteousness.

UST

²² And that is the reason that God considered Abraham to be right with himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:23**ULT**

²³ Now it was not written only for his sake, that it was counted to him,

UST

²³ The words in the scriptures, "God considered him to be right with himself because he trusted in him," are not only about Abraham.

For whom was the account of Abraham written? (vv23-24)

The account of Abraham was written for his benefit, and for our benefit.

Romans 4:24**ULT**

²⁴ but also for our sake, to whom is about to be counted, to those who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

UST

²⁴ They were also written about us, whom God would consider to be right with himself because we trust in him, the one who caused our Lord Jesus to become alive again after he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:25

ULT

²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

UST

²⁵ God allowed men to execute Jesus because of our evil deeds. And God caused Jesus to live again because God wanted to put us right with him.

What do we believe God has done for us?

We believe God has raised Jesus from the dead, who was delivered up for our sins and raised for our justification.

Romans 5

Romans 5:1

ULT

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, let us have peace ^[1] with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

UST

¹ God has put us right with himself because we trust in our Lord Jesus the Messiah. So we are now at peace with God.

What do believers have because they are justified by faith?

Because they are justified by faith, believers have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:2

ULT

² through whom we also have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

UST

² Because of what the Messiah has done for us, it is as if God has opened up a door for us to go to where he will be kind to us. So we rejoice because we are confidently expecting that God will gladly share his greatness with us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:3

ULT

³ And not only this, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

UST

³ When we suffer because we are joined to the Messiah, we also rejoice because we know that when we are suffering, we are learning to endure things patiently.

What are three things that suffering produces? (vv3-4)

Suffering produces endurance, approval, and confidence.

Romans 5:4**ULT**

⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.

UST

⁴ And we know that when we endure suffering patiently, God approves of us. And when we know that God approves of us, we confidently expect that he will do great things for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:5**ULT**

⁵ And that hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

UST

⁵ And we are very confident that we will receive the things that we wait for, because God loves us very much. His Holy Spirit, whom he gave to us, causes us to understand how much God loves us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:6**ULT**

⁶ For we still being weak, yet at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

UST

⁶ When we were unable to save ourselves, it was the Messiah who, at the time that God chose, died for us people, although we were not honoring God at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:7**ULT**

⁷ For someone will hardly die on behalf of a righteous man. Perhaps, though, someone might even dare to die on behalf of a good person.

UST

⁷ Rarely will anyone die for another person, even if that person were righteous, although for a good person perhaps someone might be courageous enough to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:8**ULT**

⁸ But God proves his own love toward us, in that, we still being sinners, Christ died for us.

UST

⁸ Nevertheless, as for God, the way he showed us that he loves us is that the Messiah died for us while we were still rebelling against God.

How does God prove his love toward us?

God proves his love toward us, because while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:9**ULT**

⁹ Much more then, now that we have been justified by his blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.

UST

⁹ So it is even more certain that the Messiah will save us from God's anger about sin since we are right with God because the Messiah died for us and shed his blood for our sins.

Being justified by Christ's blood, from what are believers saved?

Being justified by Christ's blood, believers are saved from the wrath of God.

Romans 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For if, being enemies, we have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

UST

¹⁰ Even when we were his enemies God made us to be his friends because his Son died for us. Since the Messiah is alive again, it is even more certain that God will restore our relationship with him since the Messiah is working to save us.

What relationship do unbelievers have with God before they are reconciled to God through Jesus?

Unbelievers are enemies of God before they are reconciled to God through Jesus.

Romans 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ Not only this, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we now have received this reconciliation.

UST

¹¹ And that is not all! Now we also rejoice because of what God has done. Since our Lord Jesus the Messiah has died for us, he has restored our relationship with God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:12**ULT**

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death, so also death spread to all people, concerning which all sinned.

UST

¹² All people are sinful because Adam, the first man whom God created, sinned long ago. Because he sinned, he eventually died. So all people who have lived since then became sinners, and they all die.

What happened because of one man's sin?

Because of one man's sin, sin entered the world, death entered through sin, and death spread to all people.

Romans 5:13**ULT**

¹³ For until the law, sin was in the world, but sin was not charged, being no law.

UST

¹³ People in the world sinned before God gave his law to Moses but there was no way to recognize sin against that law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Nevertheless, death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over those who have not sinned like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who is coming.

UST

¹⁴ But we know that from the time when Adam lived until the time when Moses lived, all people sinned, and that they died as a consequence. Everyone died, even those who did not break a direct command from God as Adam did. Adam's sin affected all people, just like what the Messiah did, the one who came later, also affects all people.

Who was the one man through whom sin entered the world?

Adam was the one man through whom sin entered the world.

Romans 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But not like the trespass, so also {is} the gift. For if by the trespass of one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound for the many!

UST

¹⁵ But the gift that God gives is not like Adam's sin. Because Adam sinned, everybody dies. But because another single man, Jesus the Messiah, died for us, God kindly gives to so many of us this gift of everlasting life, although we do not deserve it.

How is God's free gift different than Adam's sins?

By Adam's sin many died, but by God's free gift many abounded.

Romans 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the gift {is} not as through the one having sinned. For indeed, the judgment followed one unto condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses unto justification.

UST

¹⁶ And there is another way in which God's gift is different from Adam's single sin. Because Adam sinned, all people after him have sinned, and so God declared that all people deserve to be punished. But as a kind gift, God makes us right with himself, in spite of our many sins.

What resulted from Adam's sin, and what resulted from God's free gift?

The judgment of condemnation resulted from Adam's sin, but justification resulted from God's free gift.

Romans 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one, death ruled through the one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.

UST

¹⁷ All people die because of what one man, Adam, did. But now many of us experience that God has kindly given us a very great gift—which we do not deserve—and he has put us right with himself. It is also very certain that we will rule with the Messiah in heaven. This will happen because of what one man, Jesus the Messiah, did for us.

What ruled from Adam's sin, and what ruled through God's gift of righteousness?

Death ruled from Adam's sin, and those who receive God's gift rule through the life of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So then, as through one trespass to all men unto condemnation, so also through one righteous act to all men unto justification of life.

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¹⁸ So, because one man, Adam, disobeyed God's law, all people deserve to be punished. Similarly, because one man, Jesus, acted righteously by obeying God while he lived and died, God makes everyone right with himself, for them to be restored to life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one will the many be made righteous.

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¹⁹ It was because one person, Adam, disobeyed God that many people became sinners. Similarly, it is because one person, Jesus, obeyed God when he died that he will put many right with himself.

What were many made through Adam's disobedience, and what will many be made through the obedience of Christ?

Many were made sinners through Adam's disobedience, and many will be made righteous through the obedience of Christ.

Romans 5:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now the law came in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin abounded, grace abounded even more,

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²⁰ God gave his law to Moses in order that people might realize how greatly they had sinned; but as people sinned more, God continued to act even more kindly toward them in a way that they did not deserve.

Why did the Law come in alongside?

The Law came alongside in order that the trespass might abound.

What abounded more than the trespass?

God's grace abounded more than the trespass.

Romans 5:21**ULT**

²¹ so that just as sin ruled in death, so also grace might rule through righteousness unto everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5:1 ^[1] some ancient manuscripts read

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²¹ He did that in order that, unlike people die because they sin, his kind gift might put them right with himself. Then they can live forever because of what Jesus the Messiah our Lord has done for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6

Romans 6:1

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¹ What then will we say? Should we continue in sin so that grace may abound?

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¹ Someone might say in reply to what I have written that since God has acted kindly toward us, perhaps we should continue to sin in order that his kindness would be the greater.

Should believers continue in sin so that God's grace may abound? (vv1-2)

May it never be.

Romans 6:2

ULT

² May it never be! We who died to sin, how will we still live in it?

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² No, certainly not! We are like people who have died, who can no longer do anything evil. So we should not continue to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:3

ULT

³ Or are you ignorant that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

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³ When we were baptized in union with the Messiah Jesus, God viewed us as dying with the Messiah on his cross. You ought to realize this.

Into what were people baptized who were baptized into Christ Jesus?

People baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death.

Romans 6:4**ULT**

⁴ We were buried, then, with him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

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⁴ So, when we were baptized, God viewed us also as being with the Messiah in his tomb. God the Father used his power to raise the Messiah from the dead; in the same way, he made it possible for us to live life in a new way.

What should believers do since Christ was raised from the dead?

Believers should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:5**ULT**

⁵ For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also certainly be united with {his} resurrection;

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⁵ Since God views us as joining with the Messiah when he died, he will also make us rise with him from the dead.

In what two ways are believers united to Christ through baptism?

Believers are united to Christ in his death and resurrection.

Romans 6:6**ULT**

⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, in order that the body of sin might be destroyed, that we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

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⁶ God views us sinners as having died on the cross with the Messiah, in order to put an end to our sinful nature. As a result, we no longer have to sin.

What was done for us so that we should no longer be slaves to sin?

Our old man was crucified with Christ, so that we should no longer be slaves to sin.

Romans 6:7**ULT**

⁷ For the one having died is declared righteous from sin.

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⁷ For whoever has died no longer has to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:8**ULT**

⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live together with him,

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⁸ Since God views us as having died together with the Messiah when he died, we believe that we will also live with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:9**ULT**

⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, no longer dies; death no longer has authority over him.

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⁹ We know that since God enabled the Messiah to live again after he died, the Messiah will never die again. Nothing will ever be able to make him die again.

How do we know that death no longer rules over Christ?

We know that death no longer rules over Christ because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Romans 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For in that he died, he died to sin once for all. But in that he lives, he lives for God.

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¹⁰ When he died, he went free from our sinful world, and he will never die again; but because he lives again, he lives in order to serve God.

How many times did Christ die to sin, and for how many people did he die?

Christ died to sin once for all.

How should a believer think of himself with respect to sin? (vv10-11)

A believer should think of himself as dead to sin.

For whom does a believer live his life? (vv10-11)

A believer lives his life for God.

Romans 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ In the same way, you also must consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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¹¹ In the same way, you must view yourselves as God views you: You are dead people, unable to sin any longer; but you are also living people, living to serve God and joined to the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:12**ULT**

¹² Therefore, do not let sin rule in your mortal body, to obey its lusts.

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¹² So when you want to sin, do not allow yourselves to do what you want. Remember that your body will die one day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:13**ULT**

¹³ And do not present your members as tools of unrighteousness unto sin. But present yourselves to God, as living from death, and your members to God as tools of righteousness.

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¹³ Do not use any part of your body to do anything wicked. Instead, present yourselves to God as people who are now alive after belonging to the realm of the dead. Use every part of your body for God. Allow him to use you to do righteous things.

To whom should a believer present the members of his body, and for what purpose?

A believer should present the members of his body to God as tools for righteousness.

Romans 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So do not allow sin to rule over you. For you are not under law, but under grace.

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¹⁴ When you desire to sin, do not do it! The laws that God gave Moses did not enable you to stop sinning. But now God controls you and kindly helps you not to sin.

What does a believer live under, which allows him to rule over sin?

A believer lives under grace, which allows him to rule over sin.

Romans 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law, but under grace? May it never be!

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¹⁵ We might think from this that because the laws God gave Moses did not enable us to stop sinning and God is now treating us kindly anyway, that God permits us to continue sinning. Absolutely not!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves to obey {as} slaves, you are slaves to whom you obey—whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

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¹⁶ If you offer to obey someone, you become his slaves. If you obey when you wish to sin, then you become the slaves of sin and die as a result. But if you obey God, then you become his slaves and, as a result, will do the right things that God wants you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But thanks be to God! For you were slaves of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart the pattern of teaching unto which you were given.

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¹⁷ In the past you sinned in whatever way you wanted to sin—you were slaves of sin. But then you began to sincerely obey what the Messiah taught you. I thank God for that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Now having been freed from sin, you have been enslaved to righteousness.

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¹⁸ So now you do not have to sin any longer; sin is no longer your master. Instead, you are slaves of God, who is righteous.

What is the end result for a person who makes himself a servant of God? (vv18-19)

The end result of a person who makes himself a servant of God is righteousness.

Romans 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I speak as a man because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and to more and more lawlessness, in the same way, now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto sanctification.

