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Romans

Romans 1

Romans 1:1-2

By what means had God promised the gospel before Paul's time?

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

Romans 1:3

ULT	UST
concerning his Son—the one having been born from a seed of David according to the flesh,	*This good news is about God's Son. He was born a natural descendant of David.*

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

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

Romans 1:4

ULT	UST
the one having been designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of dead ones—Jesus Christ our Lord,	*In accordance with the Holy Spirit, God powerfully demonstrated that Jesus is his Son by causing him to live again after he had died. God's Son is Jesus the Messiah, who is 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	UST
through whom we received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for the sake of his name,	*Jesus favored us who represent him and authorized us to represent him on his behalf in order that all the nations would obey God by trusting in Jesus the Messiah.*

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 1:8

ULT	UST
First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ concerning all of you, because your faith is being proclaimed in the whole world.	*Now, the first thing I want to tell you, is that I am constantly thanking my God through Jesus the Messiah for all of you believers in the Messiah. I thank him because people throughout the known world are proclaiming how you trust in Jesus.*

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

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

Romans 1:11

ULT	UST
For I long to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gracious gift to strengthen you,	*I pray for this because I deeply desire to see you in person in order to share some kind of gracious gift with you from the Holy Spirit in order to help you become spiritually stronger.*

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 strengthen them.

Romans 1:13

ULT	UST
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.	*My fellow believers, I certainly want you to know that I planned to visit you many times. But God has prevented me from visiting you until the present time. I planned to visit you in order to lead some people to believe in Christ among you as well, just like how I have also done so among the other nations.*

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 1:16

ULT	UST
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to all the ones believing, both to the Jew first and to the Greek.	*I would gladly do this because I am deeply honored to proclaim the good news because it is the powerful way that God uses to save anyone who believes it. This is true for both the Jews who first heard the good news and then everyone else.*

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	UST
For the righteousness of God is revealed in it from faith to faith, just as it is written, "But the righteous one will live by faith."	*This is true because whenever people proclaim the good news, they reveal how God makes people righteous, which is entirely through trusting in the Messiah. This is what the prophet Habakkuk meant when he wrote in the Scriptures, "But the person whom God makes righteous will live forever by trusting in God."*

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

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

Romans 1:18-19

What do the ungodly and unrighteous do even though that which is known about God is visible to them?

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

Romans 1:20

ULT	UST
For his invisible qualities, both his eternal power and divine nature, are clearly seen from the creation of the world, being understood by the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.	*This is true because people can clearly perceive those things about God that they cannot see with their eyes. These things are how powerful God is and the fact that he is God. People could perceive these things since the time God created the universe. The things that God has made have understood these things. For this reason, people cannot excuse themselves from acknowledging that God exists.*

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	UST
For having known God, they did not glorify him as God, nor did they give him thanks. Instead, they became futile in their thoughts, and their senseless heart was darkened.	*People cannot excuse themselves because they do not honor him as God, even though they know that he exists. They also refuse to thank him. In contrast, they think about worthless things, and they are unable to understand spiritual things.*

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 1:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, God gave them over to the lusts of their hearts for uncleanness, to dishonor their bodies among themselves;	*Consequently, God lets these people do the lustful things that they desire to do, so that they become spiritually impure and they disgrace their bodies with one another by doing sexually immoral acts.*

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 1:26-27

For what dishonorable passions do these women and men burn in their lust?

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

Romans 1:28

ULT	UST
And just as they did not approve of having God in their full awareness, God gave them over to a disapproved mind, to do the things that are not proper,	*As these people thought that acknowledging God was worthless, God let their minds become worthless. As a result, they do inappropriate things.*

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

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

Romans 1:29

ULT	UST
filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, and malice, they are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and evil intent. They are gossips,	*These people are completely controlled by all kinds of unrighteous, wicked, covetous, and malicious thoughts. They are completely willing to be jealous, take another's life, argue, deceive, and commit evil deeds against others. They reveal secrets 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 1:32

ULT	UST
Who, having fully known the righteous decree of God, that the ones practicing such things are worthy of death, they not only do these things, but they also give consent to the ones practicing them.	*These people fully understand that God has righteously declared that people who keep doing such inappropriate things deserve to die spiritually. Nevertheless, they not only keep on doing those inappropriate things, but they even happily approve of people who do such things!*

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	UST
Therefore, you are without excuse, O man—everyone judging—for in that which you judge the other you condemn yourself; for you, the one judging practice the same things.	*Consequently, any one of you who judges another person cannot excuse yourself at all when God condemns you. This is because you are actually condemning yourself when you judge someone else, since you who judge someone else do the exact same things that they do!*

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	UST
Now we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against the ones practicing such things.	*Certainly, we acknowledge that God will correctly judge those people who continue doing such inappropriate things.*

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

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

Romans 2:4

ULT	UST
Or do you scorn the wealth of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?	*You who despise how abundantly kind, tolerant, and patient God is must certainly know that God's kind acts are meant to cause you to repent.*

What are God's patience, kindness, and goodness meant to do?

God's patience, kindness, and goodness are meant to lead a person to repentance.

Romans 2:5

ULT	UST
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,	*Instead, because you are stubborn and refuse to repent, you are causing God to punish you even more severely. This will happen when God punishes sinners and reveals how justly he judges.*

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

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

Romans 2:7

ULT	UST
Indeed, eternal life to the ones, according to endurance of good work, seeking glory and honor and incorruptibility,	*Living eternally is how God repays those people who keep striving for God to glorify, honor, and preserve them forever. They do this by persisting in doing what is good.*

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

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

Romans 2:8-9

What do those receive who obey unrighteousness?

Those who obey unrighteousness receive wrath and anger.

Romans 2:12

ULT	UST
For as many as have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and as many as have sinned with the law will be judged by the law.	*We know this about God, because he will punish forever all people who sin without knowing the laws that God gave the Jews even though they do not know those laws. At the same time, God will judge according to his laws whoever sins while knowing those laws.*

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	UST
For the hearers of the law are not righteous with God, but the doers of the law will be justified.	*God will judge everyone who sins because God does not make righteous those people who only hear his laws. Rather, God will make righteous those people who obey his laws.*

Who is justified before God?

The doers of the law are justified before God.

Romans 2:14

ULT	UST
For when Gentiles, the ones not having the law, do by nature the things of the law, they, not having the law, are a law to themselves,	*God will judge everyone who sins because whenever nations which do not know the laws that God gave the Jews naturally obey rules from those laws, they prove that they know laws within their minds even though they do not know God's laws.*

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

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

Romans 2:21

ULT	UST
then you, the one teaching another, do you not teach yourself? You, the one preaching not to steal, do you steal?	*So even though you Jews have convinced yourself that these things are true, you should teach yourselves to do what you teach others to do because you do not do those things! You keep telling others that they should not steal, but you steal!*

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.

Romans 2:21-22

Which sins does Paul mention that the Jewish teachers of the Law should stop doing?

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

Romans 2:23-24

Why is the name of God dishonored among the Gentiles because of the Jewish teachers of the law?