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¹⁹ I am writing to you in a way that ordinary people can understand. In the past it was as if you were slaves to your desires so you did all kinds of impure and evil things. But now act justly as God acts, so that he will set you apart for himself as his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness.

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²⁰ It is true that in the past, you behaved as people who were free from God's power and righteousness (because you did whatever your evil minds told you to do). You did not have to do things that were right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:21**ULT**

²¹ So what fruit then did you have from that of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things {is} death.

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²¹ Nevertheless, doing those things resulted in your being separated from God, so you did not benefit at all from doing the sinful things that you are now ashamed of.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:22**ULT**

²² But now, having been freed from sin and having been enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the result {is} eternal life.

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²² But now you do not have to sin any longer. You are no longer slaves like that. Instead, you have become slaves of God. In return, he has set you apart as his own people, and he will allow you to live forever, with him.

Slaves of God have their fruit for what purpose?

Slaves of God have their fruit for sanctification.

Romans 6:23**ULT**

²³ For the wages of sin {is} death, but the gift of God {is} eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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²³ All who do what their evil minds tells them to do receive payment, too, but that payment is death. They will be apart from God forever. But as for God, he pays no wages to his slaves at all. Instead, he gives us a free gift: He allows us to live forever with him, joined to the Messiah Jesus our Lord.

What are the wages of sin?

The wages of sin are death.

What is the free gift of God?

The free gift of God is eternal life.

Romans 7

Romans 7:1

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¹ Or do you not know, brothers (for I am speaking to ones knowing the law), that the law rules over the man for as long as he lives?

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¹ My fellow believers, you know about laws. So you certainly know that people have to obey laws only while they are alive.

How long does the law control a person?

The law controls a person for as long as he lives.

Romans 7:2

ULT

² For the married woman has been bound by law to the living husband, but if the husband dies, she has been released from the law of the husband.

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² For example, a woman must be faithful to her husband as long as he is alive. But if her husband dies, she does not have to act any longer as if she were married. The law releases her from the marriage.

How long is a married woman bound by the law of marriage?

A married woman is bound by the law of marriage until her husband dies.

Romans 7:3

ULT

³ So then, the husband being alive, if she is joined to another man, she will be called an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so she is not an adulteress, having been joined to another man.

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³ So if she goes to another man while her husband is alive, she will be an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she no longer has to obey that law. Then if she marries another man, she will not be an adulteress.

What may a woman do once she is free from the law of marriage?

Once she is free from the law of marriage, a woman may marry another man.

Romans 7:4**ULT**

⁴ Therefore, my brothers, you were also made dead to the law through the body of Christ, for you to be joined to another, to the one who was raised from the dead, in order that we might produce fruit for God.

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⁴ In the same way, my brothers and sisters, when you died with the Messiah on his cross, the law of God could no longer control you. You were free to join the Messiah, so that you might honor God. You can do this because you are alive again. God has joined you to the Messiah, and he has raised the Messiah from the dead.

How are believers made dead to the Law?

Believers are made dead to the Law through the body of Christ.

Having been made dead to the Law, what are believers able to do?

Having been made dead to the Law, believers are able to be joined to Christ.

Romans 7:5**ULT**

⁵ For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions that were through the law were working in our members to bear fruit to death.

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⁵ When we were doing what our evil thoughts told us to do, when we learned God's law, we wanted to sin more and more. So we did evil things that would lead God to separate us from him forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:6**ULT**

⁶ But now we have been released from the law, having died to that by which we were being held, so that we might serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

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⁶ But now God has freed us from having to obey law of Moses—it is as though we have died, and the law can no longer tell us what to do. God has done this for us so that we may worship him in a new way that the Spirit shows us, rather than in the old way that the law required.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:7**ULT**

⁷ What will we say then? {Is} the law sin? May it never be! However, I would not have known sin, if not through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law said, "Do not covet."

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⁷ Could we say that people want to sin more if they know God's laws? Then those laws themselves must be evil. No, of course not! The law is not evil! But it is true that I did not really know what sin was until I learned about it in the law. For example, I did not realize that it is evil to desire what is not yours until I learned that the law says, "You must not desire what is not yours."

What function does the Law perform?

The Law makes sin known.

Is the Law sin?

No, the Law is not sin.

Romans 7:8**ULT**

⁸ But sin, having taken opportunity through the commandment, brought about every lust in me. For without law, sin {is} dead.

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⁸ And because of what that commandment stated, my sinful desire to have things that belong to others caused me to covet in many ways. Our desire to sin is not stimulated when there is no law that prohibits our doing sinful things.

What does sin do through the commandment of the Law?

Sin, through the commandment of the Law, brings about every lust in a person.

Romans 7:9**ULT**

⁹ Now at one time I was alive without law, but the commandment having come, sin came to life again,

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⁹ Formerly, when I did not know what God's law required, I used to sin without worrying about what I was doing. But when I became aware that God had given us his law, I suddenly realized that I was sinning,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ but I died. And the commandment that was to be life, it was found to be death for me.

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¹⁰ and I realized that I was apart from God. The law that was supposed to allow me to live forever, if I obeyed it, was leading me to die instead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ For sin, having taken the opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it, killed me.

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¹¹ When I wanted to sin, I thought that I would live forever if I obeyed the law enough. But I was mistaken: I thought I could keep sinning at the same time. In fact, God was going to separate me from him forever because I did not truly obey the law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:12**ULT**

¹² So then, the law {is} holy, and the commandment {is} holy and righteous and good.

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¹² So we know that the law that God gave to Moses is perfectly good. Everything that God commands us to do is also without fault, just, and good.

Is the Law holy?

The Law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous, and good.

Romans 7:13**ULT**

¹³ So did what {is} good become death to me? May it never be! But sin, in order that it might be shown {to be} sin through what {is} good, bringing about death in me, so that through the commandment, sin might become sinful beyond measure.

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¹³ So, if someone were to object saying, “The laws that God gave Moses, which are good, resulted in my being separated from God!” I would reply, “Certainly they did not do that!” But instead, those laws, which are good, stimulated my desire to sin. I knew that the result was that I was separated from God. And also, because I learned what God had commanded, I knew that what I was doing was truly sinful.

What does Paul say sin does to him?

Paul says that sin, through the Law, brings about death in him.

Romans 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am fleshly, having been sold into slavery under sin.

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¹⁴ We know that the law came from God and changes our attitude. But I am a person whose attitude tends toward sin. It is as though I had been forced to become a slave of my desire to sin — I had to do whatever my desires told me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For what I do, I do not understand. For what I want, this I do not do. But what I hate, this I do.

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¹⁵ The things that I do, I often do not understand. That is, sometimes it is the good things that I want to do that I do not do. And sometimes it is the evil things that I detest that I do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But if what I do not want, this I do, I agree with the law that {it is} good.

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¹⁶ Since I do the evil things that I do not want to do, I agree that the law of God directs me in the right way.

What causes Paul to agree with the Law that the Law is good?

When Paul does that which he does not want, then he agrees with the Law that the Law is good.

Romans 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But now no longer I do it, but the sin living in me.

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¹⁷ So, it is not because I wish to sin that I sin. Instead, I sin because the desire to sin causes me to sin.

Who is doing the things that Paul does, but does not wish to do?

Sin that lives in Paul does the things that he does not wish to do.

Romans 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, lives nothing good. For the desire is present in me, but not the ability to do the good.

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¹⁸ I know that when I follow my own attitude I can do nothing good. I know this because I want to do what is good, but I do not do what is good.

What lives in Paul's flesh?

No good thing lives in Paul's flesh.

Romans 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want; but the evil I do not want, this I do.

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¹⁹ I do not do the good things that I want to do. Instead, it is evil things that I do not want to do that I do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now if what I do not want, this I do, {it is} no longer I who do it, but the sin living in me.

UST

²⁰ When I do evil things that I do not want to do, it is not that really I that do those things. Instead, my attitude that favors sin is making me sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:21**ULT**

²¹ I find, then, this law: the wanting to do good {is} in me, but that evil is present in me.

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²¹ I find, then, that what always happens is that when I want to do what is good, there is an evil desire present within me that prevents me from doing good.

What principle does Paul find at work in him?

Paul finds the principle in him that he wants to do what is good, but evil is actually present in him.

Romans 7:22**ULT**

²² For I rejoice in the law of God with the inner man.

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²² In my new attitude I am very happy about the law of God.

What attitude does Paul's inner man have toward the law of God?

Paul's inner man rejoices in the law of God.

Romans 7:23**ULT**

²³ But I see a different law in my members fighting against the law of my mind and taking me captive by the law of the sin that exists in my members.

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²³ Nevertheless, I sense that there is a different power that is in my body. It is opposed to what with my mind I desire to do, and it makes me do what my old sinful attitude wants me to do.

What principle does Paul find in the members of his body?

Paul finds that in the members of his body the principle of sin takes him captive.

Romans 7:24**ULT**

²⁴ I am a miserable man! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

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²⁴ When I consider this, I feel that I am a very wretched person. I want someone to set me free from the control of what my body desires, in order that I might not be separated from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:25

ULT

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with the mind, but with the flesh, the law of sin.

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²⁵ I thank God that it is by Jesus the Messiah our Lord that he sets us free from the control of what our bodies desire. So with our minds, I on the one hand want to obey God's law. But also, I often let our sinful desires control me because of my old sinful attitude.

Who will deliver Paul from his body of death?

Paul thanks God through Jesus Christ for his deliverance.

Romans 8

Romans 8:1

ULT

¹ {There is} therefore now no condemnation for those who {are} in Christ Jesus.

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¹ So God will not condemn and punish those who are joined to the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:2

ULT

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

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² God's Spirit causes us to live in a new way because we are joined to the Messiah Jesus. In this way, I no longer have to sin when I think about sinning, and I will no more be separated from God.

What has made Paul free from the principle of sin and death?

The principle of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made Paul free from the principle of sin and death.

Romans 8:3

ULT

³ For what the law was unable to do, being weak through the flesh, God did, having sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

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³ We tried to obey God's law in order to live with God, but it was useless to think that we could—we could not stop sinning. So God helped us instead: He sent his own Son into the world in order that his Son might atone for our sin. His Son came having a body that was like the body of us who sin. His Son came to offer himself as a sacrifice for our sin. When he did this, he also showed that our sins are truly wicked, and that anyone who sins deserves to be punished.

Why was the Law unable to set people free from the principle of sin and death?

The Law was unable because it was weak through the flesh.

Romans 8:4**ULT**

⁴ so that the righteous deeds of the law might be fulfilled in us, those walking not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

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⁴ So we can now fulfill all that God required in his law. We do this, not by our acting the way our old evil attitude desires, but instead by living as God's Spirit desires us to live.

Those who walk according to the Spirit pay attention to what? (vv4-5)

Those who walk according to the Spirit pay attention to the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:5**ULT**

⁵ For those existing according to the flesh pay attention to the things of the flesh, but those according to the Spirit, to the things of the Spirit.

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⁵ People who live by their evil attitudes think about pay attention to those attitudes. But people who live by what God's Spirit wants think about the things of the Spirit instead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:6**ULT**

⁶ For the mind of the flesh {is} death, but the mind of the Spirit {is} life and peace.

UST

⁶ Those who think about and are concerned about what their evil attitude desires will not live forever. But those who want what God's Spirit desires will live forever and have peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:7**ULT**

⁷ {This is} because the mind of the flesh {is} hostile toward God, for it has not been subjected to the law of God, for it is not able to do so.

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⁷ Let me explain this. To the extent that people want what their evil attitude desires, they are acting contrary to God. They do not obey his law. In fact, they are not even able to obey his law.

What is the flesh's relationship to God and the Law?

The flesh is hostile toward God and is not able to be subject to the Law.

Romans 8:8**ULT**

⁸ But those existing in the flesh are not able to please God.

UST

⁸ The people who do what their evil attitude tells them cannot please God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:9**ULT**

⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. But if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of him.

UST

⁹ But we do not have to let our old evil nature control us. Instead, we can let God's Spirit control us, because he lives within us. If the Spirit who comes from the Messiah does not live in people, they do not belong to the Messiah.

What are people lacking who do not belong to God?

People who do not belong to God lack the Spirit of Christ living in them.

Romans 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But if Christ {is} in you, the body {is} dead because of sin, but the spirit {is} alive because of righteousness.