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

Romans 2:25

ULT	UST
For circumcision indeed benefits if you practice the law, but if you are a transgressor of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.	*You Jews who have sinned will be judged because, being circumcised only benefits you if you obey the laws God gave you. However, if you disobey those laws, being circumcised does not benefit you at all.*

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	UST
If, then, the uncircumcision keeps the requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be considered as circumcision?	*So then, if uncircumcised people obey what God requires in the laws he gave the Jews, God will regard those uncircumcised people as being circumcised.*

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 2:28-29

Who does Paul say is a true Jew?

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

Romans 2:29

ULT	UST
but the Jew in secret is, and circumcision is of the heart in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose the praise is not from men but from God.	*Rather, a true Jew is one by means of something that people cannot see. True circumcision happens in a person's mind and the Holy Spirit does it. Obeying the written rules God gave the Jews cannot do it. God commends a true Jew, but other people do not.*

From whom does a true Jew receive praise?

A true Jew receives praise from God.

Romans 3

Romans 3:1-2

What is first of all among the advantages of the Jew?

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

Romans 3:4

ULT	UST
May it never be! Instead, let God be true, but every man a liar. Just as it is written, "So that you might be justified in your words and you will prevail when you are judged."	*Then I would say, "Of course not!" On the contrary, God is always truthful, but everyone else is not. This is what David meant when he wrote in the Scriptures, "The result of my sin is that people will acknowledge that you, God, are right when you speak and victorious when people try to judge you."*

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 3:5-6

Because God is righteous, what is he able to do?

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

Romans 3:8

ULT	UST
And not (just as we are blasphemed and just as some affirm us to say), "Let us do the evil things, so that the good things may come"?—whose judgment is just.	*And if this is true, then you should just tell us to act wickedly in order that good things can happen!" (This is exactly what some people say falsely about me and claim that I say. It is right for God to condemn people who speak and act this way!)*

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 3:9-10

What is written in the Scriptures about the righteousness of all, both Jews and Greeks?

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

Romans 3:11

ULT	UST
There is none who understands. There is none who seeks out God.	*“No one thinks wisely. No one is even trying to know God!*

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

According to what is written, none understands and none seeks out God.

Romans 3:20

ULT	UST
because not any flesh will be justified by works of law before him; for full awareness of sin is through law.	*This is true because God will not make anyone righteous with himself simply because they obey the laws he gave the Jews. This is so because those laws only make people aware of how sinful they are.*

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 full awareness of sin comes through the law.

Romans 3:21

ULT	UST
But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been made visible, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets;	*But now God has revealed how he makes people righteous. Becoming righteous is not related to obeying the laws God gave the Jews. Yet, in what they wrote in the Scriptures Moses and the prophets testify about how God makes people righteous.*

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	UST
but the righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ for all the ones believing, for there is no distinction.	*How God makes people righteous is by trusting in Jesus the Messiah. God will make all types of people righteous if they trust in Jesus. This is because God does not distinguish between different types of people.*

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 3:24

ULT	UST
being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus;	*God makes these sinful people righteous as a gift because he is so kind. People receive this gift from God when God unites them to Jesus the Messiah, who redeemed them from being punished for being sinful.*

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	UST
whom God presented as a propitiation through faith in his blood for a demonstration of his righteousness, because of the overlooking of the sins that happened previously	*God offered Jesus as the one who atones for everyone's sins. People are rescued from being punished for being sinful by trusting in his sacrificial death. God did this in order to show how God makes people righteous. This happened because God disregarded people's sinful acts that they had previously done.*

For what purpose did God provide Christ Jesus?

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

Romans 3:26

ULT	UST
in the forbearance of God, for the demonstration of his righteousness at this present time, so that he could be just and justifying the one who is from faith in Jesus.	*God did this because he is so tolerant. God also did this in order to show how he makes people righteous during our time. This is for the purpose of showing that God is righteous and that he makes people righteous if they trust 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 3:28

ULT	UST
For we reckon a man to be justified by faith apart from works of the law.	*Indeed, we Jewish Christians consider people to become righteous by trusting in Jesus the Messiah. Being righteous is not related to doing those things that God commanded in the laws he gave the Jews."*

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

A person is justified by faith totally apart from the works of the law.

Romans 3:30

ULT	UST
if, indeed, God is one, who will justify the circumcision by faith and the uncircumcision through the same faith.	*This is true because there is certainly only one God for all people. He will make righteous both the Jews who trust in Jesus and the non-Jewish people who trust in Jesus."*

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

God justifies both by faith.

Romans 3:31

ULT	UST
Do we then nullify the law through the same faith? May it never be! Instead, we uphold the law.	*You Jews might say, “Then surely we make the laws God gave us invalid by trusting in Jesus!” So I would say, “Of course not! On the contrary, we confirm that what God said in those laws is valid.”*

What do we do with the law through faith?

We uphold the law through faith.

Romans 4

Romans 4:2

ULT	UST
For if Abraham was justified by works, he has a boast, but not before God.	*This must be true because if Abraham became righteous based on doing the things that God commanded in his laws, then he could brag about it." On the contrary, I would say that Abraham could not possibly boast about it to God!*

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	UST
For what does the scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."	*I say this because, Moses surely tells us in the Scriptures, "Abraham trusted in God, and God considered Abraham to be righteous because he trusted in him."*

What do the scriptures say about how Abraham was justified?

The scripture says that Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.

Romans 4:5

ULT	UST
Now to the one not working, but believing on the one justifying the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.	*By contrast, when a person does not obey the laws God gave the Jews, but trusts in the God who can make unrighteous people righteous, God considers him to be righteous because he trusted in him.*

What kind of people does God justify?

God justifies the people who trust in him.

Romans 4:6-8

According to David, in what way is a man blessed by God?

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

Romans 4:9-10

Was Abraham's faith counted as righteousness before or after he was circumcised?

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

Romans 4:11-12

Abraham is the father of which groups of people?

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

Romans 4:13

ULT	UST
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.	*This is true because when God promised Abraham and those who descend from him that the whole world would belong to him, God did not promise this because Abraham obeyed the laws God gave the Jews. Rather, God promised this because God had made Abraham righteous because Abraham trusted in him.*

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	UST
For if the heirs are from the law, the faith has been emptied, and the promise has been nullified.	*This is true because, if people could inherit what God promised Abraham by obeying the laws he gave the Jews, then trusting in God would become useless! What God promised would also become invalid.*

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 4:16

ULT	UST
For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be according to grace, so that the promise might be certain to all the seed—not only to the one from the law, but also to the one from the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,	*This is why what God promised comes by trusting in him in order to show how kind he is. God was so kind in order that he could secure what he promised to everyone who has spiritually descended from Abraham. Those who have spiritually descended from Abraham are not only those Jews who obey the laws God gave them, but also those who trust in God as Abraham did. Abraham is the spiritual ancestor of all of us who trust in God.*

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	UST
just as it is written, "I have appointed you the father of many nations," in the presence of God whom he trusted, the one making the dead ones live and calling the things not existing as existing;	*(This is exactly what God said in the Scriptures about Abraham: "I have chosen you to be a spiritual ancestor for numerous people groups.") God considers Abraham to be our spiritual ancestor. Abraham trusted God. God is the one who causes dead people to become alive again. He also commands things that do not exist to exist, then they exist.*

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	UST
who against hope believed on the basis of hope so that he might become the father of many nations according to what was said, "So will your seed be."	*Abraham trusted in God by hoping in God despite what seemed hopeless. As a result, he became the spiritual ancestor for numerous people groups. This happened just as God had promised him in the Scriptures: "The people who descend from you will become as numerous as 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.