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¹⁰ But since the Messiah is living in you by his Spirit, God views your bodies as dead, so you no longer have to sin. And he views your spirits as alive, because he has put you right with himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ If indeed the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life also to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

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¹¹ God caused Jesus to live again after he died. And because his Spirit lives in you, God will also make your bodies, which now are sure to die, live again. He caused the Messiah Jesus to live again after he died, and he will make you live again by causing his Spirit to do it.

How does God give life to the believer's mortal body?

God gives life to the believer's mortal body through his Spirit, who lives in the believer.

Romans 8:12**ULT**

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors—not to the flesh to live according to the flesh.

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¹² Therefore, my fellow believers, we are obligated to live as the Spirit directs us. We are not obligated to our old nature to live as our old nature wants us to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:13**ULT**

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you are about to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

UST

¹³ If you do what your old evil nature wants, you will surely not live forever with God. But if the Spirit stops you from doing those things, then you will live forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For as many as are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

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¹⁴ We who obey the Spirit of God are God's children.

How are the sons of God led to live?

The sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.

Romans 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For you did not receive again a spirit of slavery unto fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by which we cry, "Abba, Father!"

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¹⁵ This is because you have not received a spirit who makes you live in fear. You are not like slaves who fear their masters. On the contrary, God has given you his Spirit, and his Spirit has made us God's children. The Spirit now enables us to cry out to God, "You are my Father!"

How is a believer included into God's family?

A believer is included into God's family by adoption.

Romans 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

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¹⁶ The Spirit himself confirms what our spirits say, that we are God's children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Now if children, then also heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

UST

¹⁷ Because we are God's children, we also will one day receive what God has promised us. And we will receive this together with the Messiah. But we must suffer for doing good as the Messiah did, in order that God may honor us.

As children of God, what other benefit do believers receive in God's family?

As children of God, believers are also heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time {are} not worthy {to be compared} with the glory that is about to be revealed to us.

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¹⁸ I think that what we suffer during the present time is not worth paying attention to, because the future splendor that God will reveal to us will be so great.

Why are the sufferings of the present time to be endured by believers? (vv18-19)

The sufferings of the present time are to be endured so that believers may be glorified with Christ when the sons of God are revealed.

Romans 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For the eager expectation of the creation waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

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¹⁹ The things that God has created are very eagerly waiting for the time when he will reveal who his true children are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of the one who subjected it, in hope

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²⁰ God caused the things that he created to be unable to achieve what he had intended. That was not because they wanted to fail. On the contrary, God made them that way because he was certain

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:21**ULT**

²¹ that also the creation itself will be delivered from bondage to decay into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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²¹ that the things he created will one day no longer die, decay, and fall apart. He will free these things from that, in order that he can do the same wonderful things for these things that he will do for his children.

At the present time, under what kind of slavery is the creation?

At the present time, the creation is under the slavery of decay.

Into what will the creation be delivered?

The creation will be delivered into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:22**ULT**

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors in pain together until now.

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²² We know that until now it is as though all things that God created have been groaning together, and they want him to do those same wonderful things for them. But now it is just like a woman who is having the pains that come before she gives birth to a child.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:23**ULT**

²³ Not only that, but also we, having the firstfruits of the Spirit—even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, the redemption of our body.

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²³ Not only do those things groan, but we ourselves also groan inwardly. We who have God's Spirit, who is like a partial gift we have received as we wait for everything that God will give us, we groan inwardly. We groan while we wait eagerly for the time when we will receive our full rights as God's adopted children. That will include his freeing our bodies from the things that hinder us on earth. He will do this by giving us new bodies.

How are believers to wait for the redemption of the body? (vv23-25)

Believers are to wait with confidence and patience for the redemption of the body.

Romans 8:24**ULT**

²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope being seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

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²⁴ For God saved us because we had confidence in him. If we had now the things for which we have been waiting, we would not need to wait for them any longer. After all, if you possess something that you have been expecting to get, you certainly do not need to wait for it any longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:25**ULT**

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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²⁵ But because we keep waiting expectantly to receive what we do not yet have, we wait for it eagerly and patiently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:26**ULT**

²⁶ Now in the same way, the Spirit also helps in our weakness. For we do not know what we should pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groans.

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²⁶ Similarly, God's Spirit helps us when we are weak. We do not know what is proper for us to pray. But God's Spirit knows; as he prays for us, he groans in a way that cannot be expressed in words.

What does the Spirit himself do to help in the saints' weakness? (vv26-27)

The Spirit himself intercedes in behalf of the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:27**ULT**

²⁷ But the one who searches the hearts knows what {is} the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes on behalf of the saints according to the will of God.

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²⁷ God, who examines our inner attitude and mind, understands what his Spirit desires. His Spirit prays for us who belong to God exactly as God wants him to pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:28**ULT**

²⁸ For we know that for those who love God, God works all things together for good, ^[1] for those who are called according to {his} purpose.

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²⁸ And we know that for those who love God, he works out all things that happen to them in a way that does us good. He does this for those whom he has chosen, because that was what he planned to do.

How does God work all things together for those who love God and are called according to his purpose?

God works all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:29**ULT**

²⁹ Because those whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

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²⁹ God knew previously that we would believe in him. We are those who God also decided previously would have a character like his Son's character. The result is that the Messiah is God's firstborn Son, and those who are God's children are the many younger brothers of Jesus.

What is the destiny that God has predetermined for those whom he foreknew?

God has predestined those whom he foreknew to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Romans 8:30**ULT**

³⁰ Now those whom he predestined, these he also called. And those whom he called, these he also justified. And those whom he justified, these he also glorified.

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³⁰ And the ones God decided previously who would be like his Son, he also called them to be with him. And the ones he called to be with him, he also made them to be right with himself. And to the ones whom he has put right with himself, he also will give them honor.

What else did God do for those he predestined?

Those he predestined, God also called, justified, and glorified.

Romans 8:31**ULT**

³¹ What then will we say about these things? If God {is} for us, who {is} against us?

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³¹ So I will tell you what we must learn from all these things that God does for us. Because God is acting on our behalf, no one can win against us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:32**ULT**

³² He who did not spare his own Son but delivered him up on behalf of us all, how will he not also with him freely give us all things?

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³² God did not spare even his very own Son. Instead, he turned him over to others to cruelly kill him in order that all we who believe in him may benefit from his dying for us. Because God did that, he will also certainly give us freely everything that we need to live for him.

How do believers know that God will freely give them all things?

Believers know that God will freely give them all things because God gave up his own Son on behalf of all believers.

Romans 8:33**ULT**

³³ Who will bring an accusation against the chosen ones of God? God {is} the one who justifies.

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³³ No one can accuse us before God of doing wrong, for he has chosen us to belong to him. He is the one who has put us right with himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:34**ULT**

³⁴ Who {is} the one who condemns? Christ Jesus {is} the one who died—but more than that, having been raised, he also is at the right hand of God—he also intercedes for us.

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³⁴ No one can condemn us any longer. The Messiah, Jesus, is the one who died for us—and more than that, he also was raised from the dead—and he is ruling with God in the place of honor, and he is the one who is pleading for us.

What is Christ Jesus doing at the right hand of God?

Christ Jesus is interceding on behalf of the saints at the right hand of God.

Romans 8:35**ULT**

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

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³⁵ Absolutely no one and nothing can cause the Messiah to stop loving us! Even if someone afflicts us, or we were suffering from great need, or even if someone harms us, or even if we have nothing to eat, or even if we do not have enough clothes, or even if we live in a dangerous situation, or even if someone will kill us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:36**ULT**

³⁶ Just as it is written, “For your benefit we are killed all day long. We were considered as sheep for the slaughter.”

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³⁶ Such things may happen to us, just as it is written that David said to God, “Because we are your people, others repeatedly attempt to kill us. They consider that we are only people to be killed, like a butcher considers that sheep are only animals to be slaughtered.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:37**ULT**

³⁷ But in all these things we are more than conquerors through the one who loved us.

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³⁷ But even though all these bad things happen to us, we win completely over these things because the Messiah, who loves us, helps us.

How are believers more than conquerors over tribulation, persecution, or even death?

Believers are more than conquerors through the one who loved them.

Romans 8:38**ULT**

³⁸ For I have been convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor governments, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

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³⁸ I am completely convinced that neither anything from the realm of the dead, nor what happens to us while we live, nor angels, nor demons, nor present events, nor future events, nor powerful beings,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:39**ULT**

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which {is} in Christ Jesus our Lord.

8:28 ^[1] some older versions read

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³⁹ nor powerful beings in the sky or below it, nor anything else that God has created can cause God to stop loving us. God showed us that he loves us by sending Jesus the Messiah our Lord to die for us.

What is Paul convinced that no created thing can do to the believer?

Paul is convinced that no created thing can separate the believer from the love of God.

Romans 9**Romans 9:1****ULT**

¹ I tell the truth in Christ. I do not lie—my conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit—

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¹ Because I am joined to the Messiah, I will tell you the truth. I am not lying! My conscience confirms what I say because the Holy Spirit controls me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:2**ULT**

² that for me there is great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart.

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² I tell you that I grieve very greatly and deeply about my fellow Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:3**ULT**

³ For I could wish that I myself would be cursed, set apart from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race according to the flesh;

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³ I personally would be willing to let God curse me and, keep me apart from the Messiah forever if that would help my fellow Israelites, my natural kinsmen, to believe in the Messiah.

What would Paul be willing to do for the sake of his brothers according to the flesh, the Israelites?

Paul would be willing to be cursed by God for the sake of his brothers.

Romans 9:4**ULT**

⁴ who are Israelites, of whom {are} the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service, and the promises;

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⁴ They, like me, are Israelites. God chose them to be his children. It is to them that he showed how wonderful he is. It is with them that he made the covenants. It is to them that he gave the law. They are the ones who have the worship of God. They are the ones to whom God promised many things.

What do the Israelites have in their history?

The Israelites have adoption, the glory, the covenants, the Law, the worship of God, and the promises.

Romans 9:5**ULT**

⁵ of whom {are} the ancestors from whom also Christ {is} with respect to the flesh—he who {is} God over all, blessed to eternity. Amen.

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⁵ It was our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, whom God chose to begin our nation. And, most importantly, it was from us Israelites that the Messiah was born as a human being. He is God, the one who is worthy that we praise him forever! This is true!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:6**ULT**

⁶ But {it is} not as though the word of God has failed. For not all these who {are} from Israel {are} Israel.

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⁶ God promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that their descendants would all inherit his blessings. But although most of my fellow Israelites have rejected the Messiah, that does not prove that God has failed to do the things that he promised. For it is not all people who are descended from Jacob and who call themselves the people of Israel whom God considers to be truly his people.

What does Paul say is not true about everyone in Israel and all of Abraham's descendants? (vv6-7)

Paul says that not everyone in Israel truly belongs to Israel, and not all of Abraham's descendants are truly his children.

Romans 9:7**ULT**

⁷ Neither that all the children are the descendants of Abraham. But, “In Isaac your descendants will be called.”

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⁷ And it is also not all of Abraham’s natural descendants that God considers to be Abraham’s true descendants. Instead, God considers only some of them to be Abraham’s true descendants. This agrees with what he told Abraham: “It is Isaac, not any of your other sons, whom I will consider to be the true father of your descendants.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:8**ULT**

⁸ That is, the children of the flesh, these {are} not the children of God. But the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

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⁸ What I mean is, not all of Abraham’s descendants are the people that God accepts as his own children. Instead, only the people that God had in mind when he promised to give Abraham descendants—it is these people whom he considers to be Abraham’s true descendants and his own children.

Who are not counted as the children of God?

The children of the flesh are not counted as the children of God.

Who are counted as the children of God?

The children of the promise are counted as the children of God.

Romans 9:9**ULT**

⁹ For this {is} the word of promise: “At this time I will come, and a son will be given to Sarah.”

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⁹ This is what God promised Abraham: “About this time next year I will come back to you, and Sarah your wife will bear a son.” God promised this, and he made it happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Not only this, but Rebekah also conceived by one man, our father Isaac—

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¹⁰ It was similar with Rebecca, the wife of Isaac, Abraham's son, when Rebecca conceived twins.