Romans 4:18-19

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

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

Romans 4:20

ULT	UST
But toward the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but was strengthened in the faith, having given glory to God,	*Indeed, Abraham did not faithlessly doubt what God had promised. On the contrary, God empowered Abraham to continue trusting in him while Abraham was glorifying God.*

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

Abraham confidently trusted God and did not hesitate in unbelief.

Romans 4:23-24

For whom was the account of Abraham written?

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

Romans 4:25

ULT	UST
who was given up for the sake of our trespasses and was raised for the sake of our justification.	*God allowed people to kill Jesus because we sinned against God. God also caused Jesus to become alive again in order to make us righteous.*

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	UST
Therefore, having been justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,	*Consequently, we should live peacefully with God by means of what our Lord Jesus the Messiah did for us because we have become righteous by trusting in Jesus.*

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 5:3-4

What are three things that suffering produces?

Suffering produces endurance, character, and hope.

Romans 5:8

ULT	UST
But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that, we still being sinners, Christ died for us.	*However, God shows his own love towards we believers by this fact: while we were still sinful, Jesus the Messiah died for our benefit!*

How does God demonstrate his love toward us?

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

Romans 5:9

ULT	UST
Much more then, having now been justified by his blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.	*Consequently, since the Messiah's sacrificial death has already made us righteous, it is even more certain that he will rescue us when God finally punishes sinners!*

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	UST
For if, being enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.	*Indeed, God's Son Jesus died to reconcile us to God while we were still his enemies. Therefore, since Jesus has already reconciled us to God, it is even more certain that he will rescue us when God punishes sinners because he is alive again!*

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 5:12

ULT	UST
For this reason, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death, so also death spread to all men, because of which all sinned.	*So then, sin started existing in the world because one man sinned, and living things started to die because he sinned. In the same way, everyone started dying as well, because everyone sins.*

What happened because of one man's sin?

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

Romans 5:14

ULT	UST
Nevertheless, death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over the ones not having sinned in the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one coming.	*However, everyone died from the time of the first man Adam until the time of Moses. Even those people died who did not sin by violating the same command God gave to Adam. Adam is like the person who would come later.*

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	UST
But not like the trespass, so also is the gracious gift. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gift by grace that is of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many!	*But what God has kindly given us is not the same as how Adam rejected God's command. In fact, it is true that many people died because the one man Adam rejected God's command. But how kind God is and that which God kindly gives through the one man Jesus the Messiah extend to many people and are much greater!*

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

By Adam's sin many died, but the grace of God and his free gift through Christ abounds to many.

Romans 5:16

ULT	UST
And the gift is not as through one who sinned. For indeed, the judgment from one, to condemnation, but the gracious gift from many trespasses, to justification.	*Yet, what God gives is not like what happened because the one man Adam sinned. This is true because, in fact, God judged everyone after the sinful thing that Adam did, which resulted in God condemning everyone. By contrast, what God kindly gave people after they rejected his commands many times resulted in God making them righteous.*

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	UST
For if, by the trespass of the one, death ruled through the one, how much more will the ones receiving the abundance of the grace and the gift of the righteousness rule in life through the one, Jesus Christ.	*Indeed, since everyone died because the one man Adam rejected God's command, it is even more certain that those people who accept how abundantly kind God is and are those people whom he makes righteous will live in control of themselves. This will happen because of what Jesus the Messiah has done.*

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 5:19

ULT	UST
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 ones.	*Indeed, in the same way that people became sinful because the one man Adam disobeyed God, in the same way many people will become righteous because the one man Jesus obeyed God.*

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	UST
Now the law slipped in so that the trespass might increase. But where the sin increased, the grace abounded even more	*Yet God added his laws in order that people might reject his commands even more. Nevertheless, whenever people began to sin even more, then even more God showed how kind he is!*

Why did the law come in alongside?

The law came alongside in order that the trespass might increase.

What abounded more than the trespass?

God's grace abounded more than the trespass.

Romans 6

Romans 6:1-2

Should believers continue in sin so that God's grace may abound?

May it never be.

Romans 6:3

ULT	UST
Or do you not know that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?	*You surely know that God unites to the Messiah Jesus whomever someone baptizes, and it is as if that baptized person also died with the Messiah!*

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	UST
We were buried, then, with him through the baptism into his death so that just as Christ was raised from dead ones through the glory of the Father, so also we in newness of life might walk.	*So, by being baptized as if we died with the Messiah, it is like God buried us in the tomb with Jesus. This is so in order that, just as God the Father's glorious power caused the Messiah to become alive again after he had died, in the same way, we too can live a new way of living.*

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

Believers should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:5

ULT	UST
For if we have become planted together in the likeness of his death, we will also certainly become part of the resurrection;	*Indeed, since we share in what resembles Jesus dying, we will surely also share in God making us alive again.*

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	UST
knowing this, that our old man was crucified together with him in order that the body of sin might be nullified, for it to no longer enslave us to the sin.	*We know that God also did away with our former sinful way of living when people crucified Jesus. He did this in order to totally remove the way sin controls us, so that we no longer have to live sinfully.*

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 6:9

ULT	UST
knowing that Christ, having been raised from dead ones, no longer dies; death no longer is lord over him.	*We know that the Messiah can never die again, because God caused him to become alive again after he had died. Nothing can ever cause the Messiah to 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	UST
For that which he died, he died to sin once and never again. But what he lives, he lives to God.	*This is because when Jesus died, he only had to die that one time only in order to remove the way sin controls people. Now that he is alive again, he lives in order to glorify God.*

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

Christ died to sin once for all.

Romans 6:10-11

How should a believer think of himself with respect to sin?

A believer should think of himself as dead to sin.

For whom does a believer live his life?

A believer lives his life for God.

Romans 6:13

ULT	UST
And do not keep presenting your members as tools of unrighteousness to sin. But present yourselves to God, as living from dead ones, and your members as tools of righteousness to God.	*Do not use your body parts in order to do unrighteous things or to sin. Instead, live in order to do what God wants you to do, like people whom God caused to live again after they had died. Also, use your body parts in order to do righteous things to glorify God.*

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 of righteousness.

Romans 6:14

ULT	UST
For sin must not be lord over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.	*Indeed, do not allow your desire to sin to control you because the laws God gave the Jews do not control you. Instead, how kind God is controls you.*

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 6:18-19

What is the end result for a person who makes himself a servant of God?

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

Romans 6:22

ULT	UST
But now, having been freed from sin and having been enslaved to God, you have your fruit leading to sanctification, and the outcome is eternal life.	*But now that you trust in Jesus, God has freed you from living sinfully and has caused you to serve him the way slaves would serve him. Therefore, you receive what is beneficial, which results in you living like God's people should live. Indeed, living in that way will eventually result in you living eternally.*

Slaves of God have their fruit for what purpose?

Slaves of God have their fruit for sanctification.

Romans 6:23

ULT	UST
For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.	*I say this because living sinfully causes those who do so to die eternally, but God graciously causes those who are united to our Lord, the Messiah Jesus, to live eternally.*

What is the wages of sin?

The wages of sin is death.

What is the free gift of God?

The free gift of God is eternal life.

Romans 7

Romans 7:1

ULT	UST
Or do you not know, brothers (for I am speaking to those knowing the law), that the law is lord of the man for as long as he lives?	*My fellow Jewish believers, you are well-aware that the laws God gave the Jews must be obeyed by Jewish people throughout their whole lives. (I know that you are well-aware of this fact, because I am speaking to people who are familiar with the laws God gave the Jews.)*

How long does the law control a person?

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

Romans 7:2

ULT	UST
For the married woman remains bound by law to the living husband, but if the husband dies, she has been released from the law of the husband.	*For instance, according to the laws God gave the Jews, a married woman must remain married to her husband as long as he lives. However, if her husband dies, God's law no longer requires her to remain married to him.*

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	UST
So then, the husband being alive, if she becomes married to another husband, she will be titled an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, having become married to another husband.	*Therefore, if she marries another man while her husband is alive, according to God's law she will be an adulterous woman. However, if her husband dies, she no longer has to obey what God's law requires of those who are married. As a result, she would not be an adulterous woman if she married another man.*

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	UST
So then, my brothers, you yourselves were also made dead to the law through the body of Christ so that you might become married to another, to the one having been raised from dead ones, in order that we might produce fruit for God.	*So, my fellow Jewish believers, by means of the Messiah dying on the cross the laws God gave the Jews no longer control you. God did this in order to unite you to the Messiah, as if you were marrying a new husband. He is the person whom God made alive again after he had died. God did this in order that we may do things that please him.*

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 7:7

ULT	UST
What then will we say? Is the law sin? May it never be! But I would not have known sin, if not through the law. For I would not have known the covetousness unless the law said, "You will not covet."	*Someone might say, "If what you have said is true, then surely the laws God gave the Jews are sinful!" Then I would say, "Of course not!" On the contrary, without the laws God gave the Jews, I would never have become aware of what it means to sin. For instance, if God did not say in his laws, "You must not covet," I would never have become aware of what it means to covet.*

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	UST
But sin, having taken opportunity through the commandment, produced all covetousness in me. For apart from law, sin is dead.	*However, since I am sinful, I wanted to covet in many ways because I knew that God commanded us not to covet. This is because if the laws God gave the Jews did not exist, living sinfully would cease.*

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 7:12

ULT	UST
So then, the law is indeed holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.	*So the laws God gave the Jews are worthy of God and what God has commanded is worthy of God, just, and good.*

Is the law holy?

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

Romans 7:13

ULT	UST
Therefore, 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, producing death in me so that through the commandment, sin might become sinful beyond measure.	*So, God's laws, which are good, surely did not cause me to die spiritually! Of course not! Rather, living sinfully did so. This happened so that God's good laws would reveal how sinful it is to live sinfully. This also happened so that what God commands would reveal that living sinfully is utterly sinful.*

What does Paul say sin does to him?

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

Romans 7:16

ULT	UST
But if what I do not want, this I do, I agree with the law that it is good.	*Now because I do what I do not want to do, this proves that I agree with the laws God gave the Jews. I also testify that they are good laws.*

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	UST
But now no longer I myself produce it, but the sin living in me!	*This means that now I am no longer the one who causes me to do these sinful things. Rather, my wanting to live sinfully causes me to do them.*

What is causing him to do the things that Paul does, but does not wish to do?

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

Romans 7:18

ULT	UST
For I know that there does not live in me, (that is, in my flesh), good. For the wanting is present in me, but the producing of the good is not.	*Indeed, I am aware that I am not good at all. In other words, my sinful self is not good at all. This is true because, even though I really want to do what is good, I am unable to do so.*

What lives in Paul’s flesh?

No good thing lives in Paul’s flesh.

Romans 7:21

ULT	UST
I find, then, this law in me, the one wanting to do good, that evil is present in me.	*Consequently, I realized that a principle exists: I keep on doing evil things, even though I really want to do good things.*

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	UST
For I delight in the law of God with the inner man.	*This is true because the laws God gave the Jews make my mind rejoice.*

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	UST
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.	*Yet, I notice another principle that controls what I do with my body parts. This principle conflicts with the other principle that my mind accepts. It also controls me, making me its prisoner by means of the principle that I tend to live sinfully. Living sinfully controls what I do with my body parts.*

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

In the members of his body, Paul finds the principle of sin taking him captive.

Romans 7:24-25

Who will deliver Paul from his body of death?

Paul gives thanks to God for his deliverance through Jesus Christ.

Romans 8

Romans 8:2

ULT	UST
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set you free from the law of sin and death.	*This is true because the principle that pertains to the life-giving Holy Spirit has caused you believers to no longer be controlled by the principle that causes people to sin and die eternally. It did this by uniting you with the Messiah Jesus.*

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

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

Romans 8:3

ULT	UST
For what the law was unable to do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, having sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,	*Indeed, God accomplished what the laws he gave the Jews could not accomplish, because they could not prevent people from living sinfully. Through the crucifying of his Son's body, God removed how sinning controls people. He did this by sending his own Son Jesus to the world in a human body that was like the bodies of sinful people. God sent his Son in order to remove that which causes man to sin.*

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 8:4-5

Those who walk according to the Spirit set their minds on what?

Those who walk according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:7

ULT	UST
because the mindset of the flesh is hostility toward God, for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not able to do so.	*This is true because people who focus on living sinfully are God's enemies. This is because they do not voluntarily obey the laws God gave the Jews; they are incapable of doing so.*

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 8:9

ULT	UST
However, you yourselves are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, since indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. But if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, this one is not of him.	*By contrast, you believers are not those whom living sinfully controls. Rather, you are those whom the Holy Spirit controls because God's Spirit really does reside within you. But if some person does not possess Jesus the Messiah's Spirit, this person does 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 8:11

ULT	UST
If indeed the Spirit of the one having raised Jesus from dead ones lives in you, the one having raised Christ Jesus from dead ones will also make alive your mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.	*The Holy Spirit does indeed reside within you. He came from God, who caused Jesus to become alive again after he had died. Since this is true, God, who caused the Messiah Jesus to become alive again after he had died, will also cause your physical bodies to become alive again by his Spirit. This Spirit resides within you.*

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 8:14

ULT	UST
For as many as are being led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.	*This is because those people whom God's Spirit guides are God's spiritual 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	UST
For you did not receive again a spirit of slavery leading to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father!"	*Indeed, God has not given you believers an enslaved mind to terrify you, such as you had before. Rather, God has given you the Holy Spirit to spiritually adopt you as his children. It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to cry out, "Abba, my Father!"*

How is a believer included into God's family?

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

Romans 8:17

ULT	UST
Now if children, then also heirs: both heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer together with him so that we may also be glorified together with him.	*Since we are God's spiritual children, we are also those who will inherit blessings from God. We inherit blessings from God himself and also together with the Messiah Jesus. This is true only if we keep suffering together with the Messiah in order for God to also glorify us together with the Messiah.*

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 8:18-19

Why are the sufferings of the present time to be endured by believers?

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 8:21

ULT	UST
that also the creation itself will be freed from the slavery of the decay into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.	*that God would also enable what he created to stop decaying and let it freely experience the same glorious status that belongs to his spiritual 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 freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:23-25

How are believers to wait for the redemption of the body?

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

Romans 8:26-27

What does the Spirit himself do to help in the saints' weakness?