What was the cause behind the statement given to Rebecca, "The older will serve the younger," before her children were born? (vv10-12)

The purpose of God according to choice was the cause behind the statement given to Rebecca.

Romans 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ for not yet having been born, not yet having done anything good or bad, so that the purpose of God according to {his} choice might endure,

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¹¹ But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to his own purposes;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:12**ULT**

¹² not because of actions, but because of the one who calls—it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger."

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¹² he calls people, but not according to their good or bad works.) She was told, "Your older son will serve your younger son."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:13**ULT**

¹³ {It is} just as had been written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

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¹³ It is just what God said in the scriptures: "I chose Jacob, the younger son. I rejected Esau, the older son."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ What then will we say? {There is} no unrighteousness with God{, is there}? May it never be!

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¹⁴ Someone might ask me, "Is God unjust by choosing only certain people?" I would reply, "He is certainly not unjust!"

What is the cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion? (vv14-16)

The cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion is God's choice.

Romans 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

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¹⁵ God told Moses, "I will pity and help anyone whom I choose!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So then, {it is} not of the one who wills, nor of the one who runs, but of God, who shows mercy.

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¹⁶ So God chooses people, not because they want God to choose them or because they try hard to please him. Instead, he chooses people because he himself has mercy on undeserving ones.

What is not the cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion?

The cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion is not the will or actions of the person receiving the gifts.

Romans 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For the scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, so that I might demonstrate my power in you, and so that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

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¹⁷ Moses recorded that God had told Pharaoh, "This is why I made you king of Egypt: It was so I might fight against you and everyone in the world will help others respect my reputation."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ So then, he has mercy on whom he wishes, but whom he wishes, he makes stubborn.

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¹⁸ So we know that God kindly helps the ones he wants to act kindly toward. And we also know that he makes stubborn anyone who he wants to be stubborn, such as Pharaoh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You will say then to me, “Why then does he still find fault? For who has ever withstood his will?”

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¹⁹ Maybe one of you will say to me, “Because God determines ahead of time everything that people do and no one can resist what God has wished, it is not right for God to punish those who sin.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ O man, on the contrary, who are you who answers against God? The thing molded will not say to the one who molded it, “Why did you make me this way?” will it?

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²⁰ I would reply, “You are only a human being, so you have no right to criticize God! He is like a man who makes clay pots. A pot has no right to ask its maker, “Why did you make me like this?”

What is Paul’s reply to those who would question if God is righteous because he finds fault in men?

Paul replies, “Who are you who answers against God?”

Romans 9:21**ULT**

²¹ Or does the potter not have authority over the clay to make from the same lump a container for honor, but another for dishonor?

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²¹ Instead, the potter certainly has the right to take a lump of clay and use part of it to make a beautiful pot that people will value highly—and then use the rest of the clay for a pot that someone will use every day. Certainly God has the same right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:22**ULT**

²² But what if God, willing to show {his} wrath and to make his power known, endured with much patience containers of wrath prepared for destruction;

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²² Although God desires to show that he is angry about sin, and although he desires to make clear that he can powerfully punish people who have sinned, he tolerated very patiently the people who caused him to be angry and who deserved to be destroyed.

What did God do with those prepared for destruction?

God endured with much patience those prepared for destruction.

Romans 9:23**ULT**

²³ and so that he might make known the riches of his glory upon containers of mercy, which he had previously prepared for glory—

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²³ God has been patient in order that he might make clear how very wonderfully he acts toward those upon whom he has mercy, whom he prepared ahead of time in order that they might live with him.

What did God do with those prepared for glory?

God made known to them the riches of his glory.

Romans 9:24**ULT**

²⁴ even us whom he called, not only from among the Jews, but also from among the Gentiles?

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²⁴ That means us whom he chose—not only us Jews, but also non-Jews.

From which peoples has God called those on whom he is having mercy?

God has called from both Jews and Gentiles those on whom he is having mercy.

Romans 9:25**ULT**

²⁵ As he says also in Hosea: "I will call those who were not my people, 'my people,' and the one who was not beloved, 'Beloved.'

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²⁵ God has the right to choose from among both Jews and non-Jews, as the prophet Hosea wrote: "Many people who were not my people—I will say they are my people. Many people whom I did not love before, I will say that I now love them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:26**ULT**

²⁶ And it will be that in the place where it was said to them, 'You {are} not my people,' there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"

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²⁶ And another prophet wrote: "Where God told them before, 'You are not my people,' in those same places they are told that they will become children of the true God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:27**ULT**

²⁷ But Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel might be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved,

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²⁷ Isaiah also exclaimed concerning the Israelites: "Even though the Israelites are so many that no one can count them, like sand particles beside the ocean, only a small part of them will be saved,

From all the children of Israel, how many will be saved?

From all the children of Israel, a remnant will be saved.

Romans 9:28**ULT**

²⁸ for the Lord will carry out {his} word on the earth, completely and without delay.”

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²⁸ because the Lord will punish completely and speedily the people who live in that land, as he said that he would do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:29**ULT**

²⁹ And just as Isaiah had said previously, “If the Lord of hosts had not left us descendants, we would have become like Sodom, and we would have been made like Gomorrah.”

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²⁹ Isaiah also wrote, “If the Lord of the heavenly armies had not mercifully allowed some of our descendants to survive, we would have become like the people of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, whom he completely destroyed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:30**ULT**

³⁰ What will we say then? That the Gentiles, who are not pursuing righteousness, obtained righteousness, but righteousness that {is} by faith.

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³⁰ We must conclude this: Although the non-Jews were not trying to be holy, they discovered that God would put them right with himself if they trusted in the Messiah.

How did the Gentiles, who were not pursuing righteousness, attain it?

The Gentiles attained it through the righteousness by faith.

Romans 9:31**ULT**

³¹ But Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not attain it through the law.

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³¹ But the people of Israel did indeed try to be holy by obeying God's law, but they were not able to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:32**ULT**

³² Why? Because it was not by faith, but as by works. They stumbled over the stone of stumbling,

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³² They were not able to, because they tried to do certain things to persuade God to accept them. Because they did not expect the Messiah to die, the Israelites felt disgusted concerning Jesus' death, which is like the stone on which people stumble.

Why did Israel, although pursuing a law of righteousness, not arrive at it?

Israel did not arrive at it because they pursued it by works, and not by faith.

Over what did the Israelites stumble? (vv32-33)

The Israelites stumbled over the stone of stumbling and the rock of offense.

Romans 9:33**ULT**

³³ just as it has been written, "Behold, I place in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and the one who believes in it will not be ashamed."

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³³ This is what a prophet said would happen: "Listen! I am placing in Israel one who is like a stone on which people will stumble. What he does will make people angry. Nevertheless, those who believe in him will not be ashamed."

What happens to those who do not stumble, but believe?

Those who do not stumble, but believe, will not be ashamed.

Romans 10

Romans 10:1

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¹ Brothers, the desire of my heart and {my} request to God {is} for them, for salvation.

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¹ My fellow believers, what I greatly desire and what I pray to God earnestly for is that he will save my own people, the Jews.

What is Paul's desire for his brothers, the Israelites?

Paul's desire is for the Israelites' salvation.

Romans 10:2

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² For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

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² I declare truthfully about them that although they earnestly go after God, they do not understand how to go after him in the right way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:3

ULT

³ For they do not know the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness of God.

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³ They do not know how God puts people right with himself. They want to put themselves right with God, so they do not accept what God wishes to do for them.

What are the Israelites seeking to establish?

The Israelites are seeking to establish their own righteousness.

Of what do the Israelites not know?

The Israelites do not know of God's righteousness.

Romans 10:4**ULT**

⁴ For Christ {is} the fulfillment of the law for righteousness for everyone who believes.

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⁴ The Messiah has perfectly obeyed the law in order to put everyone who believes in him right with God. So the law is no longer necessary.

What has Christ done with respect to the Law?

Christ is the fulfillment of the Law for righteousness for everyone who believes.

Romans 10:5**ULT**

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that {is} from the law: "The man who has done these things will live by them."

UST

⁵ Moses wrote about people who tried to obey all of God's laws: "It is the people who have done perfectly the things that the law requires who will live forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:6**ULT**

⁶ But the righteousness from faith says this: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down);

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⁶ But those whom God puts right with himself because they trust in the Messiah—to them Moses says, "There is no need for anyone to try to climb up to heaven," that is, in order to bring the Messiah down to save us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:7**ULT**

⁷ or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

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⁷ Moses also says this to them: "No one should try to go down to where the dead are," that is, in order to bring the Messiah back from the dead for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:8**ULT**

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." That is the word of faith, which we proclaim.

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⁸ But instead, those who believe in the Messiah can say what Moses wrote: "You can find out about God's message very easily. You can speak about it and think about it." This is the message that we proclaim: People must believe in the Messiah.

Where is the word of faith which Paul is proclaiming?

The word of faith is near, in the mouth and in the heart.

Romans 10:9**ULT**

⁹ For if with your mouth you confess Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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⁹ This message is that if anyone of you confirms that Jesus is Lord, and if you truly believe that God raised him from the dead, he will save you.

What does Paul say a person does to be saved?

Paul says a person must acknowledge with the mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in the heart that God raised him from the dead.

Romans 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation.

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¹⁰ If people believe these things, God will put them right with himself. And for those who state publicly that Jesus is Lord—God will save them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ For the scripture says, “Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame.”

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¹¹ It is written in the scriptures about the Messiah, “Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed or ashamed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:12**ULT**

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord {is} of all, being rich to all who call upon him.

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¹² In this way, God treats the Jews and the non-Jews the same. Because he is the same Lord for all people who believe in him, he greatly helps all who ask him to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:13**ULT**

¹³ For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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¹³ This is just like what the scriptures say: “The Lord God will save all those who ask him.”

Everyone who does what will be saved?

Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ How then would they call to whom they have not believed? And how would they believe in whom they have not heard? And how would they hear without someone preaching?

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¹⁴ Most people have certainly not believed in the Messiah, and some people might try to explain why they have not done so. They might say, "People certainly cannot ask the Messiah to help them if they have not first believed in him! And they certainly cannot believe in him if they have not heard about him! And they certainly cannot hear about him if someone does not preach to them about him!"

What does Paul say is the series of steps which brings the good news to a person, so he can call on the name of the Lord? (vv14-15)

Paul says that first a preacher is sent, and the good news is heard and believed, so that a person can call on the name of the Lord.

Romans 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And how would they preach, unless they would be sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful {are} the feet of those who proclaim good news of good things!"

UST

¹⁵ And those who could preach to them about the Messiah, certainly cannot do so if God does not send them. But if some believers preached to them, it would be just like the scriptures say: 'It is wonderful when people come and bring good news!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But not all of them obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

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¹⁶ I would reply in this way to those who say such things: God has indeed sent people to preach the message about the Messiah. But not all the people of Israel have paid attention to the good news! It is like what Isaiah said when he felt very discouraged: "Lord, it seems as if hardly anyone believed what they heard us preach!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So faith {is} from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

UST

¹⁷ So then, I tell you that people are believing in the Messiah because they hear about him, and people are hearing the message because others are preaching about the Messiah!

What is heard which brings faith?

The word of Christ is heard, which brings faith.

Romans 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But I say, "Did they certainly not hear?" Yes, indeed. "Their sound has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

UST

¹⁸ But if someone said to those people, "Of course the Israelites have heard this message," I would say, "Yes, indeed! It is like what the scriptures say: "The people living all over the world have seen the creation, and what it proves about who God is—even the people living in the most remote places in the world have understood this!"

Did Israel hear the gospel?

Yes, Israel heard the gospel.

Romans 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But I say, "Did Israel certainly not know?" First Moses says, "I will provoke you to jealousy by {what is} not a nation; by means of a nation without understanding, I will provoke you to anger."

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¹⁹ Furthermore, it is true that the Israelites really did hear this message. They understood it, too, but they refused to believe it. Remember that Moses was the first one to warn the people like this. He told them that God said, "You think that the non-Jewish nations are not real nations at all. But some of them will believe in me, and I will bless them. Then you will envy them and be angry at them, people who you do not think understand me."

How did God say he would provoke Israel to jealousy?

God said he would provoke Israel to jealousy by appearing to those who were without understanding.