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

Romans 8:28

ULT	UST
And we know that for the ones loving God, God works all things together for good, for the ones being called according to his purpose.	*We are certain that God makes all things that happen to benefit those who love him. They are the people whom God called because he previously planned to do so.*

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	UST
Because those whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be a similar form to the image of his Son so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.	*This is because those whom God chose in advance, he also decided in advance to make resemble his Son Jesus. God did these things in order for his Son Jesus to have first place among many spiritual siblings.*

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	UST
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.	*Certainly, the people whom God chose in advance to become his people, he also summoned to become his people. And those people whom God summoned to become his people, he also made righteous. And those people whom God made righteous, he will also make glorious.*

What else did God do for those he predestined?

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

Romans 8:32

ULT	UST
He who indeed did not spare his own Son, but gave him up on behalf of us all, how will he not also with him freely give us all things?	*God did not even spare his own Son, Jesus. On the contrary, God handed him over to die for the sake of us all. So God surely will also graciously give us, along with Jesus, every blessing!*

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 8:34

ULT	UST
Who is the one condemning? Christ Jesus is the one having died—but more than that, having been raised, who also is at the right hand of God—the one also interceding on our behalf.	*Surely no one can condemn God's people! This is because the Messiah Jesus is the one who died. Furthermore, he is the one whom God made alive again. He is also at the place of highest honor next to God, and he even pleads for our sake.*

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 8:37

ULT	UST
But in all these things we are more than conquerors through the one having loved us.	*However, he who loved us enables us to completely overcome all of these things that might happen to 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 8:39

ULT	UST
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.	*or what is above us, or what is below us, or anything else that God created—can stop God from loving us! God loves us because we are united to the Messiah Jesus, our Lord!*

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 9:3

ULT	UST
For I could wish myself to be accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race according to the flesh;	*I do so because I truly wish that God would curse me and completely alienate me from Jesus the Messiah for my fellow kinsmen to be saved! They are physically related to me.*

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	UST
who are Israelites, of whom is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the law-giving, and the service, and the promises;	*These kinsmen of mine are the Israelites. They are those whom God spiritually adopted. God allowed them to experience how glorious he is. God made covenants with them. God gave them his laws. God gave them the way to worship him. God also made promises to them.*

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 9:6-7

What does Paul say is not true about everyone in Israel and all of Abraham's descendants?

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

Romans 9:8

ULT	UST
That is, the children of the flesh, these are not children of God. But the children of the promise are considered as seed.	*In other words, the people who only physically descended from Abraham are not God's spiritual children. Rather, those who became God's spiritual children as a result of what God promised are regarded as Abraham's true spiritual offspring.*

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 9:10-12

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

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

Romans 9:14-16

What is the cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion?

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

Romans 9:16

ULT	UST
So then, it is not of the one willing, nor of the one running, but of God, the one having mercy.	*Therefore, who receives God's mercy does not depend on how much someone desires to receive it. Who receives God's mercy also does not depend on how much effort someone exerts. Rather, it depends on what God wants. He is the one who is merciful.*

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 9:20

ULT	UST
O man, who indeed are you, the one answering against God? The one molded will not say to the one having molded it, "Why did you make me this way?" will it?	*Then I would say, "You mere human! You who argue with God are truly not worthy to do so! Who God has made surely must not say to God who made him, 'You should not have made me to be 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 9:22

ULT	UST
But what if God, willing to demonstrate his wrath and to make his power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction;	*Now, you should surely not argue with God because he very patiently endured those people whom he would punish and had prepared to destroy eternally. He endured them because he wanted to show how angry he is and to reveal how powerful he is.*

What did God do with those prepared for destruction?

God endured with much patience those prepared for destruction.

Romans 9:23

ULT	UST
and so that he might make known the wealth of his glory upon vessels of mercy, which he prepared beforehand for glory—	*God also endures those whom he will punish in order to reveal how abundantly glorious he is to those people to whom he will be merciful. God has previously arranged to glorify these people eternally.*

What did God do with those prepared for glory?

God made known to them the riches of his glory.

Romans 9:24

ULT	UST
even us whom he called, not only from the Jews, but also from the Gentiles?	*We are also among those people to whom God is merciful and whom God has summoned. God summons people from among Jewish people and even from among non-Jewish people.*

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 9:27

ULT	UST
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,	*Indeed, elsewhere in the Scriptures Isaiah shouts out about the people of Israel, "Even though there were as many Israelites as there are grains of sand along the seashore, God will refrain from punishing only a few of them.*

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

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

Romans 9:30

ULT	UST
What then will we say? That the Gentiles, who are not pursuing righteousness, obtained righteousness, but righteousness that is by faith.	*Since these things are true, we should surely say that although the nations are not trying to be righteous, they became righteous. However, they became righteous by trusting God.*

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

The Gentiles attained it through the righteousness by faith.

Romans 9:32

ULT	UST
Why? Because it was not by faith, but as by works. They stumbled over the stone of stumbling,	*The reason why the people of Israel could not become righteous is that they did not try to become righteous by trusting God. Instead, they tried to become righteous by working for it. Because of this the Messiah offended them when he came. It is as if the Messiah is a stone that causes them to trip.*

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.

Romans 9:32-33

Over what did the Israelites stumble?

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

Romans 9:33

ULT	UST
just as it is written, “Behold, I place in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and the one believing on it will not be ashamed.”	*This is what God meant when he had Isaiah write in the Scriptures, “Pay attention! I am placing in Jerusalem someone who is like a stone that trips people and a rock that offends people. But God will not humiliate anyone who trusts in that person.”*

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

ULT	UST
Brothers, the good pleasure of my heart and my prayer to God is on behalf of them for salvation.	*My fellow believers, I strongly desire that God will save the Israelites. I also pray for him to save them!*

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

Paul's desire is for the Israelites' salvation.

Romans 10:3

ULT	UST
For not knowing about the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God.	*This is because they are not aware of how God makes people righteous, and they try to make themselves righteous. This is why they refuse to subject themselves to the way God makes people righteous.*

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	UST
For Christ is the completion of the law for righteousness for everyone who believes.	*They were wrong to try to make themselves righteous, because Jesus the Messiah has ended the laws that God gave the Jews. Christ did this in order for God to make righteous anyone who trusts in Jesus.*

What has Christ done with respect to the law?

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

Romans 10:8

ULT	UST
But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.” This is the word of faith, which we proclaim.	*However, Moses also said this in the Scriptures about people becoming righteous by trusting in God, “You can easily know what God said. You can proclaim it and know it personally.” This refers to what God said about trusting in him. This is what we believers in the Messiah keep announcing.*

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	UST
For if with your mouth you confess, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from dead ones, you will be saved.	*What we keep announcing is that God will save any of you who verbally acknowledges that Jesus is the Lord over all things and personally trusts that God made Jesus become alive again after he had died.*

What does Paul say a person does to be saved?

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

Romans 10:13

ULT	UST
For “all, whoever calls on the name of the Lord, will be saved.”	*Indeed, Joel wrote in the Scriptures, “God will save all people who call out to the Lord to save them.”*

Everyone who does what will be saved?

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

Romans 10:14-15

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?

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 10:17

ULT	UST
So this faith is by hearing, and this hearing through the word of Christ.	*So then, a person can only trust in Jesus by hearing about him. And a person can only hear about Jesus through hearing the message that is about the Messiah.*

What is heard which brings faith?

The word of Christ is heard, which brings faith.

Romans 10:18

ULT	UST
But I say, "Did they certainly not hear?" Yes, indeed. "Their sound went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."	*However, this is what I say, "The Jews most definitely heard the message!" It is a fact. As David wrote in the Scriptures, "The heavenly bodies are like witnesses and everyone throughout the entire world could hear what they said."*

Did Israel hear the gospel?

Yes, Israel heard the gospel.

Romans 10:19

ULT	UST
But I say, "Did Israel certainly not know?" First Moses says, "I myself will provoke you to jealousy by a non-nation; by means of a senseless nation, I will provoke you to anger."	*This is also what I say, "The people of Israel most definitely understood the message!" God first said through Moses in the Scriptures, "I will personally make you envious and angry by using a nation that does not belong to me and does not even know me."*

How did God say he would provoke Israel to jealousy?

God said he would provoke Israel to jealousy by appearing a nation that had not known him.

Romans 10:21

ULT	UST
But to Israel he says, “The whole day I stretched out my hands to a disobedient and contradictory people.”	*However, God told the people of Israel in the Scriptures, “I am always inviting you to know me, but you constantly disobey and oppose 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	UST
I say then, God did not reject his people, did he? May it never be! For I myself also am an Israelite, from the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.	*Since these things are true, this is what I say, "God certainly has not rejected his people, the Israelites!" Of course not! I know this is true because I too am one of the Israelites. I descended from Abraham. More specifically, I descended from the tribe that descended from Benjamin.*

Has God then rejected the Israelites?

May it never be!

Romans 11:5

ULT	UST
In the same way, then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.	*So, similarly, at this time some faithful Israelites also remain. This is because God has graciously chosen them to remain.*

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 11:7

ULT	UST
What then? The thing Israel diligently seeks, this it did not obtain, but the elect obtained, and the rest of them were hardened,	*So this is what we should conclude: Although the people of Israel keep trying to make themselves righteous, they cannot do so. Instead, those whom God graciously chose from them became righteous. But God made stubborn those people of Israel whom he did not graciously choose.*

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	UST
just as it is written: “God gave them a spirit of dullness, eyes not to see, and ears not to hear, until this very day.”	*This is exactly what God meant when he wrote in the Scriptures, “God caused the people of Israel to not think properly. Until this present day, God has made them completely unable to understand how to become righteous.”*

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 11:11

ULT	UST
I say then, “They did not stumble so that they might fall, did they?” May it never be! Instead, by their transgression, this salvation is to the Gentiles, in order to provoke them to jealousy.	*Since these things are true, this is what I say, “The Jewish people were certainly not offended in order that God would completely reject them!” Of course not! Rather, God saves non-Jewish people because the Jewish people disobeyed him. This happened in order for God to make the Jewish people envious of non-Jewish people who know him.*

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 11:13-17

In Paul’s analogy of the olive tree root and the wild branches, who is the root and who are the wild branches?

The root is Israel, and the wild branches are the Gentiles.

Romans 11:18

ULT	UST
do not boast over the branches. But if you boast, you yourself do not support the root, but the root, you.	*Therefore, you non-Jewish people who trust in Jesus must not boast against the Jewish people whom God removed, even though they are like broken off branches! If you do boast, you must realize that you indeed do not sustain the Jewish people. Rather, they sustain you, as the root sustains the branches!*

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 11:20-21

What warning does Paul give the wild branches?

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 11:23-24

What can God do with natural branches if they do not continue in their unbelief?

God can graft back into the olive tree natural branches that do not continue in their unbelief.

Romans 11:25

ULT	UST
For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, in order that you might not be wise in yourselves, that a partial hardening has occurred in Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;	*I say this because I really want you, my non-Jewish fellow believers, to know what God had previously hidden from people, so that you do not become arrogant. God had previously hidden from people the fact that some of the people of Israel will stubbornly oppose him until all the non-Jewish people God has chosen have joined his people.*

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 11:28-29

Despite their disobedience, why do the Israelites continue to be loved by God?

The Israelites continue to be loved by God because of the ancestors and because the call of God is unchangeable.

Romans 11:30-32

What have both Jew and Gentile been shown to be by God?

Both Jew and Gentile have been shown to be disobedient.

What has God shown to the disobedient?

God has shown mercy to the disobedient, both Jew and Gentile.

Romans 11:33-34

Who is able to search God’s judgments and give him advice?

No person can search God’s judgments and give him advice.

Romans 11:36

ULT	UST
For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory to the ages. Amen.	*No one can do these things, because everything came from God, exists by God, and exists for God. I pray that everyone will glorify him forever. May this truly 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	UST
I urge you therefore, brothers, by the compassions of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well-pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.	*So then, considering everything that I have told you, I exhort you fellow believers, based on how compassionate God is: Devote yourselves to God, as if you were living animals someone offers to God. Be holy and please God. Doing so is the reasonable way for you to serve God.*

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	UST
And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of the mind, so that you can approve what is the good and well-pleasing and perfect will of God.	*Do not change yourselves to be like the sinful people who live at the current time. Rather, let God change the way you behave by changing the way you think in order that you can test and prove what God wants you to do. God wants you to do what is good, pleasing, and flawless.*

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	UST
For I say, through the grace 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.	*Indeed, based on how God has kindly authorized me to represent him, I am telling every one of you to not think you are better than you really are. Rather, think properly about yourselves, according to the amount of trusting in God that God has apportioned to each one of you.*

How should a believer not think of himself?

A believer should not think of himself more highly than he ought to think.

Romans 12:4-5

How are the many believers related to each other in Christ?

The many believers are one body in Christ, and individually members of each other.

Romans 12:6

ULT	UST
But we have different gracious gifts according to the grace given to us: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;	*Yet we believers in the Messiah have received different spiritual abilities in accordance with what God has kindly given to us. If God has enabled you to prophesy, then prophesy in accordance with the amount of trusting in God that God has apportioned to you.*

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 12:10

ULT	UST
in brotherly love, affectionate to one another; in honor, outdoing one another;	*Be affectionate toward each other in regard to loving fellow believers. Be the first to honor other fellow believers.*

How should believers treat one another?

Believers should be affectionate to one another and respect one another.

Romans 12:13

ULT	UST
in the needs of the saints, sharing; pursuing the hospitality.	*Share what you have to provide what God's people need. Find opportunities to welcome others into your home.*

How should believers respond to the needs of the saints?

Believers should share in the needs of the saints.

Romans 12:14

ULT	UST
Bless the ones persecuting you; bless and do not curse;	*Ask God to bless the people who mistreat you. Ask God to bless them rather than curse them.*

How should believers respond to those who persecute them?

Believers should bless, and not curse, those who persecute them.

Romans 12:16

ULT	UST
thinking the same thing toward one another, not thinking the high things, but accepting the lowly ones. Do not be wise in yourselves;	*Be as concerned for each other as you are for yourselves. Do not think arrogantly about yourselves. Rather, associate with humble people. Do not be arrogant.*

How should believers treat lowly people?

Believers should accept lowly people.