Romans 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now Isaiah was very bold when he says, "I was found by those not seeking me; I appeared to those not asking for me."

UST

²⁰ Remember also that God said very boldly through Isaiah, "The non-Jews who did not try to know me will surely find me! I will surely reveal what I am like to those who did not ask for me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:21**ULT**

²¹ But to Israel he says, "The whole day I reached out my hands to a disobedient and contradictory people."

UST

²¹ But God also speaks about the Israelites. He says, "For a long time I have held out my arms to the people who disobeyed and rebelled against me, in order to invite them to return to me."

What did God find when he reached out to Israel?

When God reached out to Israel, he found a disobedient and resistant people.

Romans 11

Romans 11:1

ULT

¹ I say then, God did not reject his people, did he? May it never be! For I also am an Israelite, from the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

UST

¹ If I should ask, "Has God rejected his people the Jews?" The answer would be, "Certainly not! Remember that I also belong to the people of Israel. I am a descendant of Abraham, and I belong to the tribe of Benjamin, but God has not rejected me!"

Has God then rejected the Israelites?

May it never be.

Romans 11:2

ULT

² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Or do you not know what the scripture says about Elijah, how he pleaded with God against Israel?

UST

² No, God has not rejected his people, whom he chose long ago to be people whom he would bless in a special way. Remember that Elijah mistakenly complained to God about the people of Israel, as the scriptures say:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:3

ULT

³ "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have broken down your altars, and I alone was spared, and they seek my life."

UST

³ "Lord, they have killed the rest of your prophets, and they have destroyed your altars. I am the only one who believes in you who remains alive, and now they are trying to kill me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:4**ULT**

⁴ But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for myself 7,000 men who have not bent the knee to Baal."

UST

⁴ God answered him like this: "You are not the only one left who is faithful to me. I have taken care to keep for myself seven thousand men in Israel, men who have not worshiped the false god Baal."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:5**ULT**

⁵ Even so then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to the choice of grace.

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⁵ So, similarly, there is also at this time a leftover group of us Jews who have become believers. God has chosen us to become believers only because he acts kindly toward us, in ways that we do not deserve.

Does Paul say if there are any faithful Israelites remaining, and if so, how have they been preserved?

Paul says that there is a remnant remaining that has been preserved because of the choice of grace.

Romans 11:6**ULT**

⁶ But if by grace, {it is} no longer by works. Otherwise grace would no longer be grace. ^[1]

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⁶ Since it is because he acts kindly toward those whom he chooses, it is not because they have done good things that he has chosen them. If God chose people because they did good deeds, then he would not need to act kindly toward them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:7**ULT**

⁷ What then? The thing Israel seeks, it did not obtain, but the chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened,

UST

⁷ Since God chose only some people of Israel, this makes us know that most of the Jews failed to get what they were looking for—(although the Jews whom God chose did get it). Most of the Jews remained unwilling to understand what God was telling them.

Who among the Israelites obtained salvation, and what happened to the rest?

The chosen among the Israelites obtained salvation, and the rest were hardened.

Romans 11:8**ULT**

⁸ just as it is written: “God gave them a spirit of dullness, eyes not to see, and ears not to hear, to this very day.”

UST

⁸ This is exactly what the prophet Isaiah had written about: “God caused them to be stubborn. They should be able to understand the truth about the Messiah, but they cannot. They should obey God when he speaks, but they do not. It is like that to this very day.”

What did the spirit of dullness given by God do to those who received it?

The spirit of dullness made their eyes unable to see and their ears unable to hear.

Romans 11:9**ULT**

⁹ And David says, “Let their table become for a net and for a trap, and for a stumbling block and for a retribution for them.

UST

⁹ The Jews remind me of what King David said, when he asked God to cause his enemies’ senses to be dull: “Make them stupid, like animals that fall into nets or traps! May they feel as safe as if they were at their banquets, but let those feasts be times when you will catch them, and they will sin, with the result that you will destroy them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened to not see, and make their backs bend continually."

UST

¹⁰ May they not see the danger when it comes to them. May you always make them suffer because of their troubles."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ I say then, "They did not stumble so as to fall, did they?" May it never be! Instead, by their transgression, salvation {is} to the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy.

UST

¹¹ If I should ask, "When the Jews sinned by not believing in the Messiah, did that mean they will always be apart from God?" I would reply, "No, they have certainly not separated themselves from God permanently! Instead, because they sinned, God is saving non-Jews in order to cause the Jews to envy the way he blesses non-Jews, so that they will ask the Messiah to save them."

What good has happened because of Israel's refusal to receive the gospel?

Salvation has come to the Gentiles.

What effect will the salvation of the Gentiles have on the Israelites?

The salvation of the Gentiles will provoke the Israelites to jealousy.

Romans 11:12**ULT**

¹² Now if their transgression {is} riches of the world, and their loss {is} riches of the Gentiles, how much greater {will} their completion {be}?

UST

¹² When the Jews rejected the Messiah, the result was that God abundantly blessed the other people in the world by offering them the opportunity to believe. And when the Jews failed spiritually, the result was that God abundantly blessed the non-Jews. Since that is true, think how wonderful it will be when the complete number of the Jews whom God has chosen will believe in the Messiah!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:13**ULT**

¹³ Now I speak to you Gentiles. As much therefore as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry,

UST

¹³ Now it is to you non-Jews that I am saying what follows. I am the one who is the apostle to non-Jews such as you, and I highly value this work that God appointed me to do.

In Paul's analogy of the olive tree root and the wild branches, who is the root and who are the wild branches? (vv13-17)

The root is Israel, and the wild branches are the Gentiles.

Romans 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ if somehow I might provoke to jealousy those who {are} of my own flesh and might save some of them.

UST

¹⁴ But I also hope that by my labors I will make my fellow Jews jealous, with the result that some of them will believe and thus be saved.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For if their rejection {is} reconciliation of the world, what {is their} acceptance if not life from the dead?

UST

¹⁵ God has rejected most of my fellow Jews because they refused to believe, with the result that he made peace between himself and other people in the world. If that is what happened after most of the Jews rejected the Messiah, think about the excellent things that will happen after they trust in him. It will be like they have risen from the realm of the dead!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Now if the firstfruits {are} holy, the lump of dough also. And if the root {is} holy, the branches also.

UST

¹⁶ Just like the whole lump of dough will belong to God if people offer to God the bread baked from the first part of it, so the Jews will belong to God because their ancestors belonged to God. And just like the branches of a tree will belong to God if the root belongs to God, so the descendants of our great Jewish ancestors who belonged to God will also some day belong to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive branch, were grafted into them, and {became} partakers with them of the richness of the root of the olive tree,

UST

¹⁷ God has rejected many of the Jews, like people break off dead branches of a tree. And each of you non-Jews whom God has accepted is like a branch of a uncultivated olive tree that someone spliced into the trunk of a cultivated olive tree. God has caused you to benefit from how he blessed our first Jewish ancestors, just as branches benefit from the sap from the root of a cultivated olive tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ do not boast over the branches. But if you boast, you do not support the root, but the root, you.

UST

¹⁸ However, you non-Jews must not despise the Jews whom God rejected, even though they are like the branches that someone breaks off from the tree! If you want to boast because of how God has saved you, remember this: Branches do not feed a root. Instead, the root feeds the branches. Similarly, God has helped you because of what you have received from the Jews! You have given the Jews nothing that helps them.

What attitude does Paul say the wild branches must avoid?

Paul says the wild branches must avoid the attitude of boasting over the natural branches that were broken off.

Romans 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

UST

¹⁹ Maybe you will say to me, "God rejected the Jews like people break bad branches off a tree and throw them away, and he has done this in order that he might accept us non-Jews, just like people put branches of a wild olive tree into the trunk of a good tree."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ {That is} true. They were broken off in {their} unbelief, but you stand firm in the faith. Do not think highly of yourself, but fear.

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²⁰ I would reply that this is true. However, it is because the Jews did not believe in the Messiah, God rejected them. As for you, it is only because you believe in the Messiah that you stand strong! So do not become proud, but instead be filled with awe!

What warning does Paul give the wild branches? (vv20-21)

Paul warns the wild branches that if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare the wild branches if they fall into unbelief.

Romans 11:21**ULT**

²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

UST

²¹ Since God did not spare those unbelieving Jews, who grew up like a tree's natural branches that came from the root, then know, if you do not believe, he will not spare you either!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:22**ULT**

²² See, then, kindness and severity of God: severity on those who fell, but kindness of God on you, if you continue in {his} kindness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

UST

²² Note then, that God acts kindly, but he also acts severely. He has acted severely toward the Jews who have refused to trust in the Messiah. God has acted kindly toward you, but he will act severely if you do not keep trusting in the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:23**ULT**

²³ But they, if they do not continue in {their} unbelief, will be grafted in. For God is able to graft them in again.

UST

²³ And if the Jews believe in the Messiah, God will also put them back into the tree again, because God is able to do that.

What can God do with natural branches if they do not continue in their unbelief? (vv23-24)

God can graft back into the olive tree natural branches that do not continue in their unbelief.

Romans 11:24**ULT**

²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and contrary to nature were grafted into a good olive tree, how much more will these, who {are} according to nature, be grafted back into their own olive tree?

UST

²⁴ You non-Jews who were previously apart from God have benefited from the ways in which God blessed the Jews. That is like taking branches that someone has cut from a wild olive tree—a tree that just grew without anyone planting it— and, contrary to what people usually do, splicing them into a cultivated olive tree. So God will much more readily receive back the Jews because they belonged to him before! That will be like putting the original branches that someone cut off, back into the olive tree to which they originally belonged!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:25**ULT**

²⁵ For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, in order that you might not be wise in yourselves, for a partial hardening has occurred in Israel, until the completion of the Gentiles might come in;

UST

²⁵ My non-Jewish fellow believers, I certainly want you to understand this secret truth, so that you do not think you know everything: Many people of Israel will continue to be stubborn until all the non-Jews whom God has chosen have believed in Jesus.

How long will the partial hardening of Israel last?

The partial hardening of Israel will last until the completion of the Gentiles comes in.

Romans 11:26**ULT**

²⁶ and thus all Israel will be saved, just as it is written: "From Zion will come the Deliverer. He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.

UST

²⁶ And then God will save all of the true people of God. Then these words in the scriptures will become true: "The one who sets his people free will come from among the Jews. He will forgive the sins of God's people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:27**ULT**

²⁷ And this {will be} the covenant from me to them, when I will take away their sins."

UST

²⁷ And as God says, "The covenant that I will make with them is one by which I will forgive their sins."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:28**ULT**

²⁸ According to the gospel, {they are} enemies for your sake, but according to election, {they are} beloved because of their forefathers.

UST

²⁸ The Jews rejected the good news about the Messiah and now God treats them as his enemies. But that has helped you non-Jews. But because they are the people whom God chose, God still loves them because of what he promised to do for their ancestors.

Despite their disobedience, why do the Israelites continue to be loved by God? (vv28-29)

The Israelites continue to be loved by God because of the ancestors, and because the call of God is unchangeable.

Romans 11:29**ULT**

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God {are} unchangeable.

UST

²⁹ He still loves them, because he never changed his mind about what he has promised to give them, and about how he has called them to be his own people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:30**ULT**

³⁰ For just as you were formerly disobedient to God, but now have received mercy in that disobedience,

UST

³⁰ You non-Jews once disobeyed God, but now he has acted mercifully toward you because the Jews disobeyed him.

What have both Jew and Gentile been shown to be by God? (vv30-32)

Both Jew and Gentile have been shown to be disobedient.

What has God shown to the disobedient? (vv30-32)

God has shown mercy to the disobedient, both Jew and Gentile.

Romans 11:31**ULT**

³¹ thus also, these now have been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you, they might also now receive mercy.

UST

³¹ Similarly, now they have disobeyed God. The result is that in the very same way in which he acted mercifully toward you, he will act mercifully toward them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:32**ULT**

³² For God has shut up all into disobedience, in order that he might have mercy on all.

UST

³² God has declared and proved that all people, both Jews and non-Jews, have been disobedient to him. He has declared that because he wants to act mercifully toward us all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:33**ULT**

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable {are} his judgments, and his ways beyond discovering!

UST

³³ I marvel how great are the wise things that God has done and what he has always known! No one can understand them or know them fully.

Who is able to search God's judgments and give him advice? (vv33-34)

No person can search God's judgments and give him advice.

Romans 11:34**ULT**

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has become his advisor?”

UST

³⁴ I remember the scriptures that say, “No one has ever known what the Lord thinks. No one has ever been able to give him advice.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:35**ULT**

³⁵ Or who has first given anything to him, that he will be repaid by him?”

UST

³⁵ And, “No one has given anything to God in a way that God had to reward him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:36**ULT**

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him {are} all things. To him {be} the glory to the ages. Amen.
11:6 ^[1]

UST

³⁶ God is the one who created all things. He is also the one who sustains all things. The reason that he created them was that they might praise him. May all people honor him forever! May it be so!

What are the three ways all things are related to God?

All things are from God, through God, and to God.

Romans 12

Romans 12:1

ULT

¹ I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which {is} your reasonable service.

UST

¹ My fellow believers, since God has acted mercifully toward you in so many ways, I appeal to all of you that you present yourselves like a sacrifice that is alive, a sacrifice that you give to God alone and that pleases him. This is the only right way to worship him.

What is the spiritual service to God for a believer?

A believer's spiritual service is to present himself a living sacrifice to God.

Romans 12:2

ULT

² And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of the mind, for you to prove what {is} the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

UST

² Do not let unbelievers guide you in how you behave. Instead, let God change your way of thinking and make it new, in order that you may know what he wants you to do, so you may know how to act in ways that please him, the ways in which he himself acts.

What does a transformed mind in the believer enable him to do?

A transformed mind enables a believer to know what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:3**ULT**

³ For I say, through the grace that has been given to me, to everyone who is among you to not think more highly of himself than what he ought to think, but to think with sound mind, as God has distributed to each one a measure of faith.

UST

³ Because God has kindly appointed me to be his apostle, which I did not deserve, I say this to every one of you: Do not think you are better than you really are. Instead, think about yourselves in a sensible way, a way that is the same as the way in which God has allowed you to trust in him.

How should a believer not think of himself?

A believer should not think of himself more highly than he ought to think.

Romans 12:4**ULT**

⁴ For just as we have many members in one body, but not all the members have the same function,

UST

⁴ Although a person has one body, it consists of many parts. All of the parts are necessary for the body, but they do not all function the same way.

How are the many believers related to each other in Christ? (vv4-5)

The many believers are one body in Christ, and individually members of each other.

Romans 12:5**ULT**

⁵ in the same way, the many are one body in Christ and individually members of each other.

UST

⁵ Similarly, we, although we are many, are united into one group because we are joined to the Messiah, and we belong to one another. So no one should act as though he is more important than the others!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:6**ULT**

⁶ But we have different gifts according to the grace that has been given to us: if prophecy, according to the proportion of {his} faith;

UST

⁶ Instead, since each one of us can do different things because God makes us different from each other, we should do them eagerly and cheerfully! Those of us to whom God gives messages for others should speak in a way that fits our trust in God.

What should each believer do with the gifts God has given him?

Each believer should exercise his gifts according to the proportion of his faith.

Romans 12:7**ULT**

⁷ if service, in serving; if the one teaching, in teaching;

UST

⁷ Those whom God has enabled to serve others should do that. Those whom God has enabled to teach his truth should do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:8**ULT**

⁸ if the one encouraging, in encouragement; the one giving, in generosity; the one leading, in diligence; the one showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

UST

⁸ Those whom God has enabled to encourage others should do it wholeheartedly. Those whom God has enabled to give things to others, should do so without holding back. Those whom God has enabled to manage others should do it, and do it with care. Those whom God has enabled to help the needy should do it cheerfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:9**ULT**

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy, abhorring the evil, holding on to the good;

UST

⁹ The way you must love people is to love them sincerely! Hate what is evil! Continue to eagerly do what God considers to be good!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ in love of the brothers, affectionate to one another; in honor, preferring one another;

UST

¹⁰ Love one another as members of the same family do; and in regard to honoring one another, you should be the first ones to do it!

How should believers treat one another?

Believers should be affectionate to one another and respect one another.

Romans 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ in diligence, not hesitant; in the spirit, being eager; serving the Lord;

UST

¹¹ Do not be lazy. Instead, be eager to serve God! Be enthusiastic as you serve the Lord!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:12**ULT**

¹² in hope, rejoicing; in suffering, being patient; in prayer, persisting;

UST

¹² Rejoice because you are confidently awaiting what God will do for you! When you suffer, be patient! Keep praying and never give up!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:13**ULT**

¹³ in the needs of the saints, sharing; pursuing hospitality.

UST

¹³ If any of God's people lacks anything, share with them what you have! Be creative in hosting others!

How should believers respond to the needs of the saints?

Believers should share in the needs of the saints.

Romans 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse;

UST

¹⁴ Ask God to be kind to those who persecute you because you believe in Jesus! Ask him to be kind to them; do not ask him to cause bad things to happen to them.

How should believers respond to those who persecute them?

Believers should bless, and not curse, those who persecute them.

Romans 12:15**ULT**

¹⁵ to rejoice with those who rejoice; to weep with those who weep;

UST

¹⁵ If they are joyful, you should rejoice with them! If they are sad, you should be sad with them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:16**ULT**

¹⁶ of the same mind toward one another, not thinking in proud ways, but accepting lowly people. Do not be wise in yourselves;

UST

¹⁶ Desire for others what you desire for yourselves. Do not be proud in how you think; instead, be friends with people who seem unimportant. Do not consider yourselves wise.

How should believers treat lowly people?

Believers should accept lowly people.

Romans 12:17**ULT**

¹⁷ repaying no one evil for evil; practicing good things in the sight of all men;

UST

¹⁷ Do not do evil deeds to anyone who has done evil to you. Act in a way that all people will know is good!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:18**ULT**

¹⁸ if possible, what {is} from you, living at peace with all men;

UST

¹⁸ Live peacefully with other people whenever it is possible, to the extent that you can control the situation.

As much as is possible, what should believers seek with all people?

As much as is possible, believers should seek peace with all people.

Romans 12:19**ULT**

¹⁹ not avenging yourselves, beloved, but give way to the wrath, for it is written, “‘Vengeance {is} to me; I will repay,’ says the Lord.”

UST

¹⁹ My fellow believers whom I love, do not do evil in return when people do evil to you! Instead, allow God to punish them. The scriptures say, “‘I will pay back those who do evil. It is my right to pay them back,’ says the Lord.”

Why should believers not avenge themselves?

Believers should not avenge themselves because vengeance belongs to the Lord.

Romans 12:20**ULT**

²⁰ “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink. For doing this, you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

UST

²⁰ Instead of doing evil to those who have done evil to you, do as the scriptures teach: “If your enemies are hungry, feed them! If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. By doing that, you will cause them to feel the pain of shame and perhaps they will change their attitude toward you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:21**ULT**

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

UST

²¹ Do not let evil deeds that others have done to you overcome you. Instead, do for them better than what they have done to you!

How should believers overcome evil?

Believers should overcome evil with good.

Romans 13

Romans 13:1

ULT

¹ Let every soul be subject to governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and the ones that exist are appointed by God.

UST

¹ Every believer must obey the government officials. Remember that God is the only one who gives officials their authority. Furthermore, those officials that exist are ones who have been appointed by God.

From where do earthly authorities get their authority?

Earthly authorities are appointed by God, and get their authority from God.

Romans 13:2

ULT

² Therefore, the one who resists that authority opposes the command of God, and the ones who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves.

UST

² So whoever resists the officials is resisting what God has established. Furthermore, those who resist officials will cause the officials to punish them.

What will those receive who oppose the earthly authority?

Those who oppose the earthly authority will receive judgment upon themselves.

Romans 13:3

ULT

³ For rulers are not a terror to good deeds, but to evil deeds. Now do you desire not to be afraid of authority? Do good, and you will receive approval from it,

UST

³ I say this, because rulers do not cause people who do good deeds to be afraid. Instead, they cause people who do evil to be afraid. So if any of you do good, they will praise you instead of punishing you!

What does Paul tell believers to do so that they can be unafraid of the ruling authority?

Paul tells believers to do what is good so that they can be unafraid of the ruling authority.

Romans 13:4**ULT**

⁴ for he is a servant of God to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not carry the sword in vain, for he is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath on the one who does evil.

UST

⁴ All officials exist in order to serve God, in order that they may help each of you. If any of you does what is evil, of course you should be afraid of them. The officials exist to serve God by punishing those who do evil.

What authority has God given rulers in order to suppress evil?

God has given rulers the authority to carry the sword and to punish the one who does evil.

Romans 13:5**ULT**

⁵ Therefore, you must obey, not only because of the wrath, but also because of conscience.

UST

⁵ So, it is necessary for you to obey the officials, not only because they will punish you if you disobey them, but also because you know within yourselves that you should be subject to them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 13:6**ULT**

⁶ For because of this you pay taxes also; for they are servants of God, attending continually to this very thing.

UST

⁶ It is for this reason that you also pay taxes, because the officials are ones who serve God as they continually do their work.

What authority has God given rulers regarding money?

God has given rulers the authority to require payment of taxes.

Romans 13:7**ULT**

⁷ Pay back to everyone what {is} owed to them: tax to whom tax, toll to whom toll, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

UST

⁷ Give to all the officials what you are supposed to give to them! Pay taxes to those who require that you pay taxes. Pay duties on goods to those who require that you pay those duties. Respect those whom you ought to respect. Honor those whom you ought to honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 13:8**ULT**

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves {his} neighbor has fulfilled the law.

UST

⁸ Pay all of your debts when you are supposed to pay them. The only thing that is like a debt that you should never stop paying is to love one another. Whoever loves others has fulfilled all that God requires in his law.

What is the one thing Paul says believers should owe to others?

Paul says that believers should owe love to others.

How does a believer fulfill the Law?

A believer fulfills the Law by loving his neighbor.

Romans 13:9**ULT**

⁹ For this: "Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not covet," and if any other commandment, it is summed up in this command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

UST

⁹ There are many things that God has commanded in his law, such as do not commit adultery, do not murder anyone, do not steal, and do not desire anything that belongs to someone else. But we can sum up the meaning of all the law in this sentence: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Which commandments does Paul list as part of the Law?

Paul lists the commandments to not commit adultery, not kill, not steal, and not covet as part of the Law.

Romans 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Love does not cause harm to a neighbor; therefore, love {is} the fulfillment of the law.

UST

¹⁰ If you love everyone around you, you will harm no one. So whoever loves others fulfills all that God's law requires.

How does a believer fulfill the Law?

A believer fulfills the Law by loving his neighbor.

Romans 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ And this, knowing the time, that {it is} already the season for us to awake from sleep. For now our salvation {is} nearer than when we believed.

UST

¹¹ Do what I have just told you, especially since you know how important is the time in which we are now living. You know that it is time for you to be fully alert and active, like people who have awakened from sleeping, because the time when the Messiah will finally deliver us from this world's sin and sorrow is near. That time is closer now than when we first believed in the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 13:12**ULT**

¹² The night has advanced, and the day has come near. Let us therefore put aside the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

UST

¹² Our time to live in this world is almost ended, like a night that is nearly ended. The time when the Messiah will return is near. So we must stop doing the wicked deeds that people like to do at night, and we must be doing the things that will help us resist evil, as soldiers who put on their armor in the daytime get ready to resist their enemies.

What does Paul say believers should put aside, and put on?

Paul says believers should put aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:13**ULT**

¹³ Let us walk decently, as in the day, not in drunken celebrations or drunkenness; let us not walk in sexual immorality and uncontrolled lust, not in strife and jealousy.

UST

¹³ We must behave properly, as though the time when the Messiah will return were already here. We must not get drunk and do evil things with others. We must not commit any kind of sexual immorality or wild sensual behavior. We must not quarrel. We must not be jealous of other people.

In what activities are believers not to walk?

Believers are not to walk in wild celebrations, drunkenness, sexual immorality, uncontrolled lust, strife, or jealousy.

Romans 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, for lusts.

UST

¹⁴ On the contrary, we should be like the Lord Jesus the Messiah so that others will see what he is like. You should stop wanting to do the things that your old evil nature wants to do.