Romans 12:18

ULT	UST
if possible, what is from you, living at peace with all men;	*Live peacefully with everyone whenever it is possible for you to do so.*

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	UST
not avenging yourselves, beloved, but give way to God's wrath, for it is written, "'Vengeance is for me; I will repay,' says the Lord."	*Fellow believers whom I love, do not retaliate when people do something evil against you. Rather, let God punish them. I say this because Moses wrote in the Scriptures, "The Lord says, 'I will retaliate when people do something evil against you. I will punish them according to what they have done.'"*

Why should believers not avenge themselves?

Believers should not avenge themselves, because vengeance belongs to the Lord.

Romans 12:21

ULT	UST
Do not be overcome by the evil, but overcome the evil with the good.	*In other words, do not let what is evil defeat you by causing you to do what is evil. Rather, defeat what is evil by doing what is good.*

How should believers overcome evil?

Believers should overcome evil with good.

Romans 13

Romans 13:1

ULT	UST
Let every soul be subject to governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and the existing authorities are appointed by God.	*Every one of you must submit yourselves to those whom God has authorized to govern you. This is because no one can govern unless God authorizes them to do so. God has instituted the existing governments.*

From where do earthly authorities get their authority?

Earthly authorities are appointed by God and get their authority from God.

Romans 13:2

ULT	UST
So then, the one resisting that authority has opposed the command of God, and the ones who have opposed it will bring judgment on themselves.	*So people who resist those whom God has authorized to govern are opposing what God has commanded. God will punish those people who oppose those whom he has authorized to govern.*

What will those receive who oppose the earthly authority?

Those who oppose the earthly authority will receive judgment upon themselves.

Romans 13:3

ULT	UST
For rulers are not a terror to the good deed, but to the evil deed. Now do you want to not fear the authority? Do the good, and you will have praise from it,	*Indeed, the people who rule are not supposed to terrify those people who do what is good. Rather, they are supposed to terrify those people who do what is evil. If you do not want to fear those whom God authorizes to rule, then do what is good and those who rule will commend you for doing so.*

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	UST
for he is a servant of God to you for the good. But if you do the evil, fear; for he does not carry the sword in vain, for he is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath on the one practicing the evil.	*This is because the people whom God authorizes to rule serve God for your benefit. But if you do what is evil, you should be afraid, because God has authorized those people who rule to punish people for a good reason. Indeed, those people who rule serve God by avenging what is evil in order to punish anyone who practices what is 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 13:6

ULT	UST
For because of this you pay taxes also; for they are servants of God, persisting in this very thing.	*Indeed, you also pay taxes because of these things. You also pay taxes because those people whom God authorizes to rule serve God. They devote themselves to serving by governing.*

What authority has God given rulers regarding money?

God has given rulers the authority to require payment of taxes.

Romans 13:8

ULT	UST
Owe nothing to no one, except to love one another, for the one loving his neighbor has fulfilled the law.	*Do not owe anything to anyone. Rather, continue to love other people who believe in the Messiah as if you owe it to them. Do this because someone who loves another person accomplishes what God required in the laws he gave the Jews.*

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	UST
For this: "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet," and if any other commandment, it is summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."	*This is true because God commanded these things in his laws when he said, "Do not have sexual relations with someone whom you did not marry. Do not murder. Do not rob people. Do not lust for what belongs to other people." You could summarize anything else that God commands in the laws he gave the Jews with this other thing God commanded: "Love other people in the same way 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	UST
Love for a neighbor does not work evil. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.	*When you love other people, you do not do evil things to them. This is why loving other people accomplishes what God required in the laws he gave the Jews.*

How does a believer fulfill the law?

A believer fulfills the law by loving his neighbor.

Romans 13:12

ULT	UST
The night advanced, and the day has come near. Let us therefore put off the works of the darkness, and let us put on the weapons of the light.	*In the same way that the night ends just before the day begins, the time of this sinful world is almost over, and Jesus will return soon. So, we must stop doing what is evil, which is like what people do when it is dark. Instead, we must oppose what is evil by doing what is good, which is like a soldier puts on his armor to fight the enemy during the day.*

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	UST
Let us walk decently, as in the day, not in drunken celebrations or drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and uncontrolled lust, not in strife and jealousy.	*We must behave appropriately, as if it were daytime and people could see what we do. We must not celebrate drunkenly or get drunk at all. We must not do any unrestrained sexually immoral acts at all. We must not quarrel with others or be jealous of others.*

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	UST
But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no forethought with regard to desires of the flesh.	*Rather than doing those things, act like the Lord Jesus the Messiah would act. Do not concern yourselves with anything that is related to what your sinful self 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 14:2

ULT	UST
One person believes to eat anything, but the one being weak eats vegetables.	*There are some people who are convinced that they can eat any kind of food. But the immature believer in the Messiah thinks that they can only eat 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	UST
Let the one eating not despise the one not eating, and let the one not eating not judge the one eating. For God has accepted him.	*The believer in the Messiah who eats every kind of food must not scorn his fellow believer who does not eat every kind of food. The believer in the Messiah who does not eat every kind of food also must not judge his fellow believer who eats every kind of food. This is because God has welcomed both of them.*

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.

Romans 14:3-4

Who has received both the one who eats anything and the one who eats only vegetables?

God has received both the one who eats anything and the one who eats only vegetables.

Romans 14:5

ULT	UST
Indeed, one person judges day from day, but another person judges every day alike. Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind.	*Some people consider certain days to be special, while other people consider all days to be the same. Each person must be completely certain that what they do honors God.*

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 14:7-8

For what do believers live and die?

Believers live and die for the Lord.

Romans 14:10

ULT	UST
But you, why do you judge your brother? And you also, why do you despise your brother? For we will all present ourselves before the judgment seat of God.	*As for you, those of you who judge your fellow believers must not do so! You also must not scorn your fellow believers! Do not do these things because one day God will judge all of us who believe in the Messiah.*

Where will all believers ultimately stand?

All believers will ultimately stand before the judgment seat of God.

Romans 14:13

ULT	UST
Therefore, let us no longer judge one another, but rather judge this: to not place a stumbling block for the brother or a trap.	*So we must stop judging other believers. Instead, we must resolve not to do anything that could tempt our fellow believers to sin.*

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	UST
I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean by itself, except to the one considering anything to be unclean, for that one it is unclean.	*I am absolutely convinced by the Lord Jesus that no food is inherently sinful for believers in the Messiah to eat. If someone regards some food as sinful to eat, then it is only sinful for that person to eat it.*

Paul is persuaded in the Lord Jesus that which foods are unclean?

Paul is persuaded that no foods are unclean.

Romans 14:17

ULT	UST
For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.	*Do not do this, because eating and drinking do not characterize God's kingdom. Rather, being righteous, peaceful, and joyful through the Holy Spirit characterizes God's kingdom.*

About what is the kingdom of God?

The kingdom of God is about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:21

ULT	UST
It is good not to eat meat, nor to drink wine, nor anything by which your brother stumbles [or is offended or becomes weak].	*It is better not to eat any meat, or drink any wine, or do anything that could tempt your fellow believer to sin, [or that could offend that person or cause that person to remain spiritually immature].*

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 14:23

ULT	UST
But the one passing judgment is condemned if he eats, because it is not from faith. And all that is not from faith is sin.	*By contrast, God judges someone who considers eating certain foods to be sinful and eats those foods. This is because that person did not act according to what that person believes is right. A person who does anything that is not according to what that person believes is right is 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 15:1-2

What attitude should believers with strong faith have toward those with weak faith?