What should be the believer's attitude toward the lusts of the flesh?

The believer should make no provision for the lusts of the flesh.

Romans 14**Romans 14:1****ULT**

¹ But receive the one who is weak in faith, not for passing judgment on opinions.

UST

¹ Accept those who are not sure whether God will permit them to do certain things some people think are wrong. But when you accept them, do not argue with them about what they think. These questions are only personal opinions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:2**ULT**

² One person believes to eat anything, but the one who is weak eats only vegetables.

UST

² Some people believe that they may eat all kinds of food. Others believe that God does not want them to eat certain things, so they believe that they may eat only vegetables.

What kind of food does a person with stronger faith eat, and what does a person with weaker faith eat?

A person who is stronger in faith eats anything, but a person who is weaker in faith eats only vegetables.

Romans 14:3**ULT**

³ Let the one who eats not despise the one who does not eat, and let the one who does not eat not judge the one who eats. For God has accepted him.

UST

³ Anyone who thinks that it is all right to eat all kinds of food must not despise those who do not think that. Anyone who thinks it is not all right to eat all kinds of food must not condemn those who think differently, because God himself has accepted those people.

What attitude should believers who differ on what they eat have toward one another?

Believers who differ on what they eat should not despise or judge each other.

Who has received both the one who eats anything and the one who eats only vegetables? (vv3-4)

God has received both the one who eats anything and the one who eats only vegetables.

Romans 14:4**ULT**

⁴ Who are you who judges a servant belonging to another? To his own master he stands or falls. But he will be made to stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

UST

⁴ You are wrong when you evaluate somebody else's servant. We are all God's servants so God is the master of us all. He is the one who will decide whether those people have done wrong! No one should judge another in this regard, because he is able to keep them faithful to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:5**ULT**

⁵ One person judges day from day, but another person judges every day. Let each one be convinced in his own mind.

UST

⁵ Some people regard certain days as more holy than other days. Other people regard all days as equally suitable for worshiping God. Each person should be fully convinced about such matters, thinking and deciding for himself and not for others.

What other issue does Paul mention as being an issue of personal conviction?

Paul mentions as an issue of personal conviction whether one day is valued over another or all days are valued equally.

Romans 14:6**ULT**

⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it for the Lord; and the one who eats, eats for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God, and the one who does not eat, does not eat for the Lord; he also gives thanks to God.

UST

⁶ As for those who believe that they should worship on a certain day of the week, it is to honor the Lord that they worship on that day. And as for those who think that it is all right to eat all kinds of food, it is to honor the Lord that they eat those foods, because they thank God for their food. As for those who abstain from eating certain kinds of food, it is to honor the Lord that they do not eat those foods, and they also thank God for the food that they do eat. So these people are not wrong, even though they think differently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:7**ULT**

⁷ For none of us lives for himself, and none dies for himself.

UST

⁷ None of us should live merely to please ourselves, and none of us should think that when we die, it affects only us.

For what do believers live and die? (vv7-8)

Believers live and die for the Lord.

Romans 14:8**ULT**

⁸ For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or whether we die, we are of the Lord.

UST

⁸ While we live, it is the Lord whom we belong to and should be trying to please, and not just ourselves. And when we die, it is the Lord whom we should be trying to please. So, while we live and also when we die, we should try to please the Lord, for we belong to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:9**ULT**

⁹ For to this purpose Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and of the living.

UST

⁹ For the Messiah died and became alive again in order that he might be Lord whom all people should obey, both those alive and those who are dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? And you also, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

UST

¹⁰ It is disgraceful that you who obey certain rules say that God will punish your fellow believers who do not obey them. For God will judge each one of us.

Where will all believers ultimately stand?

All believers will ultimately stand before the judgment seat of God.

Romans 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ For it is written, "As I live," says the Lord, "to me every knee will bend, and every tongue will confess to God."

UST

¹¹ We know this because it is written in the scriptures: "Everyone will bow down before me! And everyone will praise me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:12**ULT**

¹² So then, each one of us will give an account concerning himself to God.

UST

¹² So we will each have to tell God what we have done and let him decide whether or not he approves of it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:13**ULT**

¹³ Therefore, let us no longer judge one another, but instead judge this: that no one will place a stumbling block or a snare for {his} brother.

UST

¹³ Since it is God who will judge everyone, we must stop saying that God should punish some of our fellow believers! Instead, you must be determined to never cause another brother or sister to sin or to stop trusting the Messiah.

What attitude should a brother have toward another brother on issues of personal conviction?

A brother should not place a stumbling block or a snare for another brother on issues of personal conviction.

Romans 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing {is} unclean by itself, except to the one who considers anything to be unclean, for him {it is} unclean.

UST

¹⁴ Because I am joined to the Lord Jesus, I am absolutely certain that there is nothing that by itself is wrong to eat. But if people think it is wrong to eat something, then for them it is wrong to eat it. So you should not encourage them to eat it.

Paul is persuaded in the Lord Jesus that which foods are unclean?

Paul is persuaded that no foods are unclean.

Romans 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For if for the sake of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food that one for whom Christ died.

UST

¹⁵ If you eat food that a fellow believer thinks is wrong to eat, you might cause him to stop obeying God. You would no longer be loving him. Do not cause any fellow believer to stop trusting in the Messiah. After all, the Messiah died for him, too!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So do not allow your good to be spoken of as evil.

UST

¹⁶ Similarly, do not do something that fellow believers would call bad, even if you think it is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

UST

¹⁷ When God rules how we live, we do not worry about what we eat and drink. Instead, we think about how what is the right way to obey him, have peace with each other, and rejoice because of the Holy Spirit.

About what is the kingdom of God?

The kingdom of God is about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For the one who serves Christ in this way {is} acceptable to God and approved by men.

UST

¹⁸ Those who serve the Messiah by acting in such ways please God, and others will also respect them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ So then, let us pursue the things of peace and the things that build up one another.

UST

¹⁹ So we should always eagerly try to live in a way that will cause peace among fellow Christians, and we should try to do what will help each other to trust and obey the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ Do not destroy the work of God on account of food. All things {are} indeed clean, but {it is} evil for the man who eats through a stumbling block.

UST

²⁰ Do not destroy how God has helped any believer just because you want to eat a certain kind of food. It is true that God allows us to eat every kind of food. But if you eat something that another believer thinks is wrong, then you are encouraging him to do what he thinks is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:21**ULT**

²¹ {It is} good not to eat meat, nor to drink wine—nothing by which your brother stumbles or is caused to stumble or becomes weak.

UST

²¹ It is good neither to eat meat nor to drink wine, nor to do anything else at any time if it will cause one of your fellow believers to stop trusting in God.

What does Paul say a brother should do in the presence of another brother who does not eat meat or drink wine?

Paul says it is good if the brother does not eat meat or drink wine in the presence of the other brother.

Romans 14:22**ULT**

²² The faith that you have, keep to yourself before God. Blessed {is} the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves.

UST

²² Let God tell you what things are right for you to do, but do not try to force others to accept what you believe. And you will please God if you have no doubts about your convictions about what is right and wrong to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:23

ULT

²³ But the one who doubts is condemned if he eats, because {it is} not from faith. And everything that {is} not from faith is sin.

UST

²³ But some believers fear that God will not be pleased if they eat certain kinds of food. And indeed, he will say that they have done wrong, if they do not do what they believe to be right. If we do anything without being certain that God approves of it, we are sinning.

What is the result if a person does not act from faith?

Whatever actions are not taken from faith are sin.

Romans 15

Romans 15:1

ULT

¹ Now we who {are} strong ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

UST

¹ Those of us believers who are sure that God allows us to do many more things than other believers think he allows them to do—we should be patient with them and allow them to inconvenience us. This is more important than our pleasing ourselves.

What attitude should believers with strong faith have toward those with weak faith? (vv1-2)

Believers with strong faith should bear the weaknesses of those with weak faith, in order to build them up.

Romans 15:2

ULT

² Let each of us please {his} neighbor for {his} good, for {his} building up.

UST

² Each of us should do the things that please our fellow believers, and things that will help them, things that will encourage them to trust in the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:3

ULT

³ For even Christ did not please himself. Instead, just as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you fell on me.”

UST

³ We should please our fellow believers, since the Messiah has set us an example. He did not do things to please himself. On the contrary, he tried to please God even when others insulted him. That was as the scriptures say: “When people insulted you, it was as though they were also insulting me.”

Who is the example Paul uses of one who did not live to please himself, but served others?

Christ did not live to please himself, but served others.

Romans 15:4**ULT**

⁴ For whatever was previously written was written for our own instruction, in order that through patience and through encouragement of the scriptures we would have hope.

UST

⁴ Remember that all the things written in the scriptures are there to teach us, so that we may become patient in hardship. In this way the scriptures will encourage us to expect that God will do for us everything that he has promised.

What was one of the purposes of the scriptures written previously?

The scriptures written previously were written for our instruction.

Romans 15:5**ULT**

⁵ Now may the God of patience and of encouragement grant you to think the same with each other according to Christ Jesus,

UST

⁵ I pray that God give you patience and encouragement so that you all live in peace with each other, doing as the Messiah Jesus did.

What does Paul desire for the believers through their exercise of patience and encouragement with each other?

Paul desires that the believers be of the same mind with each other.

Romans 15:6**ULT**

⁶ so that with one mind you might glorify with one mouth the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

⁶ If you do this, you all will be praising God together, the Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore, receive one another, just as Christ also received you, to the glory of God.

UST

⁷ So I say to all of you believers at Rome, accept each other. If you do that, people will praise God as they see you behave like the Messiah. Accept each other just like the Messiah accepted you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:8**ULT**

⁸ For I say that Christ has been made a servant of the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God, to confirm the promises of the fathers,

UST

⁸ I want you to remember that the Messiah helped us Jews to know the truth about God. That is, he came to make come true everything that God had promised our ancestors that he would do.

**Who is the example Paul uses of one who did not live to please himself, but served others?
(vv8-9)**

Christ did not live to please himself, but served others.

Romans 15:9**ULT**

⁹ and for the Gentiles to glorify God for {his} mercy, just as it is written, "For this reason, I will acknowledge you among the Gentiles and sing praise to your name."

UST

⁹ But he also came to help the non-Jews, so they would praise God for his mercy. God's mercy has produced what is written in the scriptures that David said to God: "So I will praise you among the non-Jews; I will sing and praise you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And again it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

UST

¹⁰ Moses also wrote, "You non-Jews, rejoice with us who are God's people."

What do the scriptures say the Gentiles will do because of God's mercy toward them? (vv10-11)

The scriptures say the Gentiles will rejoice and praise the Lord.

Romans 15:11**ULT**

¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; and let all the peoples praise him."

UST

¹¹ And David wrote in the scriptures, "Praise the Lord, all you non-Jews; may everyone praise him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:12**ULT**

¹² And again, Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even the one who rises to rule over the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles will hope."

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¹² And Isaiah wrote in the scriptures, "There will be a descendant of King David who will rule over the non-Jews. They will confidently expect him to fulfill what he has promised."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:13**ULT**

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, for you to abound in hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

UST

¹³ I pray that God cause you to be confidently expecting him to do what he has promised. I pray that he will cause you to be completely joyful and peaceful as you trust in him. The Holy Spirit will enable you to more and more confidently expect to receive what God has promised you.

What does Paul say the believers will be able to do by the power of the Holy Spirit?

The believers will be filled with joy and peace, and will abound in confidence.

Romans 15:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But I myself am also convinced about you, my brothers, that also you yourselves are full of goodness, having been filled with all knowledge, able to also exhort one another.

UST

¹⁴ My fellow believers, I myself am completely sure that you yourselves have acted toward others in a completely good way. You have done that because you have known completely all that God wants you to know and because you are able to teach each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But I wrote more boldly to you about some things as reminding you, through the grace having been given me by God,

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¹⁵ However, I have written to you quite openly in this letter about some things in order to remind you about them. I have written this because God has made me an apostle, although I did not deserve this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:16**ULT**

¹⁶ for me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, offering as a priest the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles might become acceptable, having been sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

UST

¹⁶ He did this in order that I should work for Jesus the Messiah among the non-Jews. God has appointed me to act like a priest as I proclaim his good news in order that he may accept the non-Jews who believe in the Messiah. They will be like an offering that the Holy Spirit has set completely apart for God only.

What gift did God give Paul, which is Paul's mission?

Paul's mission is to be a servant of Christ Jesus sent to the Gentiles.

Romans 15:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Therefore, in Christ Jesus I have reason to boast of things pertaining to God.

UST

¹⁷ It follows that, because of my relationship with the Messiah Jesus, I am happy about my work for God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For I will not dare to speak anything which Christ has not accomplished through me for the obedience of the Gentiles—by word and deed,

UST

¹⁸ I will speak boldly only about the work that the Messiah has accomplished through me that non-Jews might pay attention to the message about the Messiah. These accomplishments came because of words and deeds

By what means has Christ worked through Paul to bring about the obedience of the Gentiles? (vv18-19)

Christ has worked through Paul by word and action, by the power of signs and wonders, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:19**ULT**

¹⁹ in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem, and round about as far as Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ;

UST

¹⁹ by showing signs and other things that convince people. I have done those things God's Spirit has enabled me. In this way I have traveled all the way around from Jerusalem to the province of Illyricum, and I have completed my work of proclaiming the message about the Messiah in those places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:20**ULT**

²⁰ but in this way, strongly desiring to proclaim the gospel, not where Christ has been named, in order that I might not build upon another man's foundation.

UST

²⁰ As I proclaim that message, I am always eagerly trying to proclaim it in places where people have not already heard about the Messiah. I do that in order that I might not be simply continuing the work that someone else already started. I do not want to be like a man who builds a house on someone else's foundation.

Where does Paul desire to proclaim the gospel? (vv20-21)

Paul desires to proclaim the gospel where Christ is not known by name.

Romans 15:21**ULT**

²¹ But just as it is written: "Those to whom was not reported concerning him will see him, and those who have not heard will understand."

UST

²¹ On the contrary, I teach non-Jews, so that what happens may be like what was written: "The people who have never heard any news about the Messiah, they will see him. Those who have never heard of him will understand about him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:22**ULT**

²² Therefore, I was also hindered many times from coming to you.

UST

²² Because I have attempted to preach the message about the Messiah in places where they have not heard about him, I have been stopped many times from coming to visit you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:23**ULT**

²³ But now, no longer having any place in these regions, and having a longing for many years to come to you,

UST

²³ But now there are no more places in these regions where people have not heard about the Messiah. Furthermore, for several years I have wanted to visit you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:24**ULT**

²⁴ whenever I go to Spain, I indeed hope, passing through, to see you, and to be helped by you there, if I might first be satisfied for a while by you.

UST

²⁴ So I hope to go to Spain, and I hope that you will help me on my journey. And I would like to pause on my journey for a while in order to enjoy being with you.

Where does Paul plan to travel that will also allow him to come to Rome?

Paul plans to travel to Spain, which will also allow him to come to Rome.

Romans 15:25**ULT**

²⁵ But now I am going to Jerusalem, ministering to the saints.

UST

²⁵ But I cannot visit you now, because I am about to go to Jerusalem in order to take money for God's people there.

Why is Paul now going to Jerusalem?

Paul is now going to Jerusalem to serve the believers there.

Romans 15:26**ULT**

²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a certain contribution to the poor of the saints in Jerusalem.

UST

²⁶ The believers in the provinces of Macedonia and Achaia decided to contribute money to help the believers in Jerusalem, God's own people, who are poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:27**ULT**

²⁷ Indeed, they were pleased, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they ought also to minister to them in material things.

UST

²⁷ They themselves decided to do this, but truly they owe something to God's people in Jerusalem. The non-Jewish believers benefited spiritually from Jewish believers because they heard the message about the Messiah from them, so the non-Jews should also help the Jewish believers in Jerusalem by giving them material things.

Why does Paul say the Gentile believers owe the Jewish believers material things?

The Gentile believers owe the Jewish believers material things because the Gentile believers have shared in the spiritual things of the Jewish believers.

Romans 15:28**ULT**

²⁸ Therefore, when I have completed this and have sealed this fruit to them, I will go through you to Spain.

UST

²⁸ When I finish this task of delivering all this money that the believers in Macedonia and Achaia have given, I will leave Jerusalem and visit you in Rome while I am on my way to Spain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:29**ULT**

²⁹ But I know that coming to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

UST

²⁹ And I know that when I visit you, the Messiah will abundantly bless us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:30**ULT**

³⁰ Now I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in {your} prayers to God for me,

UST

³⁰ Because we belong to our Lord Jesus the Messiah and because the Spirit of God causes us to love each other, I urge you all that you help me by fervently praying to God for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:31**ULT**

³¹ so that I might be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service in Jerusalem might be acceptable to the saints;

UST

³¹ Pray that God will protect me from the unbelieving Jews while I am in Judea. And pray that the believers in Jerusalem will be glad to receive the money that I am bringing them.

From whom does Paul wish to be delivered?

Paul wishes to be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea.

Romans 15:32**ULT**

³² so that I might come to you in joy through the will of God, {and} might be refreshed together with you.

UST

³² Pray these things in order that God may be pleased for me to come to you, and that I may be able to rest among you—and you rest with me—for a while.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:33**ULT**

³³ Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

UST

³³ I pray that God, who causes us to have peace, will be with all of you and will help you. May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16

Romans 16:1

ULT

¹ Now I commend to you Phoebe our sister, also being a servant of the church in Cenchrea,

UST

¹ By means of this letter I am introducing and recommending to you our fellow believer Phoebe, who will be taking this letter to you. She is a servant in the assembly in the city of Cenchrea.

What has sister Phoebe become to Paul? (vv1-2)

Sister Phoebe has become a helper of Paul, and of many others.

Romans 16:2

ULT

² in order that you might receive her in the Lord, in a manner worthy of the saints, and stand by her in whatever matter she might have need of you. For she has also become a helper of many, and of myself as well.

UST

² I request that you receive her because you are all joined to the Lord. You should do that because God's people ought to welcome their fellow believers. I am also requesting that you help her by giving her whatever she needs, because she has helped many people, including me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:3

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³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

UST

³ Tell Priscilla and her husband Aquila that I send greetings to them. They worked with me for the Messiah Jesus,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:4**ULT**

⁴ who for my life laid down their own neck. To them not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles,

UST

⁴ and they were even willing to die for me. I thank them, and the non-Jewish congregations also thank them for saving my life.

What have Prisca and Aquila done for Paul in the past?

Prisca and Aquila have risked their lives for Paul in the past.

Romans 16:5**ULT**

⁵ and the church in their house. Greet Epaenetus my beloved, who is the firstfruits of Asia to Christ.

UST

⁵ Also tell the congregation that meets in their house that I send my greetings to them. Tell my dear friend Epaenetus the same thing. He is the first man in the province of Asia to believe in the Messiah.

Where is one place the believers are meeting in Rome?

The believers in Rome are meeting in the house of Prisca and Aquila.

Romans 16:6**ULT**

⁶ Greet Mary, who worked much for you.

UST

⁶ Tell Mary, who has worked hard for the Messiah in order to help you, that I send my greetings to her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:7**ULT**

⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners who are prominent among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

UST

⁷ Tell the same thing to Andronicus and his wife Junia, fellow Jews, who were in prison with me. They are well known among the apostles, and they became Christians before I did.

What experience have Andronicus and Junias shared with Paul in the past?

Andronicus and Junias have been fellow prisoners with Paul in the past.

Romans 16:8**ULT**

⁸ Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.

UST

⁸ I also send my greetings to Ampliatus, who is a dear friend and is joined to the Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:9**ULT**

⁹ Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

UST

⁹ I also send my greetings to Urbanus, who works for the Messiah with us, and to my dear friend Stachys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who {are} from the household of Aristobulus.

UST

¹⁰ I also send my greetings to Apelles, of whom the Messiah has approved because he successfully endured trials. Tell the believers who live in the house of Aristobulus that I send my greetings to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those from the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.

UST

¹¹ Also tell Herodion, who is my fellow Jew, that I send my greetings to him. Tell the same thing to those who live in the house of Narcissus, those who belong to the Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:12**ULT**

¹² Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who work hard in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked much in the Lord.

UST

¹² Tell the same thing to Tryphaena and her sister Tryphosa, who work hard for the Lord. I also send my greetings to Persis. We all love her, and she has worked very hard for the Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:13**ULT**

¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

UST

¹³ Tell Rufus, who is an outstanding Christian, that I send my greetings to him. Tell the same thing to his mother, who has treated me as though I were her son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who {are} with them.

UST

¹⁴ Tell Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the fellow believers who meet with them that I am sending my greetings to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who {are} with them.

UST

¹⁵ I also send my greetings to Philologus, to his wife Julia, to Nereus and his sister, and to Olympas, and to all God's people who meet with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

UST

¹⁶ Greet one another affectionately in a pure way, when you gather together. The believers in all the assemblies joined to the Messiah greet you.

How do the believers greet one another?

The believers greet one another with a holy kiss.

Romans 16:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brothers, to take note of those who are causing divisions and obstacles, contrary to the teaching that you have learned, and turn away from them.

UST

¹⁷ My fellow believers, I tell you that you must be careful about the people who are causing divisions among you and who cause people to stop honoring God. Keep away from such people!

What does Paul tell the believers to do with those causing divisions and stumbling?

Paul tells the believers to turn away from those causing divisions and stumbling.

What are some doing, which is causing divisions and stumbling? (vv17-18)

Some are going beyond the teaching they have learned, deceiving the hearts of the innocent.

Romans 16:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For ones such as these do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own stomach, and through {their} smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the innocent.

UST

¹⁸ They do not serve our Lord the Messiah! On the contrary, they only want to satisfy their own desires. They deceive the people using smooth talk and praise so the people do not realize that these troublemakers are teaching false things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For your obedience reaches to everyone. I rejoice, therefore, over you, but I want you to be wise as to the good, but innocent as to the evil.

UST

¹⁹ Believers everywhere know that you have obeyed what the Messiah says in the good news. So I rejoice about you. But I also want you to be smart enough to recognize what is good and stay away from what is evil.

What attitude does Paul want the believers to have toward good and evil?

Paul wants the believers to be wise to that which is good, and innocent to that which is evil.

Romans 16:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

UST

²⁰ If you do all these things, God, who gives us his peace, will soon smash the work of Satan because of your authority! I pray that our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, will continue to act kindly toward you.

What will the God of peace be doing soon?

The God of peace will soon be crushing Satan under the believers' feet.

Romans 16:21**ULT**

²¹ Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen, greet you.

UST

²¹ Timothy, who works with me, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, who are my fellow Jews, want you to know that they are sending their greetings to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:22**ULT**

²² I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord.

UST

²² I, Tertius, one who belongs to the Lord, also want you to know that I am sending my greetings to you. I am writing down this letter as Paul tells me what to write.

Who actually wrote down this epistle?

Tertius actually wrote down this epistle.

Romans 16:23**ULT**

²³ Gaius, the host for me and for the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus the brother.

UST

²³ I, Paul, am staying in the house of Gaius, and the whole assembly here meets in his house. He also wants you to know that he is sending his greetings to you. Erastus, who manages the city's money, sends his greetings to you also, along with our brother Quartus.

What occupation does the believer Erastus have?

Erastus is the treasurer of the city.

Romans 16:24**ULT**

^{24[1]} [The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.]

UST

^{24[1]} [May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:25**ULT**

²⁵ Now to the one who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, having been kept secret for long ages,

UST

²⁵ Now to God, the one who is able to strengthen you spiritually by my proclamation of the good news of Jesus the Messiah that God did not reveal in any age before our own time —

What revelation that had been kept secret from long ago is Paul now preaching? (vv25-26)

Paul is now preaching the revelation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 16:26**ULT**

²⁶ but now having been revealed through the prophetic writings, according to the command of the eternal God, to the obedience of faith, having been made known to all the nations,

UST

²⁶ but now God has made it known by means of what the scriptures said would happen — so that people in all the people groups in the world may believe in the Messiah and obey him.

For what purpose is Paul preaching?

Paul is preaching for the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles.

Romans 16:27

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²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom {be} the glory to eternity. Amen.

16:24 ^[1]

UST

²⁷ May God, who alone is wise, be praised forever, because of what Jesus the Messiah has done for us. May it be so!

16:24 ^[1]

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