Believers with strong faith should bear the weaknesses of those with weak faith, in order to build them up.

Romans 15:3

ULT	UST
For even Christ did not please himself. Instead, just as it is written, "The insults of the ones insulting you fell on me."	*For instance, not even the Messiah Jesus pleased himself! Rather, he lived to please others. This is what David meant when he wrote in the Scriptures about the Messiah saying to God, "When people insult you, they also insult 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	UST
For whatever was previously written was written for our own instruction, in order that through the patience and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we would have the hope.	*Indeed, the prophets previously wrote everything in the Scriptures in order to teach us. They also wrote the Scriptures in order to make us confident through what the Scriptures say that helps us endure and encourages us.*

What was one of the purposes of the Scriptures written previously?

The Scriptures written previously were written for our instruction.

Romans 15:5

ULT	UST
Now may the God of patience and of encouragement grant you to think the same with each other according to Christ Jesus,	*I pray that our patient and encouraging God will allow you to live harmoniously with each other the way 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 15:8-9

Who is the example Paul uses of one who lived to serve others?

Christ lived to served others.

Romans 15:10-11

What do the scriptures say the Gentiles will do because of God's mercy toward them?

The scriptures say the Gentiles will rejoice and praise the Lord.

Romans 15:13

ULT	UST
Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you might abound in this hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.	*I pray that the God who makes people confident will cause you to feel exceedingly joyful and peaceful by trusting in him! I pray that God will do this in order for you to be exceedingly confident by the Holy Spirit enabling 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 hope.

Romans 15:16

ULT	UST
in order for me to be a servant of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, serving as a priest the gospel of God so that the offering of the Gentiles might become well-pleasing, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.	*God did this in order for me to serve the Messiah Jesus among non-Jewish people by preaching the good news from God as if I were a priest. I do this in order for the non-Jewish people who trust in Jesus to be like something offered to God that pleases him, and that the Holy Spirit has set apart for him.*

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 15:18-19

By what means has Christ worked through Paul to bring about the obedience of the Gentiles?

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 15:20-21

Where does Paul desire to proclaim the gospel?

Paul desires to proclaim the gospel where Christ is not known by name.

Romans 15:24

ULT	UST
whenever I travel to Spain, I indeed hope, passing through, to see you, and to be sent ahead there by you, if I might first be satisfied for a while by you.	*So whenever I go to the province of Spain, I truly expect to visit you while passing through Rome. I also expect you to help me continue my journey to Spain after I first enjoy being with you for some time.*

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	UST
But now I am traveling to Jerusalem, ministering to the saints.	*Yet, at the present time I am going to Jerusalem in order to serve God's people there.*

Why is Paul now going to Jerusalem?

Paul is now going to Jerusalem to serve the believers there.

Romans 15:27

ULT	UST
For they were pleased, and they are obligated to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are obligated also to minister to them in material things.	*In fact, those believers were glad, and they should help the poor believers in Jerusalem. This is because the non-Jewish believers have spiritually benefited from the Jewish believers. So, the non-Jewish believers should also serve the Jewish believers by providing what they physically need.*

Why does Paul say the Gentile believers owe the Jewish believers material things?

The Gentiles believers owe the Jewish believers material things because the Gentile believers have shared in the spiritual things of the Jewish believers.

Romans 15:31

ULT	UST
so that I might be delivered from the disobedient ones in Judea, and so that my service that is for Jerusalem might be acceptable to the saints;	*Pray that God will rescue me from the Jews in the province of Judea who do not believe in Jesus. Pray also that God's people in Jerusalem will accept the money that I give them for the poor believers there.*

From whom does Paul wish to be delivered?

Paul wishes to be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea.

Romans 16

Romans 16:1-2

What has sister Phoebe become to Paul?

Sister Phoebe has become a helper of Paul and of many others.

Romans 16:4

ULT	UST
who for the sake of my life laid down their own neck, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;	*They risked the Romans executing them in order to save my life. Both I and all the groups of believers among the nations are thankful for them.*

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	UST
and the church based in their house. Greet Epaenetus my beloved, who is the firstfruits of Asia for Christ.	*Also, say hello to the group of believers that meets in the home of Priscilla and Aquila. Say hello to Epaenetus, whom I love. He is the first person from the province of Asia Minor to believe in the Messiah Jesus.*

Where is one place the believers are meeting in Rome?

The believers in Rome are meeting in the house of Prisca and Aquila.

Romans 16:7

ULT	UST
Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners who are prominent among the apostles, who also have been in Christ before me.	*Say hello to Andronicus and Junia. They are my fellow Jews, and we were in prison together. Those whom Jesus sent to represent him know them very well. God united them to the Messiah before he did so to me.*

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 16:16

ULT	UST
Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.	*Say hello to each other in a loving way. All of the groups of believers who belong to the Messiah in this area say hello to you!*

How do the believers greet one another?

The believers greet one another with a holy kiss.

Romans 16:17

ULT	UST
Now I urge you, brothers, to watch out for the ones causing divisions and traps, contrary to the teaching that you have learned, and turn away from them.	*My fellow believers, I exhort you to look out for the people who are causing believers to argue with each other and tempting them to sin, which contradicts what we have taught you. Stay away from them!*

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.

Romans 16:17-18

What are some doing, which is causing divisions and stumbling?

Some are going beyond the teaching they have learned, deceiving the hearts of the innocent.

Romans 16:19

ULT	UST
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.	*I tell you these things because believers in many places have heard about how you obey God. As a result, I am overjoyed because of you! But I also desire that you act wisely with regard to what is good and remain innocent with regard to what is bad.*

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	UST
Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet with haste. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.	*The God who makes us peaceful will quickly make you victorious over Satan, as if you were tramplinghim under your feet! I pray that our Lord Jesus the Messiah will be gracious to you!*

What will the God of peace be doing soon?

The God of peace will soon be crushing Satan under the believers' feet.

Romans 16:22

ULT	UST
I, Tertius, the one having written this epistle, greet you in the Lord.	*I am Tertius, and I am writing this letter as Paul dictates it to me. I say hello to you as a fellow believer in the Lord Jesus.*

Who actually wrote down this epistle?

Tertius actually wrote down this epistle.

Romans 16:23

ULT	UST
Gaius, the host for me and for the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the steward of the city, greets you, and Quartus the brother.	*Gaius says hello to you. He hosts me and the whole group of believers who meet here. Erastus controls the money for this city. He and Quartus, our fellow believer, say hello to you.*

What occupation does the believer Erastus have?

Erastus is the treasurer of the city.

Romans 16:25-26

What revelation that had been kept secret from long ago is Paul now preaching?

Paul is now preaching the revelation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 16:26

ULT	UST
but now having been revealed, and through the prophetic writings, according to the command of the eternal God, to the obedience of faith, to all the nations, having been made known,	*However, now God has revealed that mysterious plan. He has made it known through his prophets who wrote about it in the Scriptures. They did this according to what the God who lives forever commanded in order that all the nations would obey God by trusting in Jesus the Messiah.*

For what purpose is Paul preaching?

Paul is preaching for the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles.