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I. God shows that all men face condemnation - 1:1-3:31

A. Condemnation can only be changed by righteousness - 1:1-17

1. Paul sends his greetings to the Romans - 1:1-7

Paul viewed himself as a bondservant of Jesus Christ - 1:1

Paul viewed himself as a bondservant of Christ

Paul often called himself a bondservant of Christ - Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:1

Paul also viewed himself as a bondservant of the church - II Cor. 4:5

Paul had been called by Christ to be an apostle

Paul had been made an apostle by grace - Rom. 1:5

Paul had been given the signs of an apostle - II Cor. 12:11-12

Paul had been set apart to the Gospel

Paul had been set apart by the Holy Spirit - Acts 13:2-4

Paul had been taught directly by the Lord - Gal. 1:15-17

Paul said his message was taught in the prophets - 1:2

Paul said that the prophets taught about Christ

Christ had taught two disciples what the Old Testament taught - Luke 24:26-27

Christ taught the eleven what the Old Testament taught - Luke 24:44-45

Paul said the fathers taught about Christ - Acts 26:6

Paul said that the prophets taught about the Gospel

Paul said the Gospel had been proclaimed by the prophets - Rom. 3:21

Paul said that this teaching was in the Word of God

Peter said that this promise came from the Lord - II Pet. 1:16-21

Paul said that Christ came from the family of David - 1:3

Paul said the Scriptures taught Christ is the Son of God

this was a promise that Christ would be born of a virgin - Is. 7:14

this was a promise that He would be the Mighty God - Is. 9:6-7

Paul said the Scriptures taught Christ was a descendent of David

this was a promise that God made to David - II Sam. 7:12-13

this promise was that the seed of David would rule forever - Ps. 89:36-37

this promise was that God would send a Branch of righteousness - Jer. 23:5-6

this promise was to raise up the tabernacle of David - Amos 9:11

Paul said that Christ is declared to be the Son of God with power - 1:4

Christ was declared to be the Son of God with power

God declared that Christ was His Son - Acts 13:34-35

Christ said He would fulfill the writings of the prophets - Luke 18:31-33

God confirmed His prophetic word about Christ - II Pet. 1:16-21

Christ was declared this according to the Spirit of holiness

Christ offered Himself through the eternal Spirit - Heb. 9:14

Christ demonstrated this power by His resurrection

God demonstrated this power by raising Christ from the dead - Eph. 1:19-23

Christ now lives by the power of God - II Cor. 13:4

Paul said that Christ gave him grace and apostleship - 1:5

Paul had received grace through Christ

this grace was given to Paul - Rom. 12:3; Rom. 15:15-16

this grace caused Paul to become what he was - I Cor. 15:10

this grace means our sufficiency is from God - II Cor. 3:5

this grace was revealed in the timing of God - Gal. 1:15-16

Paul had received his apostleship through Christ

Paul said that he was a true apostle - I Cor. 9:2-3

Paul said he was recognized as an apostle to the Gentiles - Gal. 2:8-9

Paul was called to proclaim obedience through faith among all nations

Paul had been sent to the nations - Rom. 15:18-20

Paul said that his message was for all the nations - Rom. 16:26

Paul said that the Romans had been called by Christ - 1:6

the Romans had also been called

God is the One who called, justified and glorified - Rom. 8:28-30

God is the One who calls both Jews and Gentiles - Rom. 9:24

the Romans had been called of Jesus Christ

Christians are all called by Christ - I Pet. 2:9

Paul said the Romans were called to be saints - 1:7

this letter was to all the beloved in Rome

this letter was to all who had been called saints

Paul pointed out other churches were also called saints - I Cor. 1:2

this letter assured them that grace and peace came from the Father

this letter assured them that grace and peace came from Christ

2. Paul tells of his concern for the Romans - 1:8-15

a. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Romans - 1:8

this faith caused thanksgiving in Paul
the Romans went from slaves to sin to obedient to Christ - Rom. 6:17
this faith was spoken of throughout the Roman world
the obedience of the Romans had become known to all - Rom. 16:19

b. Paul said that he prayed for the Romans without ceasing - 1:9

Paul said God was a witness to his words
Paul wanted a clear conscience before God - Rom. 9:1
Paul served God with his spirit in sharing the Gospel of His Son
Paul served the Lord wherever the Lord led him - Acts 19:21
Paul said God was a witness to his prayer life
Paul prayed without ceasing for many others - II Tim. 1:3
Paul said that God was his witness that he prayed without ceasing for them
Paul prayed for saints in all parts of the world - Eph. 1:16-19; 3:14-21

c. Paul was praying for the opportunity to visit the Romans - 1:10

Paul was praying for the opportunity to visit Rome - Rom. 15:24
Paul was praying that he would have a good trip to Rome - Rom. 15:30-32
Paul was praying for God to lead him in God's timing - Acts 16:6-7; 19:8-10

d. Paul wanted to share with the Romans - 1:11

Paul longed to see the Roman Christians
Paul had desired to come to Rome for many years - Rom. 15:23
Paul wanted to share some spiritual gift with the Romans
Paul looked forward to coming to visit them - Rom. 15:29-33
Paul wanted to see the Romans strongly established
Paul knew that God was able to establish them - Rom. 16:25-27

e. Paul wanted to be encouraged by the Romans - 1:12

Paul said he would be comforted together with them
Paul knew how other Christians comforted him - I Thess. 2:17-20
Paul said there would be mutual faith and ministry
Paul knew they would also minister to him - Rom. 15:14-16

f. Paul had often wanted to visit the Romans - 1:13

Paul had often planned to visit Rome

Paul now planned to visit them after going to Jerusalem - Acts 19:20-21

Paul had been prevented from visiting Rome up to this time

Paul had been prevented by his desire to please God - Rom. 15:18-24

Paul wanted to have some fruit among the people of Rome

Paul would not speak of anything he had not done - Rom. 15:18

Paul had been given fruit in many other places

Paul had preached over a wide area - Rom. 15:19

g. Paul said that he was a debtor to many groups of people - 1:14

Paul was a debtor to the Greeks

Paul was a debtor to go wherever God sent him - Acts 13:2-4

Paul had been sent to the Gentiles - Acts 9:15; 22:21; 26:17

Paul preached to both the Jews and the Greeks - Acts 20:20-21

Paul was a debtor to the barbarians

Paul was a debtor to those who were without law - I Cor. 9:21

Paul was a debtor to the wise

Paul was concerned for those who had human wisdom - I Cor. 9:20-22

Paul wanted Christians to have godly wisdom - Rom. 16:19

Paul wanted Christians to have the wisdom from above - James 3:17-18

Paul was a debtor to the unwise

Paul was concerned for those who lacked wisdom - I Cor. 14:23-24

h. Paul said he was ready to preach the Gospel in Rome - 1:15

Paul said that he was ready to come to Rome

Paul had long desired to visit Rome - Rom. 1:13

Paul wanted to visit Rome on his way to Spain - Rom. 15:24

Paul planned to visit Spain after going to Jerusalem - Rom. 15:25-29

Paul said he was always ready to preach the Gospel

Paul did not want to build on the foundation of another - Rom. 15:20-21

Paul wanted to go where the Gospel had not been preached - II Cor. 10:15-16

Paul said he was ready to preach the gospel in Rome

Paul asked them to pray that he would reach Rome - Rom. 15:30-32

Paul did not know how the Lord would bring him to Rome - Acts 25:10-12

Paul was sent to Rome as a prisoner by Festus - Acts 26:32-27:1

Paul arrived in Rome according to the plan of God - Acts 28:16

Paul fulfilled the Word of the Lord given years earlier - Acts 9:15-16

3. Paul tells of his message to the Romans - 1:16-17

a. The message of Paul was the Gospel - 1:16a

Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel

his message was always about Christ - I Cor. 2:2
his concern was to take this message to all places - Rom. 16:24-27

Paul said his message was the Gospel of Christ

his message was the death and resurrection of Christ - I Cor. 15:1-6

b. The message of Paul was a message of power - 1:16b

Paul shared a message that proclaimed the power of God

this message turns people from darkness to light - II Cor. 4:3-6

Paul proclaimed a message that provided salvation

this message provides forgiveness and eternal life - Acts 26:18

c. The message of Paul is for all people - 1:16c

This message provides salvation to all who believe

this salvation is for all who believe - Rom. 10:13
this salvation is received by grace through faith - Eph. 2:8-9

This message was first given to the Jews

this message was first proclaimed to the Jews - Acts 2:5-41
this message was often rejected by the Jews - Acts 13:44-46

This message is also to be given to the Greeks (Gentiles)

this message is to be shared with every ethnic group - Matt. 28:19-20
the plan of God includes people of every kindred - Rev. 5:9

d. The message of Paul shows the righteousness of God - 1:17

The message of the Gospel reveals the righteousness of God

that righteousness can only come from God - Rom. 3:10-23
that righteousness works effectively in all who believe - I Thess. 2:13

The message of the Gospel must be received by faith

that righteousness must be received by faith - Gal. 3:10-12
that righteousness is received through faith in Christ - Phil. 3:9

The message of the Gospel makes it possible for the just to live by faith

the just will only live by faith - Heb. 10:38
that faith is absolutely necessary in order to please God - Heb. 11:6-7

B. Condemnation faces the Gentile - 1:18-32

1. man has the witness of God within him - 1:18-19

God will bring His wrath against all who reject the truth - 1:18

the wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness

people choose not to retain God in their knowledge - Rom. 1:28

people take pleasure in doing things worthy of death - Rom. 1:32

the wrath of God is revealed against all unrighteousness

those who do not have the law will perish without law - Rom. 2:12, 15

those who have the law will be judged by the law - Rom. 2:12; 3:1-8

the wrath of God is revealed against all who suppress the truth

men choose the darkness because they are evil - John 3:19-21

men choose to put off accepting the truth - Acts 24:24-25

men choose to depart from the faith - I Tim. 4:1-2

God has revealed His truth to all people - 1:19

God has revealed Himself to all people

God has revealed Himself through His creation - Ps. 19:1-6

God called Israel to proclaim his creative power to the nations - Jer. 10:10-13

God gave witness of Himself to all nations - Acts 14:16-17

God has shown Himself to all people

God is the source of life and breath to all people - Acts 17:23-30

God has given light to every person that has come into the world - John 1:9

2. man rejected the natural light of creation which reveals the eternal power and divine nature - 1:20

God has revealed His attributes through His creation - 1:20a

Moses was able to see Him who is invisible - Heb. 11:27

God has revealed His eternal power - 1:20b

God spoke and it was done - Ps. 33:6-9

God has revealed His Godhead - 1:20c

God revealed the Godhead when He created man - Gen. 1:26

God says that all people are without excuse - 1:20d

God says that all people have a conscience - Rom. 2:15

God says men recognized the Godhead but then made idols - Acts 17:29

God revealed the Godhead in bodily form in Christ - Col. 2:9-10

3. man rejected the witness of his conscience - 1:21

mankind knew God through His creation

God revealed Himself through His creation - Rom. 1:19-20

mankind did not glorify God

God was rejected because people loved their evil deeds - John 3:19

God gave men up to their own heart's desire - Ps. 81:12

mankind did not give thanks to God

God was rejected and man became unthankful - II Tim. 3:2

God was replaced by idols in the worship of man - Is. 44:9-20

mankind became vain in their imaginations

God saw man become totally evil in their imaginations - Gen. 6:5

God said men chose to walk after their own vanity - Jer. 2:5

mankind became darkened in their foolish hearts

God said that the heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked - Jer. 17:9

4. man rejected the wisdom of God - 1:22

mankind began to focus on his own wisdom

man began to focus on his own conceits - Prov. 26:12

man becomes perverted by his own wisdom - Is. 47:10

man in his wisdom rejects the wisdom of God - Jer. 8:8-9

man does not know that his wisdom is foolishness with God. I Cor. 3:18-19

mankind instead became fools

God says that a fool leaves God out of his thinking - Ps. 14:1; 53:1

5. man became insensitive to the glory of God - 1:23

mankind changed the glory of the incorruptible God

man began to worship self instead of God - Rom. 1:25

men have become lovers of self - II Tim. 3:1-2

mankind changed that glory into images of man

men made images of man to worship - Is. 44:13

mankind changed that glory into images of birds

mankind changed that glory into animals

men worshiped animals instead of God - Ps. 106:20

mankind changed that glory into creeping things

men began to worship creeping things - Ezek. 8:10

men chose to worship idols - I Cor. 12:2

men worshiped the works of their own hands - Rev. 9:20

6. man began to worship self - 1:24-25

a. God gave mankind up to uncleanness - 1:24

man was given up to uncleanness (sinful living)

man has yielded his body to uncleanness and sin - Rom. 6:19

uncleanness is part of the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:19

uncleanness is not to be a part of the life of a Christian - Eph. 5:3

uncleanness is one of the things we are to put to death - Col. 3:5

uncleanness is the result of blindness of the heart - Eph. 4:18-19

man was given up to follow the lust of his own heart

the heart is deceitful and desperately wicked - Jer. 17:9

the heart was darkened when man turned away from God - Rom. 1:21

the evil heart is the source of evil speech - Matt. 12:34-35

man was given up to dishonor his own body

man dishonors his body through fornication - I Cor. 6:12-18

mankind was given up to dishonor themselves among themselves

man dishonors himself through all forms of moral impurity - Rom. 1:26-27

man chooses to do things that are an abomination - Lev. 18:22

b. God saw mankind create their own worship - 1:25

man changed the truth of God

men reject the truth of God - Rom. 1:18

men reject the One who is true - I John 5:20

man replaced truth with a lie

man is deceived by a deceived heart - Is. 44:20

man turns to idols who further deceive - Jer. 10:14-15

man begins to trust in falsehood - Jer. 13:25

man began to follow his own lies - Amos 2:4

man began to worship himself more than the Creator

man began to worship his own pleasure - II Tim. 3:4

man began to love the things of the world more than God - I John 2:15-17

man began to serve himself more than the Creator

man must choose what master he will serve - Matt. 6:24

man chose to love himself - II Tim. 3:2

man chose to follow false teachers - II Pet. 2:1-10

man rejected the Creator who is blessed forever

God is the One who is blessed - I Tim. 1:11

God is the One who is blessed forever - II Cor. 11:31

7. man began to use others to satisfy self - 1:26-27

a. men turned to vile passions - 1:26

men were released by God to follow their vile passions

God gave man up to follow his sinful choices - Rom. 1:24

God saw men practice their sinful choices - Gen. 19:5

God judged men for their sinful choices - Gen. 19:24-25

women turned from what is natural

God says unbelievers walk in blindness - Eph. 4:17-19

God says that women are not to turn to the unnatural - Deut. 23:17

God says we are not even to speak of such things - Eph. 5:12

God made the law for those who practice sin - I Tim. 1:9-10

women turned to what is unnatural

God speaks of several unnatural actions - I Cor. 6:9

God said that people went after strange flesh - Jude 7

God said that people corrupt themselves - Jude 10

God says such people will perish in their own corruption - II Pet. 2:12-13

b. men burned in their sinful lusts - 1:27

men turned from the natural use of the woman

God said man laying with man is an abomination - Lev. 18:22

God warned of other similar abominations - Lev. 18:23-28

men burned in their lust toward one another

the men of Sodom were an example of this - Gen. 19:5-11

the men of Gibeah were an example of this - Judg. 19:22

men did with men what is shameful

God warned that there were to be no perverted ones - Deut. 23:17-18

God said we are not to even speak of the things done in secret - Eph. 5:12

men received in themselves the penalty of their error

the men of Sodom were judged for their sin - Gen. 19:24-25

the men of Gibeah were judged for their sin - Judg. 20:13; 20:37

men will receive the penalty of their error

this penalty is promised to all who reject - I Cor. 6:9-10

this penalty can be avoided by repentance - I Cor. 6:11

this penalty came on the men of Sodom - Jude 7

this penalty will come on all the ungodly - Jude 15-16

this penalty will be paid in the lake of fire and brimstone - Rev. 20:13-15

this penalty will be eternal - Rev. 21:8

8. man began to turn to all forms of evil - 1:28-32

a. men will no longer even think of God - 1:28

men will not even retain God in their knowledge
there is no fear of God before their eyes - Rom. 3:18
men will be allowed to develop a debased mind
they will have no knowledge of how to do good - Jer. 4:22
men will do those things that are not right
they will follow the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:19-21

b. men will be filled with all unrighteousness - 1:29

they will destroy themselves
they will destroy others

c. men will turn against both God and family - 1:30

they will hate God
they will deny the power of God - II Tim. 3:4-5
they will exalt self
they will love and serve self - II Tim. 3:2
they will disobey parents
they will refuse to obey parents - II Tim. 3:2

d. men will no longer have even a natural love - 1:31

they will not honor their word
they will seek only to satisfy self - II Tim. 3:1-2
they will not even have a natural love
natural love will be replaced by hatred - Titus 3:3

e. men will know the punishment but continue in sin - 1:32

they know that judgment will come
they will continue in their evil and face judgment - Jude 4-16
they will continue to sin
they will continue to imagine evil - Rom. 1:21
they will have pleasure from the sins of others
they will join others in their sins - Ps. 50:18

C. Condemnation faces the moral man - 2:1-16

1. man will be judged according to truth - 2:1-2

a. those who judge others will be judged themselves - 2:1

those who judge others are inexcusable

those who judge often do the same things - Rom. 2:3

those who judge others speak evil of the law - James 4:11

those who judge others judge because of their own sin

those who judge others will also be judged - Matt. 7:1-2

those who judge their fathers are guilty of the same - Matt. 23:29-31

those who judge others condemn themselves

those who judge others are also guilty - John 8:7-10

David condemned himself when he judged - II Sam. 12:5-7

those who judge others commit the same things

the wicked speak against others while doing the same - Ps. 50:16-20

the guilty see the sins of others but not their own - Matt. 7:3-5

we are to judge ourselves so we will not be judged - I Cor. 11:31

b. those who are judged will be judged according to truth - 2:2

we can be sure that God will judge

God will judge those who walk in pride - Dan. 4:37

God will bring His justice to light - Zeph. 3:5

God will judge the world in righteousness - Acts 17:31

God will judge the living and the dead - II Tim. 4:1

God is the righteous judge of both good and evil - II Tim. 4:8

God is the judge who stands before the door - James 5:9

God will judge in the day of wrath - Rom. 2:5

we can be sure that God will judge according to truth

God will judge with righteousness - Rom. 9:14

God will be the Righteous Judge - Ps. 9:4, 7-9

God will judge the world with righteousness and truth - Ps. 96:13

God will judge the people with righteousness and equity - Ps. 98:9

we can be sure that God will judge the guilty

God is the One who will judge His people - Heb. 10:30

God will judge people according to their ways - Ezek. 18:30

God is the one who will judge those who do evil - I Pet. 4:5

God is the One who will judge all unbelievers - Rev. 19:11-15

2. man with a hard heart will be judged - 2:3-5

a. men who judge others expect to escape themselves - 2:3

men do not think in a godly way
people look for evil in others - II Sam. 10:1-3
men think that they are entitled to judge others
people only look out for their own interests - Luke 12:13-14
men think they can do the things they judge in others
people will be judged as they have judged others - Matt. 7:1-2
men think they will escape the judgment of God
God says that the wicked will not go unpunished - Prov. 16:5
Zedekiah felt he would not be judged when he broke his oath - Ezek. 17:18
men will not escape who neglect the salvation provided by God - Heb. 2:3

b. men who judge do not accept the goodness of God - 2:4

men who judge do not accept the goodness of God
God wants to show His mercy to all - Rom. 11:32-33
men who judge do not accept the forbearance of God
God provided salvation because of His forbearance - Rom. 3:25
men who judge do not accept the long-suffering of God
God is long-suffering to those who deserve judgment - Rom. 9:22-23
men need to see their need of repentance
God sent Christ to offer repentance to all people - Luke 19:5-10
God is longsuffering so that men can come to repentance - II Pet. 3:9

c. men who judge do so from a hard heart - 2:5

men with a hard heart face the wrath of God
God will return his evil to him - Is. 3:11
God searches the hearts and gives to every person according to his ways - Jer. 17:10
men with an impenitent heart face the wrath of God
God calls men to repent or there will be ruin - Ezek. 18:30
men with a sinful heart are not preparing for the judgment of God
God will reward all people according to their works - Matt. 16:26-27
God will judge all people according to their works - Rev. 20:12
men with a sinful heart will experience the righteous judgment of God
God will bring to light the hidden things of darkness - I Cor. 4:5
God says that we will reap as we sow - Gal. 6:7-8

3. man will receive either eternal life or eternal judgment - 2:6-11

a. God will judge each person according to his deeds - 2:6

every person will stand before the judgment seat of God - II Cor. 5:10
every unbeliever will be judged according to his works - Rev. 20:12

b. God will have a positive judgment for the righteous - 2:7

eternal life is the reward of those who seek God's glory
God has a reward for all who love his appearing - II Tim. 4:7-8
eternal life is the reward for those who seek God's honor
God has great reward for all who do His will - Heb. 10:35-36
God says to be patient as we wait for His coming - James 5:7-8
eternal life is the reward for those who seek immortality
God will give us immortality as we follow Him - I Cor. 15:51-58

c. God will have a negative judgment for the unrighteous 2:8-9

wrath will come on the
the wrath of God will come on all ungodliness - Rom. 1:18
wrath will come on those who do not obey the truth
the wrath of God will come on those who reject the truth - Eph. 5:6
wrath will come on the unrighteous
the wrath of God will come to those who trouble Christians - II Thess. 1:6
wrath will come on every soul that does evil
the wrath of God will come on every soul that sins - Ezek. 18:4
wrath will come on the Jews
the wrath of God will come on all Jews who reject Christ - Acts 13:45-46
wrath will come on the Gentiles
the wrath of God will come on all who do not obey the Gospel - I Pet. 4:17

d. God will reward all who follow what is good - 2:10

God will reward all who obey Him both Jews and Gentiles - Rom. 9:21-24
God justifies us by faith and gives us peace - Rom. 5:1

e. God does not show respect of persons - 2:11

God will reward people just as they sow - Gal. 6:7-8
God does not show respect of persons - Col. 3:25

4. man shows that the law is written in his heart - 2:12-16

a. man will be judged with or without the law - 2:12

those who do not have the law will perish without the law
the Gentiles show they have the law written in their hearts - Rom. 2:14-15
those who have the law will be judged by the law
the Jews will be judged by the law that they have broken - Rom. 2:23-24

b. man makes one of two responses to the law - 2:13

those who hear the law cannot be justified
those who hear the law and do not obey forget what they are - James 1:22-24
those who obey the law shall be justified
those who hear and obey will be blessed - James 1:25

c. man may not have the law in written form - 2:14

the Gentiles do not have the law
the law was given to the Jews - Rom. 3:1-2
the Gentiles by nature do the things contained in the law
the Gentiles have known about God from His creation - Rom. 1:19-20
the Gentiles have become a law unto themselves
the Gentiles know the judgment of God and still sin - Rom. 1:32

d. man has the law because of his conscience - 2:15

the Gentiles show the work of the law written in their hearts
Abimelech was guided by the integrity of his heart - Gen. 20:5
the Gentiles have a conscience that bears witness within them
all people are convicted by their own conscience - Gen. 3:7-11
the Gentiles may be accused by their thoughts
all people are accused by their thoughts at times - Eccl. 7:22
the Gentiles may excuse themselves in their thoughts

e. man will one day give account to God - 2:16

God will judge the secrets of the heart
God will reserve the unjust for the day of judgment - I Pet. 2:9
God will judge according to Christ
we will all give an account of ourselves to God - Rom. 14:8-10

D. Condemnation faces the Jew - 2:17-3:8

1. the Jews claimed to follow the law - 2:17-23

a. the Jews said that they knew God - 2:17

the Jews viewed themselves as the called of God
the Jews were called by the name of God - Is. 48:1-2
the Jews depended on keeping the law
the Jews made their boast in the law - Rom. 2:23
the Jews depended on the fact they were chosen by God
the Jews were chosen in the time of Abraham - Gen. 12:1-3

b. the Jews said they knew the will of God - 2:18

the Jews said they knew the will of God
the Jews had received the commandments at Mt. Sinai - Neh. 9:13-14
the Jews said they approved the things that were excellent
the Jews knew that they had the Scriptures - Rom. 15:4
the Jews said they were instructed out of the law
the Jews had been taught the law of God - Ps. 119:97-100, 105, 130

c. the Jews felt they could lead those in darkness - 2:19

the Jews felt that they were a guide to the blind
Jesus said that they were blind guides - Matt. 15:12-14
Jesus said that they were blind because of their sin - John 9:40-41
the Jews felt that they were a light to those in darkness
God had called the Jews to be a light to the nations - Is. 49:6

d. the Jews felt they could instruct those without the law - 2:20

the Jews felt they could instruct the foolish
the Jews had been told that they would learn from others - Is. 28:9-13
the Jews felt that they could teach the babes
the Jews had become dull of hearing themselves - Heb. 5:11-13
the Jews felt that they had the right form of knowledge
the Jews had a form of godliness - II Tim. 3:5
the Jews felt that they had the truth of the law
the Jews taught the law but forgot justice, mercy and faith - Matt. 23:23-24

e. the Jews felt they could teach others - 2:21

the Jews were teaching others

the Jews were teaching others in their wickedness - Ps. 50:16-20

the Jews were teaching the law but not following it - Matt. 23:3

the Jews were putting heavy loads on others - Luke 11:46

the Jews were failing to teach themselves

the Jews knew the Lord's will but were not doing it - Luke 12:47

the Jews did not keep the law that they taught - Gal. 6:13

the Jews were preaching to others

the Jews were teaching for their own gain - Micah 3:11

the Jews were doing what they preached against

the Jews were committing every kind of sin - Ezek. 22:23-29

the Jews had made the temple a den of thieves - Matt. 21:13

the Jews would try to cover their sins with prayers - Matt. 23:14

f. the Jews did not practice what they taught - 2:22

the Jews would preach against adultery

the Jews tried to show they were against adultery - John 8:4-6

the Jews were at the same time committing adultery

the Jews had become a people full of adultery - Jer. 9:2

the Jews were committing every form of adultery - Ezek. 22:10-11

the Jews were described as an adulterous generation by Christ - Matt. 12:39

the Jews were described as adulterers by James - James 4:4

the Jews said that they hated idols

the Jews would not allow people to carry things through the temple - Mark 11:16

the Jews were at the same time worshiping other things

the Jews at the same time had made the temple a den of thieves - Mark 11:17

g. the Jews were actually breaking the law they taught - 2:23

the Jews were boasting in the law

the Jews were resting in the law - Rom. 2:17

the Jews had been given the law and the promises - Rom. 9:4-5

some Jews even claimed that they were keeping the law - Matt. 19:17-20

some Jews tried to justify themselves - Rom. 1:25-29

the Jews were dishonoring God by breaking the law

the Jews had rejected the law they taught - Jer. 9:8-9, 9:13-14

the Jews would be condemned by the law they claimed to follow - John 5:45

the Jews were hearers but not doers - James 1:22

2. the Jews did not keep the law - 2:24-27

a. the Jews caused the Gentiles to blaspheme Christ - 2:24

the Gentiles were blaspheming the name of Christ
the name of God was blasphemed among the nations - Ezek. 36:20-23
the Gentiles were blaspheming because of the Jews
those who ruled over the Jews blasphemed God - Is. 52:5
those who judged Israel blasphemed God - Lam. 2:14

b. the Jews broke the law themselves - 2:25

circumcision is profitable for those who keep the law
the Jews had been given the law of God - Rom. 3:2
Abraham received the sign of circumcision by faith - Rom. 4:11-12
true circumcision is circumcision of the heart - Deut. 30:6
circumcision is not profitable for those who break the law
the Jews had not circumcised their hearts and faced judgment - Jer. 4:4
circumcision becomes uncircumcision to those who break the law
the person who depends on circumcision must keep the whole law - Gal. 5:3-6
the Jews were dishonoring God by breaking the law - Rom. 2:23
the Jews were uncircumcised both in heart and in ears - Acts 7:51

c. the Gentiles sometimes lived better lives than the Jews - 2:26

there are some who obey God who do not have the law
the Lord promised to bless the foreigners who served Him - Is. 56:6-7
Christ said many Gentiles would sit down in the kingdom of heaven - Matt. 8:11-12
there are some whose obedience is counted as circumcision
Cornelius and his entire household were Gentiles who feared God - Acts 10:2-4
Cornelius and his household were accepted by God - Acts 10:34-35; 11:3-18

d. the Gentiles actually showed the necessity for judgment for the Jews - 2:27

the Gentiles are uncircumcision by nature
the Gentiles did not have the law and the covenants - Rom. 3:2
the Gentiles who obey the law judge the Jews
the people of Ninevah would judge the Jews - Matt. 12:41
the Gentiles judge those who have the law and are circumcised
the queen of Sheba will rise in judgment against the Jews - Matt. 12:42
(see also - 1 Kings 10:1)

3. the Jews needed a changed inner life - 2:28-29

a. the Jews were depending on circumcision - 2:28

a true Jew is not a Jew because of his family history

many Jews depended on the fact they were descendents of Abraham - Matt. 3:9

many Jews depended on the fact that they came from Isaac - Rom. 9:6-8

many Jews depended on the fact that they offered sacrifices - Is. 1:9-15

many Jews depended on the fact that they used the name of God - Is. 48:1-2

many Jews are not the true people of God - Hosea 1:6-9

a true Jew is not a Jew because of circumcision

Abraham believed God long before he was circumcised - Rom. 4:10-12

God said that the Jews were uncircumcised in heart - Jer. 9:26

Christ said that true believers would do the works of Abraham - John 8:37-39

Christ looks not at circumcision but at those who are new creatures - Gal. 6:15

b. the Jews needed to have their hearts circumcised - 2:29a

God looks on the heart not the outward appearance - I Sam. 16:7

God is the One who tests the heart - I Chron. 29:17

God is looking for Jews who have a clean heart - Ps. 73:1

God called Israel to wash her heart from wickedness - Jer. 4:14

God called Israel to circumcise their hearts - Deut. 10:16

God promised to one day circumcise the hearts of Israel - Deut. 30:6

c. the Jews needed to be circumcised in their spirits - 2:29b

God said people can look beautiful on the outside and be dead inside - Matt. 23:25-28

God is looking for inner beauty - Prov. 31:30; I Pet. 1:3-4

Christ said the Pharisees were full of wickedness on the inside - Luke 11:39

Christ said that true worship comes from the spirit - John 4:23

God sees a gentle and quiet spirit as precious - I Pet. 3:4

d. the Jews needed to seek the praise of God - 2:29c

the Jews were seeking the praise of men instead of the praise of God - John 12:43

God wants all people to walk in resurrection life - Col. 2:11-12

God wants all people to seek the honor that comes from God - John 5:44

God will reveal the inner heart of every man who has praise of God - I Cor. 4:5

God is the One whose approval we should seek - II Cor. 10:18

God is the One whom we are to please because He tests the hearts - I Thess. 2:4

4. the Jews had the benefit of the Word of God - 3:1-4

a. the Jews were asked if they had any advantages - 3:1

the Jews had many advantages

the Jews had been given the law - Rom. 2:25-29
the Jews had been given the sacrifices to show a right heart - Is. 1:11-15
the Jews had received the ordinances of God - Mal. 3:14
the Jews had turned from all of these things to strange doctrines - Heb. 13:9
the Jews did have benefits from circumcision
they carried on the blessing promised to Abraham - Gen. 12:1-3

b. the Jews were told why they had advantages - 3:2

the Jews had received many different benefits

God did not cast away the people He foreknew - Rom. 11:1-2
God promises to bless the Jews again in the future - Rom. 11:23-27
the Jews had received the oracles (Word) of God
God was near His people and gave them the Word - Deut. 4:7-8
God revealed the meaning of His laws through Moses - Neh. 9:13-14

c. the Jews did not make God unfaithful by their unbelief - 3:3

unbelief was present in some of the Jews

many of the Jews did not obey the Gospel - Rom. 10:16
unbelief by some did not change the faithfulness of God
God always kept a group in Israel who were faithful - Rom. 11:1-7
God says that He will never forget Israel - Is. 54:9-10
God says that His Word will accomplish what He pleases - Is. 55:11

d. the Jews had the truth of God available to them - 3:4

God is the One who is true in all things

God is the One who makes us dead to sin - Rom. 6:2, 15
God knows that every man is a liar
God is the only one who is true - II Cor. 1:18
God is justified in His words
God has no unrighteousness in Him - Rom. 9:14
God overcomes when others try to judge Him
God is the One who is justified when He speaks - Ps. 51:4

5. the Jews would be judged by the Word of God - 3:5-8

a. God is the One who will judge - 3:5

our unrighteousness reveals the righteousness of God

God can be just and also the justifier of all who believe - Rom. 3:25-26
God will one day deliver all creation from the results of sin - Rom. 8:20-21

our unrighteousness requires God to take vengeance

God is the One to whom all vengeance belongs - Rom. 12:19
God will take vengeance on all who obey not the Gospel - II Thess. 1:6-8

b. God is not unrighteous to judge - 3:6

God is not unrighteous in what He does

God does not pervert justice and righteousness - Job 8:3

God is the One who must judge the world

God is the One who will judge the world in righteousness - Ps. 9:8; 98:9
God is the One who will judge the wicked - Ps. 11:5-7

c. God is the source of truth - 3:7

God is the One who is truth

God is the One who is true - Rom. 3:4
Jesus is the One who is Truth - John 14:6
Jesus said that the truth will set us free - John 8:32

God may even receive glory from our lie

God received glory even when Joseph's brothers lied - Gen. 50:15-21

God must still judge us as a sinner

God did judge Joseph's brothers when they lied - Gen. 37:31-33; 44:1-14
God will judge all unbelievers according to their works - Rev. 20:12-13

d. God shows that condemnation is just - 3:8

Paul was having people give false reports about him

Paul was often misunderstood even by Christians - II Cor. 7:2

Paul was accused of telling people to do evil

some accused Paul of encouraging people to continue in sin - Rom. 6:1

Paul was accused of suggesting doing evil to bring good

Paul said that the accusation was totally false - Rom. 6:2

Paul said that the judgment of such people is just

Paul said those who resist God will receive judgment - Rom. 13:2

E. Condemnation faces all men - 3:9-20

1. all men are guilty of sin - 3:9

no one is better than others

God has shown that all are in unbelief - Rom. 11:32

God has shown that all come short of the glory of God - Rom. 3:23

all Jews are guilty of sin

the Jews neither see nor hear - Rom. 11:7-8

all Gentiles are guilty of sin

the whole world turned away from God - Rom. 1:21-23

2. all men are declared guilty by the Word of God - 3:10-18

a. no one is righteous - 3:10

God says there is none that are righteous

God says that all have sinned - Rom. 3:23

God says we were all dead in our trespasses and sins - Eph. 2:1

God says there is not even one righteous person

we were given the law to show that we are all sinners - I Tim. 1:9-10

we were all controlled by sin at one time - Titus 3:3

b. no one seeks after God - 3:11

God says that there is no one who understands

men depended on human wisdom and became fools - Rom. 1:22

God says there is no one who seeks after God

men have all gone astray and followed their own way - Is. 53:6

men are told to seek the Lord while He may be found - Is. 55:6

c. no one does good - 3:12

God says that all have turned aside

God says the people have all turned aside - Ps. 14:2-4

the people did not turn to God - Is. 9:13

the people have all walked in a way that is not good - Is. 65:2

God says that all have become unprofitable

the people have closed both their heart and their ears - Matt. 13:14-15

God says there is no one that does good

God says that all of our righteousness are like filthy rags - Is. 64:6

d. no one walks in the ways of God - 3:13-18

1) they speak words that destroy - 3:13

their throat is an open tomb
there is no faithfulness in their speech - Ps. 5:9
their tongues practice deceit
they speak flattery and words of pride - Ps. 12:3
their lips are filled with poison
they speak words of iniquity and deceit - Ps. 36:3
they speak words to deceive and destroy - Ps. 52:2

2) they speak words that are full of bitterness - 3:14

their mouth is full of cursing
their words are full of cursing - Ps. 10:7
their mouth is full of bitterness
their words show the bitterness in their hearts - Heb. 12:15

3) they are quick to kill - 3:15

they are quick to kill and destroy - Prov. 1:16
they plan evil deeds in their hearts - Prov. 6:18

4) they are quick to destroy - 3:16

destruction is a main thing in their lives
their actions cause others to become brokenhearted - Luke 4:18
misery is a main thing in their lives
they experience a life of misery - James 5:1

5) they do not know the way of peace - 3:17

there is no peace for the wicked - Is. 57:21
they do not know the way of peace - Is. 59:8
they will only find peace through Christ - Rom. 5:12

6) they do not fear God - 3:18

they do not have a fear of God - Ps. 36:1
the fear of the Lord will cause people to turn from evil - Prov. 16:6

3. all men stand guilty before God - 3:19-20

a. all the world is guilty before God - 3:19

the law has a message for all people

the law was given by God to all through the Jews - Rom. 3:2

the law is written in the hearts of all people - Rom. 2:12-16

the law speaks to all who are under the law

we were all under the law until faith came - Gal. 3:23

Christ had to come to redeem us from the law - Gal. 4:5

the law will silence every mouth

the law reveals the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:18-21

the law shows that every man is a liar - Rom. 3:4

the law leaves all people without excuse - Rom. 1:20

the law will speak to the whole world

the law shows that all are condemned - Rom. 2:1

the law shows that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God - Rom. 3:23

the law will show that all are guilty before God

the law shows that no one can glory in the presence of God - I Cor. 1:27-29

the law shows that all are under sin - Rom. 3:9

the law shows that all are guilty before God - Gal. 3:10

the law helps people to realize they must come to Christ in faith - Gal. 3:22

b. all people can know sin by the law - 3:20

the law does not make a person do what is right

the law shows a person must be justified apart from the law - Rom. 3:28

the law would require perfect obedience in order to justify - Rom. 2:13

the law becomes a stumbling stone to all who do not believe - Rom. 9:32

the law does not justify us in the sight of God

the law cannot justify us in the sight of God - Acts 13:39

the law will not justify a single person - Gal. 2:16

those who seek to be justified by the law have rejected grace - Gal. 5:4

the law helps us to know that we have sinned

the law helps us to know we have sinned - Rom. 7:7-9

the law helps us to know we are guilty of all - James 2:9-10

the law means that no one can stand - Ps. 130:3; 143:2

the law helps us to know we must be redeemed by Christ - Gal. 3:10-13

the law helps us to know we must be saved by grace - Eph. 2:8-9

the law helps us to know we must be justified by grace - Titus 3:5-7

the law helps us to know we must be redeemed through Christ - Rom. 3:24

II. God shows that justification is available to all men - 3:21-5:21

A. Righteousness does not come through the law - 3:21-31

1. man must receive righteousness apart from the law - 3:21-23

a. the righteousness of God is apart from the law - 3:21

the righteousness of God has been revealed apart from the law

that righteousness was revealed by the obedience of Christ - Rom. 5:19-21

that righteousness is available for all who believe in Christ - Rom. 10:3-4

the righteousness of God was proclaimed in the Pentateuch

that righteousness was accounted to Abraham when he believed - Gen. 15:6

the righteousness of God was proclaimed in the prophets

Isaiah said that the righteousness of God came from God - Is. 57:12

Isaiah said that God covers us with a robe of righteousness - Is. 61:10

Jeremiah said that God would raise up a Branch of Righteousness - Jer. 23:5-6

Jeremiah said that Christ would be named:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS - Jer. 33:16

Daniel said that God would bring everlasting righteousness - Dan. 9:24

b. the righteousness of God is received by faith - 3:22

the righteousness of God is received by faith in Christ

we are declared righteous by God through Christ - Rom. 5:1

the righteousness of God is available to all who believe

this righteousness is given to all who call upon Christ - Rom. 10:9-13

the righteousness of God does not discriminate

the righteousness of God is imputed apart from works - Rom. 4:6, 11

the righteousness of God is available to all - Gal. 3:25-29

c. the righteousness of God is necessary because all have sinned - 3:23

the righteousness of God is needed because all have sinned

God has shown that all are under sin - Rom. 3:9

God has shown that all the world is guilty before Him - Rom. 3:19

God has shown that we deceive ourselves if we say we have not sinned - I John 1:8-10

the righteousness of God is needed because all have come short of God's glory

God has shown that all have come short of His glory - Rom. 1:28-2:1

God has shown all guilty of unbelief so He can show mercy to all - Rom. 11:32

God has shown through the Scripture that all are under sin - Rom. 3:22

God causes us to obtain His glory through Christ - II Thess. 2:13-14

2. man is justified by the blood of Christ - 3:24-26

a. God justified us freely by His grace - 3:24

we were freely justified by His grace

we have been made righteous as a free gift - Rom. 5:16-19

we were saved by grace and not by works - Eph. 2:8-10

we were justified by His grace and not by our works - Titus 3:5-7

we were justified through the redemption that is in Christ

we were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - I Cor. 6:11

we have been redeemed from all iniquity by Christ - Titus 2:14

we have received eternal redemption through Christ - Heb. 9:2-14

we were redeemed through the precious blood of Christ - I Pet. 1:18-19

b. God was satisfied with the payment that Christ made for sin - 3:25

God provided Christ to be our propitiation

God had predicted through the prophets that Christ would suffer - Acts 3:18

God sent Christ through whom mercy was provided - Heb. 9:5, 14

God provides propitiation through faith in the blood of Christ

God sent Christ to be the propitiation for our sins - I John 4:10

God says that we are justified by his blood - Rom. 5:9

God says that we have peace with Him through that justification- Rom. 5:1

God declares Christ's righteousness as that which satisfied

God provided Christ to be the propitiation for the whole world - I John 2:1-2

God forgives us for the sins that we have committed

God gives us redemption and forgiveness of sin - Eph. 1:7

God does this through His forbearance

God shows His riches through His forbearance - Rom. 2:4

c. God is both just and our justifier - 3:26

God is the one who is righteous

God is just and righteous - Deut. 32:4

God must be just in order to be righteous

God is the only one who is just and righteous - Is. 45:21

God is righteous when He justifies those who believe in Jesus

God justifies those who come to Christ - Acts 13:38-39

God counts our faith for righteousness - Rom. 4:5

God has justified us and no one can condemn us - Rom. 8:33-39

God says that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law - Gal. 3:13

3. man has no reason to boast - 3:27-31

a. God says that the law of faith excludes boasting - 3:27

God says that boasting is excluded

God has stopped every mouth by showing all are guilty - Rom. 3:19

God says that boasting is not excluded by the law

we cannot boast about something we have received - I Cor. 4:7

God says that boasting is not excluded by works

we cannot boast about any of our works - Eph. 2:8-9

God says that boasting is excluded by faith

we can only have life because God has given it to us - I John 5:11-12

b. God justifies us apart from the law - 3:28

God says we are justified by faith

we have been justified by believing on Him - Rom. 4:5

we have been justified through the work of Christ - Rom. 8:3-4

God says we are justified apart from the deeds of the law

we have been justified by faith apart from the law - Rom. 3:20-22

c. God is the God of both the Jews and the Gentiles - 3:29

God is the God of the Jews

God is the God of the Jews - Rom. 1:16

God is also the God of the Gentiles

God is the God of the Gentiles - Rom. 9:24-26; 11:12-13; 15:9-13

d. God justifies all people through faith - 3:30

God justifies the Jews by faith

God justified Abraham by faith before the law came - Rom. 4:9-12

God justifies the Gentiles through faith

God promised to justify the Gentiles through faith - Gal. 3:8-9

e. God says we establish the law through faith - 3:31

Faith does not make the law void

the law is what caused us to know the need for faith - Rom. 7:7-14

Faith establishes the law

faith changes our fruit from the deeds of the flesh to the fruit of the Spirit-Gal. 5:18-23

B. Righteousness does not come through works - 4:1-25

1. Abraham's faith did not come through works - 4:1-8

a. righteousness is put to our account when we believe - 4:1-3

1) Abraham is the father of those who believe - 4:1

Abraham was the father of the Jews

the Jews depended on the fact that Abraham was their father - Luke 3:8
the Jews depended on the fact that they were descendents of Abraham - John 8:33
the Jews, however, did not do the works of Abraham - John 8:37-41
the Jews had been given the word of salvation - Acts 13:26

Abraham was their father in the flesh

the Jews were the physical descendents of Abraham - II Cor. 11:22
the promises of God were to more than just the physical descendents - Rom. 4:16

2) Abraham was not justified by works - 4:2

Abraham was not declared to be righteous on the basis of works

God justifies all people apart from the law - Rom. 3:27-28

Abraham was not one who gloried in his own efforts

God says that we are not to glory in ourselves - Jer. 9:23-24

God says we are to glory in Christ - Rom. 15:17

God says we are to only boast in the cross of Christ - Gal. 6:13-14

Abraham did not have glory in himself before God

Abraham had actually lied about his wife - Gen. 12:12-13, 18

Abraham came from a family that served idols - Josh. 24:2

Abraham, like all others, was under sin - Gal. 3:22

3) Abraham was justified because he believed God - 4:3

Abraham had his choices described in Scripture

Abraham chose to obey God by faith - Heb. 11:8-10

Abraham made the choice to believe in God

Abraham had righteousness put to his account because he believed God - Gen. 15:6

Abraham had that choice put to his account as righteousness

Abraham became the father of all who receive righteousness by faith - Gal. 3:6-9

Abraham became the friend of God because he believed - James 2:23

Abraham received circumcision as a seal of that righteousness - Rom. 4:9-11

b. righteousness is received by faith - 4:4-5

1) we earn what we receive when we work - 4:4

when we work we receive a reward (wages)

we expect wages when we have been hired - Matt. 20:2

when we work that reward is not based on grace

a reward cannot be based on both works and grace - Rom. 11:6

the Jews stumbled at the idea of receiving righteousness by faith - Rom. 9:32

the Jews did not understand that the riches of God are so great - Rom. 11:33-36

salvation is a gift given totally by grace - Eph. 2:8-9

when we work the reward is based on debt

a debt is to be paid when we have worked - Matt. 20:1-10

2) we must believe when we do not work - 4:5

salvation is not based on works

we must receive the righteousness of God by faith - Rom. 3:22

we cannot be justified by the law - Gal. 2:16-17

we are under a curse when we depend on the law - Gal. 3:10-12

we are justified by faith and have access by faith - Rom. 5:1-2

salvation is based on believing in Christ

we must believe in Christ who was delivered for our offences - Rom. 4:24-25

we must submit ourselves to the righteousness of God - Rom. 10:3

we must believe with our heart that God raised Christ from the dead - Rom. 10:9-10

we are redeemed from the curse of the law through Christ - Gal. 3:13-14

we receive the righteousness of God through faith in Christ - Phil. 3:9

we know that Christ came into the world to save sinners - I Tim. 1:13-15

salvation means that God justifies the ungodly

God sent Christ to die for us while we were still in our sins - Rom. 5:6-8

God then justifies us through the blood of Christ - Rom. 5:9

God then reconciles us by the death of His Son - Rom. 5:10-11

God justifies us through Christ - Acts 13:38-39

God washed, sanctified and justified us through Christ - I Cor. 6:9-11

God justifies us by faith in Christ - Gal. 2:16-17

salvation means that faith is counted for righteousness

God promised that the just would live by faith - Hab. 2:4

the gospel reveals the righteousness of God - Rom. 1:16-17

Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness - Gal. 3:6

Abraham provided the model for both Jews and Gentiles - Rom. 4:10-11

Abraham provided the example for our imputed righteousness - Rom. 4:22-24

c. righteousness means sin is no longer put to our account - 4:6-8

1) God imputes righteousness apart from works - 4:6

David described how God blesses man

God blesses the man who walks in His ways - Ps. 1:1-3

God blesses the man who fears Him and obeys His commandments - Ps. 112:1

God blesses the man whose hope is in the Lord - Ps. 145:5-6

God blesses those who humbled themselves before Him - Matt. 5:3-12

God blesses us with all spiritual blessings - Eph. 1:3

David said that God imputes righteousness to man

God imputed (put to his account) righteousness to Abraham - Rom. 4:9

God imputes faith to the Gentiles just like He did to Abraham - Gal. 3:8-9

God made Christ sin so that we could receive Christ's righteousness - II Cor. 5:21

David said God imputes righteousness apart from works

God imputed this righteousness through Christ's obedience - Rom. 5:18-19

God imputed this righteousness apart from works - Rom. 3:20-21

God saved us by grace through faith without any works - Eph. 2:8-9

God saved us and called us apart from works - II Tim. 1:9

2) God gives blessing by forgiving our sins - 4:7

David said that those are blessed who have their sins forgiven

God blots out our iniquities and creates in us a clean heart - Ps. 51:8-9

God forgives the iniquity of his people - Ps. 85:2

God forgives the sins of those who fear Him - Ps. 130:3-5

David said that those are blessed who have their sins covered

God blesses us by covering our sins - Ps. 32:1-2

God pardons the iniquity of His people - Is. 40:1-2

God cleanses from sin and pardons our iniquity - Jer. 33:8-9

God casts all of our sins into the depths of the sea - Micah 7:18-20

3) God chooses not to impute sin to those who believe - 4:8

David described the person who is blessed

God bruised and afflicted Christ for us and in that blessed us - Is. 53:10-12

God reconciled us and gave us the ministry of reconciliation - II Cor. 5:19-20

God put our sins to the account of Christ - Philemon 18-19

David said we are blessed when God does not impute sin to us

Christ bore our sins in His own body - I Pet. 2:24

Christ suffered for us, the just for the unjust - I Pet. 3:18

2. Abraham's faith did not come through circumcision - 4::9-12

a. Abraham was called righteous because of faith - 4:9

this blessedness came to the Jews

God called the Jews and also the Gentiles - Rom. 9:23-24

this blessedness also came to the Gentiles

God is the God both of the Jews and the Gentiles - Rom. 3:29-30

God is rich to all who call upon Him - Rom. 10:12-13

God chose to bring blessing to the Gentiles - Rom. 15:8-19

this blessedness came to Abraham because of faith

God chose to bring this same blessing on the Gentiles - Gal. 3:14, 26-28

b. Abraham did not receive faith by circumcision - 4:10

the faith of Abraham was not based on circumcision

God promised blessing to Abraham long before he was circumcised - Gen. 15:5-6

the faith of Abraham was many years before circumcision

God had Abraham circumcised many years later - Gen. 16:1-3; 17:1-10,23-27

God said that circumcision is not the key - I Cor. 7:18-19; Gal. 5:6, 6:15

c. Abraham was circumcised long after he had faith - 4:11

Abraham did receive the sign of circumcision

Abraham received circumcision when he was 99 years old - Gen. 17:10

Abraham received circumcision as a seal of the faith he already had

Abraham had shown his faith in God when he left Haran at 75 - Gen.12:1-4

Abraham became a father to all who believed

Abraham was promised descendents as innumerable as the sand - Heb. 11:8-12

Abraham had righteousness imputed to him so he could be a father to all

Abraham is a father to all who are of faith - Gal. 3:7, 29

d. Abraham became a father to all who have faith - 4:12

Abraham became a father to the circumcised

Abraham was the physical father to all the descendents of Isaac - Rom. 9:6-7

Abraham was claimed as father by all of the Jews - John 8:39-40

Abraham became a father to all who follow his faith

Abraham is a father to all who are children of promise - Gal. 4:22-31

Abraham had that faith and we are to walk in his steps

Abraham gave us an example of how to walk in the steps of Christ - I Pet. 2:21

3. Abraham's faith did not come through the Law - 4:13-15

a. Abraham received the promises by faith - 4:13

Abraham did not become heir of the world through the law

Abraham became the heir because of the promise of God - Gen. 12:3

Abraham was promised he would be the father of many nations - Gen. 17:4-5

Abraham was promised many descendants because of his obedience - Gen. 22:17

the seed of Abraham did not become an heir through the law

Jacob received the same promise from God - Gen. 28:14-15

Judah was promised that Shiloh (Christ) would come - Gen. 49:10

God promised Christ the nations as an inheritance - Ps. 2:8

Abraham became an heir through the righteousness of faith

Abraham lived several hundred years before the law was even given - Gal. 4:16-18

b. Abraham did not depend on the law - 4:14

if people become heirs through the law, faith is made void

Abraham is the father of us all because of his faith - Rom. 4:16

Christ would have died in vain if righteousness came through the law - Gal. 2:21

God says that the law makes nothing perfect - Heb. 7:19

God says the law is based on weakness but Christ on perfection - Heb. 7:28

if people become heirs through the law, the promises have no effect

Abraham received the inheritance by promise not by the law - Gal. 3:18-24

God accomplishes what He pleases just through His word - Is. 55:11

c. Abraham did not face the wrath of the law - 4:15

the law will always bring wrath (judgment)

the law shows that wrath is being stored up for the hard heart - Rom. 2:5-6

the law showed that sin abounds and brings death - Rom. 5:20-21

the law shows sin and it produces all kinds of evil desires - Rom. 7:7-11

the law brought promised judgment for disobedience - Deut. 29:20-28

the law promised great wrath to all who did not obey - II Kings 22:13

the law when broken will always bring wrath - Eph. 5:6; Col 3:6

the law is what reveals our transgressions (sin)

the law shows that all men are guilty before God - Rom. 3:19-20

the law caused sin to be imputed - Rom. 5:13

the law produces sin and the sting of death - I Cor. 15:56

the law produces a ministry of death - II Cor. 3:7-9

the law brings a curse for everyone who does not obey - Gal. 3:10

4. Abraham's faith was in the promise of God - 4:16-25

a. God gave Abraham a promise - 4:16-18

1) Abraham was a father to all who believe by faith - 4:16

justification is through faith by grace

God gives us the faith to be justified by grace - Eph. 2:8

God justifies us freely by His grace - Rom. 3:24-26

God justifies us by faith and gives us His peace - Rom. 5:1

justification is through grace so that the promise is made sure to all

God made us alive in Christ by faith when we were dead in sin - Eph. 2:5

justification is not just to those who are under the law

God has shown all under sin so that all can receive the promise by faith - Gal. 3:22

justification means that Abraham is a father to all who have faith

God justifies us by faith and makes us sons of Abraham - Gal. 3:7-12

God justifies us by faith and makes us heirs of eternal life - Titus 3:7

2) Abraham was a father to many nations - 4:17

God made Abraham a father to many nations

God promised Abraham he would be the father of many nations - Gen. 17:4-5

God is the One who gives life to the dead

God gives life to those who are dead - John 5:25

God made Christ a life giving Spirit - I Cor. 15:45

God gives us life through His Spirit - John 6:63

God is able to call things which are not as though they were

God is able to make those who are not His people sons of the living God - Rom. 9:26

God has chosen the things which are not - I Cor. 1:28

God made those who were not a people the people of God - I Pet. 2:10

3) Abraham was a man of both faith and hope - 4:18

Abraham believed because he had hope

God looks for that same hope in each of us - Rom. 8:24-25

God is the One who gives us a perfect hope - Acts 27:25

Abraham became the father of many nations

God promised Abraham that Sarah would be the mother of many nations - Gen. 17:16

Abraham had the promise of God fulfilled through him

God promised Abraham he would be the father of many nations - Gen. 15:5

God brought an unnumbered multitude from Abraham - Heb. 7:12

b. God saw Abraham believe the promise - 4:19-22

1) Abraham did not consider the impossibility of having a child - 4:19

Abraham was not weak in faith

Abraham gives us an example of the kind of faith we need - Matt:8:26

Abraham gives us a much different example than Thomas - John 20:27

Abraham did not think about the impossibility of him having a child

Abraham was ready to believe God that he would have a child - Gen. 17:17-22

Abraham did not think about the impossibility of Sarah having a child

Abraham and Sarah were far past child bearing age - Gen. 18:11-14

Abraham and Sarah saw God honor their faith - Heb. 11:11-12

2) Abraham had a strong faith in God - 4:20

Abraham did not stagger at the promise of God

God is always looking for people who will believe His promises - Luke 1:45

Abraham did not have unbelief at the promise of God

God saw Abraham walk by faith because he believed God's promises - Heb. 11:8-13

Abraham was strong in faith

God wants us to stand fast in faith also - I Cor. 16:13; II Tim. 2:1

Abraham gave glory to God

God wants us to recognize He is our strength and give Him glory - II Cor. 12:9-10

3) Abraham believed that God would do what he promised - 4:21

Abraham had a firm persuasion in his mind

God is looking for all of us to have the same persuasion - II Tim. 1:12

Abraham believed the promise of God

God gave Abraham a promise that he would have a son- Gen. 18:14

Abraham knew God was able to keep His promise

God demonstrated the faith of Abraham by asking him to offer Isaac - Heb. 11:17-19

God wants us to know that all things are possible with Him - Matt. 19:26

God wants us to know He will keep His promises to us - II Cor. 9:8

4) Abraham had his faith imputed for righteousness - 4:22

Abraham saw God put faith to his account

God accounted the faith of Abraham as righteousness - Rom. 4:3

Abraham had his faith counted as righteousness

Abraham believed God and it was put to his account as righteousness - Rom. 4:3-8

c. God wants us to believe His promise - 4:23-25

1) God did not write about Abraham just for Abraham - 4:23

God did not write just for the the sake of Abraham

God wrote all that was written before for our learning - Rom. 15:4

God wrote for our sakes so we can be partners in hope - I Cor. 9:10

God wrote all that was written for our admonition - I Cor. 10:6, 11

God wrote all Scripture to bring us to maturity - II Tim. 3:16-17

God did not impute righteousness just for the sake of Abraham

God also imputed righteousness to Abraham for our sakes - Rom. 3:24

2) God wrote about Abraham for our sakes also - 4:24

God wrote about Abraham for our sakes also

God gave His promise to Israel and to all who are far off (the Gentiles) - Acts 2:39

God wrote because He has imputed righteousness to us also

God says we are blessed because He has imputed righteousness to us - Rom. 4:6-8

God does not impute trespasses to those who have believed in Christ - II Cor. 5:19

God imputed that righteousness when we believed on Him who raised Christ

God says we become the children of Abraham at the time of faith - Gal. 3:6

God raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead

God promises eternal life to all who believe in the resurrection - John 3:14-16

God raised Christ from the dead and gave Him glory - I Pet. 1:18-21

3) God delivered Christ and raised Him for us - 4:25

Christ was delivered for our offences

God delivered up Christ as a propitiation for us - Rom. 3:24-25

God sent Christ to die for the ungodly - Rom. 5:6-8

God sent Christ to condemn sin in the flesh - Rom. 8:3

God delivered up Christ so He could freely give us all things - Rom. 8:32

God laid all of our iniquities on Christ and was satisfied - Is. 53:5-6, 11-12

Christ was raised for our justification

Christ was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures - I Cor. 15:3-4

Christ became sin for us so we could receive His righteousness - II Cor. 5:21

Christ became a curse for us so that we might receive the blessing - Gal. 3:13-14

Christ gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed - Titus 2:14

Christ gave Himself so that we could live in righteousness - I Pet. 2:24

Christ suffered for us as the just for the unjust - I Pet. 3:18

Christ was the propitiation for our sins - I John 2:2; 4:9-10

C. Righteousness has many benefits - 5:1-11

1. justification gives us peace and access - 5:1-2

a. God has changed our lives - 5:1

God has justified us by faith

God puts righteousness to our account because of faith - Rom. 4:9

God says that the just shall live by faith - Rom. 1:17

God reveals that His righteousness is apart from the law - Rom. 3:21-22

God is both just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus - Rom. 3:26-28

God says the one who believes has his faith counted for righteousness - Rom. 4:5

God has given us peace with Himself

God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ - Rom. 5:10

God wants to fill us with all joy and peace - Rom. 15:13

God is the God of peace and He is with us - Rom. 15:33

God has done this through our Lord Jesus Christ

God reconciled us to Himself and made us one in Christ - Eph. 2:14-18

God reconciled us and made peace through the blood of the cross - Col. 1:20-22

God reconciled us and gave us the ministry of reconciliation - II Cor. 5:18-20

God raised Christ from the dead and made Him the Great Shepherd - Heb. 13:20

b. God has given us access to Himself - 5:2

God has given us access by faith

Christ is the door of the sheep - John 10:7, 9

Christ is the way by which we come to the Father - John 14:6

Christ made it possible for the Gentiles to have a door of faith opened - Acts 14:27

Christ gave us access to the Father by faith - Eph. 3:11-12

Christ makes it possible for us to come into the presence of the Father - Heb. 10:19-20

God has given us access into this grace in which we stand

Christ made it so that we have access by one Spirit to the Father - Eph. 2:18

God showed His love to us and made us His children - I John 3:1-3

God has provided us an eternal inheritance with Him - I Pet. 1:3-9

God wants us to flee to Him for refuge and to lay hold of our hope - Heb. 6:18

God causes us to rejoice in hope of the glory of God

God has given us a hope by His love - Rom. 5:5

God has saved us by hope - Rom. 8:24

God causes us to rejoice in hope - Rom. 12:12

God is the God of hope who fills us with joy and peace - Rom. 15:13

God says we will see the glory of the Lord - II Cor. 3:18; 4:17

2. justification gives us hope - 5:3-5

a. God helps us to understand tribulation - 5:3

God also helps us learn to rejoice in tribulation

God says that we are more than conquerors even in tribulation - Rom. 8:35-37
God says that we can look forward to reward when we are persecuted - Matt. 5:10-12

God will cause us to rejoice when we suffer for His name - Acts 5:41

God says we can rejoice even in suffering for Christ's sake - II Cor. 12:9-10

God uses our tribulations for a purpose

God uses our tribulations to develop patience - James 1:2-4

God uses our tribulations to bring blessing - I Pet. 3:14-15

God uses our sufferings to make us strong in our weakness - II Cor. 12:9-10

God works through tribulation to produce perseverance

God gives us the privilege to suffer for His sake - Phil. 1:29

God says we can rejoice as we labor for Him - Phil. 2:16-18

God uses our suffering to give us an eternal viewpoint - II Cor. 4:17-18

b. God causes us to grow through what we experience - 5:4

God uses perseverance to develop proven character

God uses our sufferings to develop character and ministry - II Cor. 1:3-6

God uses our sufferings to develop the character of Christ in us - II Cor. 4:8-12

God uses our sufferings to change our values - II Cor. 6:9-10

God uses proven character to develop our hope

hope is based on the resurrection of Christ - I Cor. 15:19-23

hope is based on the return of Christ - I Thess. 4:13-18

c. God causes us to be filled with the love of God - 5:5

God says that hope does not disappoint

those who trust in the Lord will not be ashamed - Is. 45:16-17

those who have their hope in the Lord will be like a fruitful tree - Jer. 17:5-8

God helps us to know the love of God poured out in our hearts

God invites us to come into His very presence because of love - Rom. 8:14-17

God says that we love Him because He first loved us - I John 4:18-19

God pours out that love by the Holy Spirit

God says that the fruit of the Spirit in our lives includes love - Gal. 5:22-23

God gave us the Holy Spirit as our down payment

God gave us the Holy Spirit as our guarantee of eternal life - II Cor. 1:20-21

God sealed us with the Holy Spirit of promise - Eph. 1:13

3. justification causes us to experience God's love for us - 5:6-8

a. God sent Christ to die for the ungodly - 5:6

Christ was sent when we were without strength

God sent Christ when we were dead in trespasses and sins - Eph. 2:1-5

God sent Christ when we were foolish and disobedient - Titus 3:3-5

Christ was sent at the moment God had chosen

God sent Christ in the fulness of time - Gal. 4:4

God sent Christ at the time appointed to be a sacrifice for sins - Heb. 9:26

God planned to send Christ before the foundation of the world - I Pet. 1:20

Christ was sent to die for the ungodly

Christ was delivered for our offences and raised for our justification - Rom. 4:25

Christ demonstrated the love of God for us while we were sinners - Rom. 5:8

Christ came into the world to save sinners - I Tim. 1:15

Christ was sent to deliver us from every ungodly deed - Titus 2:12-14

b. God says that few would die for a righteous man - 5:7

God said that very few would die for a righteous man

Christ calls us to lay down our lives for the brethren - I John 3:16

Paul gives an example of one such couple - Rom. 16:3-4

God said that some would die for a good man

Christ said very few have the love to lay down their life for a friend - John 15:13

Christ laid down his life for us even though we were sinners - I John 3:16

some were willing to risk their lives for David - II Sam. 23:14-17

c. God sent Christ to show His love while we were still sinners - 5:8

God chose to show the greatness of His love to us

God's love abounded in spite of our sin - Rom. 5:20

God sent Christ to lay down His life for us - John 15:13

God sent Christ to provide us with forgiveness of sins - Eph. 1:6-8

God will show us the riches of His grace in the ages to come - Eph. 2:7

God did this while we were still sinners

God showed the greatness of His mercy by saving Paul - I Tim. 1:16

God sent Christ since we were like sheep gone astray - Is. 53:6

God sent Christ to die for us

God sent Christ to die for us even though we were unjust - I Pet. 3:18

God sent Christ to lay down His life for us - I John 3:16

God sent Christ to be the propitiation for our sins - I John 4:9-10

4. justification means we have been reconciled - 5:9-11

a. God has justified us by the blood of Christ - 5:9

God says we are now justified by Christ's blood

God justified us apart from the deeds of the law - Rom. 3:26-28

God brought us near by the blood of Christ - Eph. 2:13

God redeemed us with the precious blood of Christ - I Pet. 1:18-19

God says we have been saved from wrath

God will reveal His wrath against all ungodliness - Rom. 1:18

God says we will not come into judgment but have been passed into life - John 5:24

God says this salvation came through Christ

God says there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ - Rom. 8:1

b. God has reconciled us to Himself - 5:10

God saved us when we were enemies

God made Christ to be sin for us so we could receive righteousness - II Cor. 5:21

God says we are reconciled to God by the death of His Son

God reconciled us through Christ when we were enemies - Col. 1:20-21

God sent Christ so that we could have life - John 6:57

God says we are saved by the life of His Son

God sent the Son so that we might have everlasting life - John 6:40

God sent Christ so that we could have life and never perish - John 10:28-29

God sent Christ who is the resurrection and the life - John 11:25-26

God sent Christ so His life could be demonstrated in us - II Cor. 4:10-11

God says we will appear with Christ - Col. 3:3-4

God says that Christ makes intercession for us - Heb. 7:25

c. God says that is not all He has done for us - 5:11

God says we have joy in God

God says we can be glad and rejoice in Him - Ps. 32:11; 33:1

God is our source of exceeding joy - Ps. 43:4-5

God says we have this joy through Christ

God says that part of the fruit of the Spirit is joy - Gal. 5:22-23

God says that we can rejoice in Him at all times - Phil. 4:4

God makes us rejoice with an inexpressible joy - I Pet. 1:8

God says we have received reconciliation through Christ

God reconciled us to Himself through Christ - II Cor. 5:18-19

God says we are now to walk in Christ and be rooted in Him - Col. 2:6-7

D. Righteousness is made available to all through Christ - 5:12-21

1. Christ came to offer a free gift - 5:12-15

a. God says that death entered the world through sin - 5:12

God says that sin entered the world by one man
sin came into the world through Adam - Gen. 3:6; Rom. 5:19

God says that sin also brought death
sin has wages and those wages are death - Rom. 6:23

God says that death was passed on to all men
sin caused all men to be alienated from God - Eph. 4:18

God says that all have sinned
sin has caused all to stumble in many things - James 3:2; Rom. 3:23

b. God says death was in the world before the law - 5:13

God says that sin was in the world before the law
people show the work of the law written in their hearts - Rom. 2:15

God says that sin is not imputed when there is no law
where there is no law there is no transgression - Rom. 4:15

c. God says that death ruled from Adam to Moses - 5:14

God says that death ruled from Adam to Moses

God says that sin reigned in death - Rom. 5:21

God says that death ruled though others sinned in a different way than Adam

God says that death ruled in the descendents of Adam - Gen. 5:5-31

God says that Adam was a type of Christ who was to come

God says that Christ reversed what Adam caused - Rom. 5:17

d. God says that grace came through Christ - 5:15

God says the free gift is not like the offense

God says that Christ caused grace to abound - Rom. 5:20

God says that one man's offense caused many to die

God says that sin brought death upon all men - Rom. 5:12

God says He will show His grace in an even greater way

God says that grace will reign through righteousness - Rom. 5:21

God showed that grace through Christ

God says that the gift of grace is through Jesus Christ - Rom. 6:23

2. Christ came to make justification possible - 5:16-18

a. God said two actions brought two opposite results - 5:16

God said one result came through the one who sinned

God says that the actions of Adam brought negative results - Gen. 3:16-19

God said that action brought judgment and condemnation

God says the sin of Adam brought a curse on all - Gal. 3:10

God said that the free gift came because there were many offenses

God lists some of the offenses that caused the free gift to be needed - I Cor. 6:9-11

God said the free gift resulted in justification

God says that the free gift shows the longsuffering of God - I Tim. 1:13-16

b. God says one action brought death and the other brought life - 5:17

God said the sin of one man caused death to rule

God says death spread to all men through Adam - Rom. 5:12

God says that through Adam all have died - I Cor. 15:21-22

God said that many can now receive the abundance of grace

God says that we can now bear the image of the heavenly - I Cor. 15:49

God says that through Christ we can have life more abundantly - John 10:10

God said those who receive this gift will reign in life

God says that we will reign with Him - II Tim. 2:12

God has chosen us as His own special people - I Pet. 2:9

God said that we receive this gift through Jesus Christ

God says that His gift to us is eternal life through Jesus Christ - Rom. 6:23

c. God says one man's righteous acts brought life for all - 5:18

God says one man's offense brought judgment to all men

God says that death passed on all men because of sin - Rom. 5:12

God says the offense of one caused many to die - Rom. 5:15

God says that this judgment results in condemnation

God says that everyone stands guilty before Him - Rom. 3:19-20

God says that one man's righteous act came to all men

God says we have obtained like precious faith because of Christ - II Pet. 1:1

God sent Christ so that all men could believe - John 1:7

God sent Christ to draw all men to Him - John 12:32

God says this righteous act results in justification of life

God sent Christ so that all can be made alive - I Cor. 12:22

God sent Christ to taste death for every man - Heb. 2:9

3. Christ came to make God's grace available - 5:19-21

a. God says that one act of obedience made many righteous - 5:19

the disobedience of one caused many to be made sinners

God says that death reigned because of the disobedience of one - Rom. 5:14

the obedience of one causes many to be made righteous

God says the righteousness of Christ justified many - Is. 53:10-12

God says that Christ will bring in everlasting righteousness - Dan. 9:24

God says that we receive the righteousness of Christ - II Cor. 5:21

God says that Christ made us accepted in the beloved - Eph. 1:6

Christ makes it possible for a great host to stand before the throne - Rev. 7:9-17

b. God says that grace has abounded much more than sin - 5:20

God says that the law showed that sin abounded

the law shows that all men are guilty before God - Rom. 3:19-20

the law brings wrath because it shows sin - Rom. 4:15

the law has dominion over those who are not believers - Rom. 6:14

the law is what caused us to recognize our sin - Rom. 7:7-11

God says that grace abounds even more

Christ came to call sinners to repentance - Matt. 9:13

Christ came to forgive even the greatest of sinners - Luke 7:47

Christ showed his grace to the thief on the cross - Luke 23:39-43

Christ restored Peter after his denial - John 21:15-17

Christ died for us so that we can live for Him - II Cor. 5:14-15

c. God says that grace now reigns through righteousness - 5:21

God says that when sin reigns it brings death

sin reigned even without the law - Rom. 5:14

sin no longer reigns over those who are in Christ - Rom. 6:12-14

sin leads to death and obedience leads to righteousness - Rom. 6:16

God says that when grace reigns it brings righteousness

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ - John 1:16-17

grace brings salvation and gives hope for the future - Titus 2:11-13

grace makes it possible for us to come boldly to God - Heb. 4:16

grace brings us to maturity and eternal glory - I Pet. 5:10

God says that grace brings eternal life through Christ

grace gives life to bodies that die - Rom. 8:10-11

grace gives us eternal life and we will never perish - John 10:28

III. God shows us that sanctification is through the Spirit - 6:1-8:39

A. Christians do not mature by continuing in sin - 6:1-23

1. Christ set us free from the control of sin - 6:1-10

a. we have died to the control of sin - 6:1-2

1) God causes us to think about certain questions - 6:1

God causes us to question what we think and do

God is not unjust in what He does - Rom. 3:5-6

God wants us to question how we should act under grace - Rom. 6:15

God asked if we should continue in sin so that grace may abound

God does not want us to despise His goodness - Rom. 2:4

God will judge the world so we are not to continue in evil - Rom. 3:5-8

God says we establish the law through faith - Rom. 3:31

God wants grace to abound in our lives - Rom. 5:20-21

God wants us to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

God wants us to use our liberty to serve Him - I Pet. 2:16

God says some turn the grace of God into bondage - II Pet. 2:18-19

God says that some turn the grace of God into lewdness - Jude 4

2) God says that we should never think that way

God says we should certainly not think that way

God says we should test the spirits - I John 4:1

God says that our old man has been crucified with Christ - Rom. 6:5-10

God says that we are to act on that fact - Rom. 6:11

God says that we have died to sin

God gives us examples of dying to sin like Joseph - Gen. 39:9

God says we learn to hate every false way - Ps. 119:104

God says we do not practice sin because of our new life - I John 3:9

God says we are crucified to the world - Gal. 6:14

God says we should no longer live in sin

God says His love should cause us to purify ourselves - I John 3:1-3

God says we are now to bear fruit to God - Rom. 7:4

God makes it possible for us to live unto Him - Gal. 2:19

God says our lives are hidden with Christ in God - Col. 3:3

God has given us power to live unto righteousness - I Pet. 2:24

God has given us power to live as new creations - II Cor. 5:14-17

b. we have been raised to walk in newness of life - 6:3-5

1) we have been baptized into Jesus Christ - 6:3

Jesus has baptized those who believed in Him
we have become the temple of God - I Cor. 3:16
we are to glorify God with our body and spirit- I Cor. 6:19-20
Jesus has baptized us into Himself
we have been baptized into the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:13
we have also put on Christ - Gal. 3:27
we have been joined to Christ - I Cor. 6:15-16
we are to live our lives to please Him - I Cor. 9:24
Jesus has baptized us into His death
we have been buried into His death - Rom. 6:4-5
we are now to live unto Christ - Gal. 2:20-21

2) we have been raised to walk in newness of life - 6:4

Christ baptized us and buried us into His death
Christ raised us and gives true life to our human bodies - Rom. 8:11
Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father
Christ calls us to live by the power of God - II Cor. 13:4
Christ is working in us with His mighty power - Eph. 1:19-20
Christ strengthens us with His mighty power - Col. 1:11
Christ makes it possible for us to walk in newness of life
Christ raised us from the dead so sin no longer has control over us - Rom. 6:9
Christ delivered us from the law to serve in the newness of the Spirit - Rom. 7:6
Christ is transforming us by renewing our minds - Rom. 12:1-2
Christ makes it possible to make no provision for the flesh - Rom. 13:13-14

3) we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection - 6:5

Christ planted us together in the likeness of His death
Christ reconciled us to God through His death - Rom. 5:10
Christ says we died with Him and will live with Him - Rom. 6:8-10
Christ will also raise us in the likeness of His resurrection
Christ raised us in the likeness of His resurrection- Eph. 2:5-6
Christ makes our new man righteous and holy - Eph. 4:24
Christ will conform us to His image as we get to know Him - Phil. 3:10-11
Christ will bear much fruit in us because of His resurrection - John 12:24
Christ says as we abide in Him we will also be fruitful - John 15:1-8

c. we can know our old man was crucified with Christ - 6:6-7

1) Christ has set us free from slavery to sin - 6:6

Christ wants us to know certain things

we know that Christ condemned sin in the flesh - Rom. 8:3

we have been crucified with Christ - Gal. 2:20

Christ says our old man is crucified with Him

we are to crucify the flesh and its desires - Gal. 5:24

we are to be crucified to the world - Gal. 6:14

Christ says that the body of sin has been destroyed

we are to put off the old man with its deceitful lusts - Eph. 4:22

we can put to death the deeds of the body through the Spirit - Rom. 8:13

we are to put off the body of sins of the flesh - Col. 2:11-12

we are to put to death our evil desires because they are idolatry - Col. 3:5

Christ says that we do not need to serve sin any longer

we are not to serve other gods any longer - II Kings 5:17

we know that those other gods are dead - Is. 26:13-14

we are to present ourselves alive to God - Rom. 6:13

we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice - Rom. 12:1-2

we have put on the new man who is renewing us in the image of Christ - Col. 3:9-10

we have been set free from sin so that our fruit can be holiness - Rom. 6:22

2) Christ has freed us from sin - 6:7

Christ says that we are dead in Him

we are dead with Christ and are no longer to live in sin - Rom. 6:2

we died with Christ and sin no longer has dominion over us - Rom. 6:15

we died with Christ and are now raised with Him - Col. 3:1-3

we died with Christ so we can walk in newness of life - Rom. 6:4

Christ says that we have been freed from sin

we have been freed from sin - Rom. 6:2

we have been set free by the truth - John 8:32

we have been set free by Christ - John 8:36

we are to stand fast in that freedom - Gal. 5:1

we are to live by faith in the Son of God - Gal. 2:20

we received the promise of the Spirit through faith - Gal. 3:14

we are to use our freedom to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

we have been released from the law of sin - Rom. 7:2-6

we have been freed from sin to do the will of God - I Pet. 4:1-2

we have been freed from sin and no longer face condemnation - Rom. 8:1

d. we have been raised to live unto God - 6:8-10

1) Christ says we are dead with Him - 6:8

we are dead with Christ

we were buried with Christ in His death - Rom. 6:3-4
we have died with Christ and our life is hidden with Him - Col. 3:3-4

we will live with Christ

we live because Christ lives - John 14:19
we have been called the children of God - I John 3:1-3
we will live with Christ and reign with Him - II Tim. 2:11-12
we are to have the life of Christ revealed in our body - II Cor. 4:10-14
we live in Christ by the power of God - II Cor. 13:4
we will be caught up to be with Christ at the rapture - I Thess. 4:14-17

2) Christ has defeated death - 6:9

we know that Christ was raised from the dead

the hope of the resurrection was the focus of David - Ps. 16:9-11
the resurrection was the focus of Peter's message - Acts 2:24-28
the resurrection has made Christ a priest forever - Heb. 7:16-17

we know that Christ will not die again

Christ lives forever and makes intercession for us - Heb. 7:25

we know that death has no power over Christ

Christ defeated the power of death - Heb. 10:12-14
Christ destroyed the one who had the power of death - Heb. 2:14-15

3) Christ now lives to God - 6:10

Christ died to sin once for all

Christ condemned sin in the flesh - Rom. 8:3
Christ became sin for us so we could receive His righteousness - II Cor. 5:21
Christ put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself - Heb. 9:26-28
Christ suffered for our sins to bring us to God - I Pet. 3:18

Christ now lives unto God

Christ lives unto God so that we can do the same - Rom. 6:11
Christ lives so that we can also live unto the Lord - Rom. 14:7-9
Christ is the Lord of the living and all live unto God - Luke 20:38
Christ calls us to live for Him who died and rose again - II Cor. 5:15
Christ made it possible for the dead to live according to the spirit - I Pet. 4:6
Christ made it possible for righteousness to reign - Rom. 5:21

2. Christ gave us the power to yield the new life to God - 6:11-14

a. we are to rely on the fact that we are dead to sin - 6:11-12

1) we can count on the fact that we are dead to sin - 6:11

Christ wants us to count on certain things

we can count on the fact that we are dead to sin - Rom. 6:2

we can count on the fact that our sins are not imputed to us - II Cor. 5:19

we can count on the fact that we are now children of the promise - Rom. 9:8

we can count on the fact that suffering here cannot be compared to glory - Rom. 8:18

Christ wants us to count on the fact we are dead to sin

we can count on the fact that our old man was crucified with Christ - Rom. 6:6

we can count on the fact that we have been justified by faith - Rom. 3:28; 5:1

we can count on the fact that we have died to the law - Gal. 2:19-20

we can count on the fact that we died in Christ - Col. 3:3-5

Christ wants us to count on the fact that we are alive to God

we are to present ourselves to God as those alive from the dead - Rom. 6:13

we are to live our lives to glorify God - I Cor. 6:20

we have been given life through the name of Christ - John 20:31

Christ says all this has happened through Him

we are filled with the fruits of righteousness through Christ - Phil. 1:11

we are filled with the peace of God through Christ - Phil. 4:7

we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us - Phil. 4:13

we can do all that we do in word or deed through Christ - Col. 3:17

we are built a spiritual house through Christ - I Pet. 2:5

we are given ability to minister through Christ - I Pet. 4:11

2) we no longer need to let sin rule in our lives - 6:12

we are not to let sin rule in our bodies

we are not to let the law of sin bring us into captivity - Rom. 7:23-24

we are now to let grace reign in our bodies - Rom. 5:21

we are not to obey the lusts of our bodies

we are not to present ourselves to sin which leads to death - Rom. 6:16

we are to put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit - Rom. 8:13

we are to make no provision for the lusts of the flesh - Rom. 13:14

we are to let the life of Christ be seen in our bodies - II Cor. 4:11

we are to walk in the Spirit so we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh - Gal. 5:16

we are to crucify the flesh with its passions and desires - Gal. 5:24

we are to put off our former conduct - Eph. 4:22

b. we are to yield ourselves to God - 6:13-14

1) we are alive and able to yield to God - 6:13

we are not to yield our bodies to sin

we are the servants of the thing we obey - Rom. 6:16

when we were in the flesh we were bearing fruit that produces death - Rom. 7:5

we will be in captivity to the law of sin if we yield to sin - Rom. 7:23

we are not to take our bodies which belong to Christ and use them for sin - I Cor. 6:15

we are to put to death the desires of the flesh and put on the new man - Col. 3:5-10

we are to control our tongue because it can cause great fires - James 3:5-6

we are to yield ourselves to God

we are to present ourselves as servants to righteousness for holiness - Rom. 6:19

we are to bring every thought into captivity to obedience to Christ - II Cor. 10:4-5

we are to confess our sins when we sin - I John 1:7, 9

we have been made alive from the dead

we formerly were among the unrighteous - I Cor. 6:9-11

we formerly followed the lies of false teachers - II Pet. 2:13-15

we can yield our bodies as instruments of righteousness

we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice - Rom. 12:1

we are to give ourselves to the Lord for His service - II Cor. 8:5

we are to magnify Christ with our bodies - Phil. 1:20

we are to be dead to sin and alive to God - Rom. 6:11

we are to live for Him who died for us - II Cor. 5:15

2) we are no longer under the control of sin - 6:14

we are no longer under the control of sin

we have been made free from the law of sin and death - Rom. 8:2

we have been redeemed from every lawless deed - Titus 2:14

we are no longer under the law

the law has silenced every person by showing them guilty - Rom. 3:19-20

the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24

the law is no longer our schoolmaster since we came to faith - Gal. 3:25

the law no longer leads us because the Spirit leads us - Gal. 5:18

we are now under grace

we are no longer under the law but under grace - Rom. 6:15

we have been redeemed from under the law - Gal. 4:4-5

we are to let grace reign through righteousness - Rom. 5:21

we are under grace and no longer under works - Rom. 11:6

we know that grace and truth came through Jesus Christ - John 1:17

3. Christ gave us the freedom to serve righteousness - 6:15-23

a. we become servants of whom we obey - 6:15-16

1) we are not to continue to practice sin - 6:15

should we sin because we are no longer under the law

we were all under sin before we came to Christ - Rom. 3:9

we are now to have fellowship with the Father and the Son - I John 1:13

we are to come to our Advocate when we do sin - I John 2:1-2

we are now to go to those who are still under the law - I Cor. 9:20-21

we have died to the law so that we can live to God - Gal. 2:17-19

should we sin because we are now under grace

we should seek to live holy lives since we are under grace - II Cor. 7:1

we are saved by grace and created unto good works - Eph. 2:8-10

should we show an attitude of rejection of God

we are to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts - Titus 2:11-14

we are not to turn the grace of God into lewdness - Jude 4

2) we are now free to yield to righteousness - 6:16

we are the servants of what we yield to

we must realize we cannot serve two masters - Matt. 6:24

we become a slave to sin when we choose to sin - John 8:34

we can become a slave of corruption and be brought into bondage - II Pet. 2:19

we are to present our members as instruments of righteousness - Rom. 6:13

we are the servants of what we obey

we need to follow the example of Joshua and obey the Lord - Josh. 24:15

we have been delivered from being slaves to sin - Rom. 6:17

we can obey sin which leads to death

we are not to let sin rule and obey it in its lusts - Rom. 6:12

we see that Christ told the religious leaders they were in bondage to sin - John 8:34

we can choose to obey righteousness

we can now present ourselves as slaves of righteousness - Rom. 6:19

we can now walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16

we can now be led by the Spirit - Gal. 5:18

we can now choose to live in the Spirit - Gal. 5:24-25

we can now bear one another's burdens - Gal. 6:2

we can now use our opportunities to do good - Gal. 6:10

we can put on the new man which is created in righteousness - Eph. 4:24

we can do all that we do in the name of Christ - Col. 3:17

b. we have been set free from being slaves to sin - 6:17-18

1) we can thank God that He has set us free from sin - 6:17

we can give thanks to God

we can give thanks always for all things - Eph. 5:20

we can thank God because He has granted us repentance unto life - Acts 11:18

we can thank God for showing His grace to us and others - I Cor. 1:4

we can give thanks for other Christians - Eph. 1:16; Col. 1:3-4

we can thank God for the fellowship of other Christians - Phil. 1:3-5

we can thank Him He has set us free from serving sin

we can thank God for His longsuffering - I Tim. 1:13-16

we can thank God that He saved us from our former life - Titus 3:3-7

we can thank God He set us free from slavery to our lusts - I Pet. 4:2-5

we can thank Him that we can obey Him from the heart

we can thank God He has called us to proclaim His praises - I Pet. 2:9

we can thank God for what He accomplishes through us - Rom. 15:18

we can thank Him by bringing our thoughts into captivity to obedience- II Cor. 10:5-6

we can look forward to eternal salvation as we obey Him- Heb. 5:9

we can thank Him that we can obey true doctrine

we can thank God for the opportunity to proclaim true doctrine - Rom. 16:26

we can be thankful we can obey truth through the Spirit - I Pet. 1:22

we can show thanks by holding fast to sound words - II Tim. 1:13

2) we can thank God we can serve righteousness - 6:18

God has set us free from sin

we are no longer under the dominion of sin - Rom. 6:14

we have had our bonds loosed - Ps. 116:16

we are able to walk in liberty - Ps. 119:45

we are now able to serve Him without fear - Luke 1:74-75

we have been set free through the truth - John 8:32

we have found that real freedom comes from Christ - John 8:36

we are able to stand fast in this liberty - Gal. 5:1

God has made it possible for us to do what is right

we are now servants of the Lord - I Cor. 7:21-22

we are able to serve God in our freedom - I Pet. 2:16

we are able to present ourselves to God for righteousness - Rom. 6:19-20

we have been set free to produce fruit unto holiness - Rom. 6:22

we are able to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

we are able to do good to all men as we have opportunity - Gal. 6:10

c. we are to present ourselves as slaves to righteousness - 6:19-21

1) we can now serve righteousness and live holy lives - 6:19

we are weak in our human flesh

we need the Holy Spirit to help us because of our weakness - Rom. 8:26

we know that the Holy Spirit understands our weaknesses - Heb. 4:15

we are given strength by the Spirit as we yield to Him - Rom. 6:13-17

we yielded our bodies to uncleanness

we used to practice the sins of the flesh - I Cor. 6:9-11

we used to fulfill the desires of the flesh and the mind - Eph. 2:2-3

we are now to put to death uncleanness and other sins - Col. 3:5-7

we yielded our bodies to iniquity

we used to practice many forms of iniquity - I Pet. 4:2-4

we can now yield our bodies to righteousness

we can now choose to yield to righteousness - Rom. 6:16

we can awake to righteousness and no longer practice sin - I Cor. 15:34

we can now live holy lives

we are to present ourselves to God and live for Him - Rom. 6:13

we are now able to produce the fruit of holiness - Rom. 6:22

2) we could not serve righteousness when we were servants to sin - 6:20

we used to be the servants of sin

we used to be slaves to sin - Rom. 6:16-17

we were unable to follow righteousness

we were slaves to sin and could only follow sin - John 8:34

3) we are now ashamed of the fruit that sin produced in our lives - 6:21

we produced fruit when we followed sin

we were sowing to the flesh and reaping corruption- Gal. 6:7-8

we produced fruit that resulted in guilt and shame - Ezra 9:6

we produced fruit that made us feel unworthy - Luke 15:17-21

we are now ashamed of the fruit that we produced

we used to approve of the evil that we practiced - Rom. 1:28-32

we now desire to stand before God unashamed - I John 2:28

we know that the result of that fruit is death

we produced fruit whose end result is death - Rom. 6:23

we know that the final result is destruction- Phil. 3:19

we used to follow sin which produces death - James 1:13-15

d. we are able to produce the fruit of holiness - 6:22-23

1) we are now able to produce a new kind of fruit - 6:22

we are no longer slaves to sin

we are no longer slaves to sin since we are under grace - Rom. 6:14

we have been set free from sin and become slaves to righteousness - Rom. 6:18

we have been set free from the law of sin and death - Rom. 8:2

we have received the truth and the truth has set us free - John 8:32

we have received the Spirit of the Lord who gives liberty - II Cor. 3:17

we have become the servants of God

we have become the servants of God and have been made holy - Ps. 86:2

we have become servants of God and He is able to deliver us - Dan. 6:20-22

we are now able to produce the fruit of a holy life

we are now able to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

we are able to be fruitful in every good work - Col. 1:10

we will shine as the sun in the kingdom of the Father - Matt. 13:43

we can look forward to everlasting life

we are promised both present reward and eternal life - Matt. 19:29

we are able to gather fruit unto eternal life - John 4:36

we are promised that we will have eternal life and never perish - John 10:28

we are promised eternal victory through Christ - I Cor. 15:51-57

2) we have received the gift of eternal life - 6:23

we were earning the wages of sin which is death

we were all facing death because all have sinned- Rom. 5:12

we know that no sinner will inherit the kingdom of God - I Cor. 6:9-10

we were under the curse of the law because we could not fully obey it - Gal. 3:10

we sowed to the flesh and were to reap corruption - Gal. 6:7-8

we followed sin whose end is death - James 1:13-15

we were facing the wrath of God - John 3:36

we have now received the gift of God

we have received the gift of righteousness through Christ - Rom. 5:17

we know that gift is eternal life

we have received eternal life by believing in the Son - John 3:36

we have now been promised eternal life through Christ - Rom. 2:7

we have been saved to eternal life through Christ - John 3:14-17

we know that we have received that gift through Jesus Christ

we have received eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord - Rom. 5:21

we have been passed from death unto life - John 5:24

B. Christians do not mature through their own strength - 7:1-14

1. Christ set us free from the law - 7:1-6

a. we have died to the law - 7:1-4

1) the law controls a man as long as he lives - 7:1

Paul wrote to those who knew the law

part of those who received this book were Jews - Rom. 9:3-5; 10:1

part of those who received this book were resting in the law - Rom. 2:17

Paul wrote that the law has dominion throughout life

part of those to whom Paul wrote were still depending on the law - Gal. 4:21

the law and sin have dominion over those not under grace - Rom. 6:14

2) the law of marriage is for life - 7:2

a woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives

people are not to break what God has put together - Matt. 19:6

a woman is loosed from her husband when he dies

people will not be married in heaven - Matt. 22:30

3) the law sets a person free to marry another after the death of a partner - 7:3

a woman who marries while her husband is alive commits adultery

those who divorce and remarry commit adultery - Mark 10:11-12

a woman is freed from her husband when he dies

the widow is free to remarry when the husband dies - I Cor. 7:39

a woman can marry another without committing adultery

the younger widows are even encouraged to remarry - I Tim. 5:14

4) the law of sin is death and we are raised to produce new fruit - 7:4

we became dead to the law because of Christ

we have been delivered from the law - Rom. 7:6

we have been made free from the law of sin and death - Rom. 8:2

we are now married to Christ who was raised from the dead

we have been espoused to Christ - II Cor. 11:2

we are loved by Christ who gave Himself for us - Eph. 5:25-27

we are now able to bring forth fruit unto God

we are able to bring forth much fruit as we abide in Christ - John 15:5-8

b. we have been delivered from the law - 7:5-6

1) we were in the flesh and we were under the law - 7:5

we were in the flesh

we were in the flesh before we trusted Christ - Rom. 8:9-10

we were in the flesh because we were born of the flesh - John 3:6

we fulfilled the lusts of the flesh because we did not have the Spirit - Gal. 5:16-17

we are now to crucify the flesh with its passions and desires - Gal. 5:24

we experienced sinful impulses in the flesh

we once were deceived by the sinful desires of the flesh - Titus 3:3

we fulfilled the sinful desires of the flesh and of the mind - Eph. 2:3

we followed those sinful impulses

we followed vile passions and committed shameful acts - Rom. 1:26-27

we did nothing that would justify us before God - Rom. 3:20

we had a heart that was filled with evil - Matt. 15:19

we practiced the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:19-21

we brought forth fruit unto death

we were facing the sting of death because of sin - I Cor. 15:56

we followed the works of the law and were under the curse of the law - Gal. 3:10

we are guilty of the whole law because of sin - James 2:9-10

we are ashamed of the fruit our former lives produced - Rom. 6:21

2) we have now been delivered from the law - 7:6

we have been delivered from the law

we have become dead to the law through the body of Christ - Rom. 7:4

we are no longer under the dominion of the law - Rom. 6:14-15

we have been redeemed from the curse of the law - Gal. 3:13

we were redeemed from the curse of the law through Christ - Gal. 4:4-5

we are dead to the things which formerly held us

we have died to sin and are no longer to live in it - Rom. 6:2

we have been raised to walk in newness of life - Rom. 6:4

we are now to serve in the newness of spirit

we are to present our bodies as slaves of righteousness for holiness - Rom. 6:19

we are now able to produce the fruit of holiness - Rom. 6:22

we are to be transformed so we can carry out the will of God - Rom. 12:2

we are not to serve in the oldness of the letter

we are now ministers of the new covenant - II Cor. 3:6

we are now to live by faith in Christ who is in us - Gal. 2:19-20

we are to have no confidence in the flesh - Phil. 3:3

2. Christ said the law had a purpose - 7:7-14

a. law reveals sin - 7:7-11

1) the law does not cause sin but reveals it - 7:7

the law is not sin in itself

sin is what produces evil desires in us - Rom. 7:8

sin deceives us and kills us - Rom. 7:11

the law is what helps us to know sin

sin is shown to be exceedingly sinful by the commandment - Rom. 7:13

the law says we are not to covet

sin shows we do not love our neighbor as ourselves - Rom. 13:9

2) the law is what causes sin to be revealed - 7:8

sin reveals itself through the commandments

sin deceives us and brings death to us - Rom. 7:11

sin dwells in us and causes us to break the commandments - Rom. 7:17

sin causes us all kinds of evil desires

sin causes us to be drawn away by our own desires - James 1:14-15

sin would be dead if it were not for the law

sin is revealed by the law as transgression - Rom. 4:15

sin now has no excuse because it was revealed by the law and Christ - John 15:22

sin finds its strength in the law - I Cor. 15:56

3) the law causes us to know that we are dead - 7:9

we thought we had life apart from the law

Paul thought he was blameless because of the law - Phil. 3:4-6

we got to know sin through the law

the law shows all people guilty before God - Rom. 3:19-20

we realized we were dead in sin because of the law

we must die to the law to live unto God - Gal. 2:19

4) the law brought death instead of life - 7:10

the law was to bring life

the law caused many to try to justify themselves - Luke 10:27-29

the law instead brought death

the law was actually a ministry of death - II Cor. 3:7

5) the law gave sin the opportunity to deceive us - 7:11

sin had a base of operations because of the law
sin and evil desires were stirred up by the law - Rom. 7:8
sin deceived each one of us
sin is deceitful and destroys - Rom. 7:11
sin can harden us through its deceitful lusts - Heb. 3:13
sin killed each one of us
sin produces death as its wages - Rom. 6:23

b. the law itself is holy - 7:12

the law is holy
the law in itself is spiritual- Rom. 7:14
the commandment is holy
the Lord even spoke when He gave the commandments - Deut. 4:8-12
the commandment is just
the Lord says the commandments are pure and just - Ps. 19:7-12
the commandment is good
the Lord says that the law is good - I Tim. 1:8

c. the law is spiritual - 7:13-14

1) the law brought death because it revealed sin - 7:13

death was revealed by something that is good
the law revealed sin but could not remove it - Rom. 8:3
death is the consequence of sin
the law revealed death as the consequence of sin - Rom. 7:8-11
death is the result of being shown to be exceedingly sinful
the law causes temptation to lead to death - James 1:13-15

2) the law is not the problem but we are the problem - 7:14

the law in itself is spiritual
the law is to lead people to love God - Deut. 6:4-5
the law reveals that we are carnal (fleshly)
the Word of God reveals what we are inside - Heb. 4:12-13
the law reveals what we must do to obtain mercy - Luke 18:11-14
the law reveals that we are slaves to sin
the law showed we were slaves to sin until Christ set us free - Rom. 6:16-21

C. Christians do not mature through self effort - 7:15-25

1. self effort cannot produce victory over the flesh - 7:15-18

a. I do not understand what I do - 7:15

I cannot understand why I do what I do

we do the very things we do not want to do - Rom. 7:19-20

I want to do right but I do not do it

we cannot do the things that we wish when we are led by the flesh - Gal. 5:17

we realize that none of us are just in all things - Eccl. 7:20

I do evil which is the very thing I hate

we all stumble in many things - James 3:2

b. I agree that the law is good - 7:16

I do the things that I do not want to do

the law is holy, just and good - Rom. 7:12

I do agree that the law is good

the law is spiritual but we are carnal - Rom. 7:14

the law of God is something we delight in with our inner man - Rom. 7:22

the law is something we love and we hate the false way - Ps. 119:127-128

c. I realize that sin is dwelling in me - 7:17

I no longer approve of the sin I commit

we desire to have our sins forgiven and not imputed against us - Rom. 4:7-8

we are to count as loss all of our own self effort - Phil. 2:7-9

I realize that sin is dwelling in me

we realize that sin dwells in us - Rom. 7:20

we realize that a conflict is going on in our lives - Rom. 7:23

d. I realize I do not have the power to do what is right - 7:18

I realize that nothing good dwells in my flesh

we realize that all of our own righteousnesses are like filthy rags - Is. 64:6

I have a desire to do what is good and right

we realize we should no longer live for our own lusts - I Pet. 4:2

I do not know how to carry out what is right

we realize that God must be the One working in us - Phil. 2:13

we realize that we must look to the Lord to hold us up - Ps. 119:115-117

2. self effort cannot produce victory over the mind - 7:19-23

a. I do the evil that I do not want to do - 7:19

I have a desire to do good

we need to realize the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak - Matt. 26:39
we need to realize we cannot do what we want in our own strength - Rom. 7:16
we have a desire to do good but do not know how to carry it out - Rom. 7:18

I fail to do the good

we do the very things that we hate - Rom. 7:15

I do not want to do evil

we desire to obey the law of God - Rom. 7:22

I do the evil anyway

we find ourselves serving the law of sin - Rom. 7:25

b. I realize that sin is in control - 7:20

I am doing the things I do not want to do

we are yielding our members as servants of sin - Rom. 6:13

I do not want to do those things

we have not acted on the fact that we are dead to sin - Rom. 6:11

I realize that sin is dwelling in me

we find that sin is dwelling in us - Rom. 7:17

c. I desire to do what is good - 7:21

I find the law of sin working in me

we are not to let the law of sin reign in our bodies - Rom. 6:12

I have a desire to do what is good

we realize that we are tossed to and fro - Eph. 4:14

I realize that evil is present with me

we realize that we are in a spiritual battle - Eph. 6:11-13

we realize that we have not learned to have victory in spiritual battles- II Cor. 10:4-5

d. I actually delight in the law of God - 7:22

I delight in doing the will of God

we have not yet learned to put off the old man and his deeds - Col. 3:9

I have that desire in my inward man

we have not always learned to renew our inner man daily - II Cor. 4:16
we have not learned to be strengthened with might in the inner man - Eph. 3:16

e. I see a war going on inside of me - 7:23

I see another law working in my life

the law of God (Moses) made us very aware of our sinful desires - Rom. 7:5

the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24

the law is no longer our schoolmaster once we come to Christ - Gal. 3:25

the law of sin and the law of God are now both mentioned in these verses - Rom. 7:25

I see a law warring against the law of my mind

the law of sin is in conflict with the law of the mind - Rom. 7:23

I see this law bringing me into captivity

the law of sin is having victory over the law of the mind - Rom. 7:21

the law of the Spirit of life is what will free us from the law of sin - Rom. 8:2

the law of the Spirit of life means we can be led by the Spirit - Gal. 5:17-18

the law of the Spirit of life can give us victory in the fight - I Tim. 6:11-12

the law that wins is the one to which we yield - Rom. 6:13, 16

I see the law of sin working in my body

the law of sin prevents us from doing good - Rom. 7:19

the law of sin causes us to do what we hate - Rom. 7:15

3. self effort produces total failure - 7:24-25

a. I realize I am in a wretched condition - 7:24

I am a wretched man

when we depend on our own strength we will feel wretched - Ps. 77:3-9

when we depend on our own strength we feel great sorrow - Ps. 6:6-7

I want to know how to be delivered from this miserable state

when we ask the Lord He will show us how to have victory - II Cor. 12:7-9

when we trust in the Lord instead of ourselves, we will have victory - II Cor. 1:8-10

b. I realize that I am a doubleminded person- 7:25

I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord

the Lord says that sin does not have dominion over a Christian - Rom. 6:14

the Lord calls us to obey Him from the heart - Rom. 6:17

the Lord will give us victory as we yield to Him - I Cor. 15:57

I serve the law of God with my mind

we want to serve the Lord and please Him - Ps. 116:16-17

I serve the law of sin with my flesh

we will feel miserable when we serve the law of sin - Rom. 7:15-24

we will fail and sin when we depend on self - Gal. 5:17-24

D. Christians do mature through yielding to the Spirit - 8:1-39

1. Christ has set us free from condemnation - 8:1-11

a. we have been set free from the law of sin and death - 8:1-4

1) Christ says we are no longer under condemnation - 8:1

we do not face condemnation any longer
we are blessed when the Lord no longer imputes sin to us - Rom. 4:7-8
we have been set free from condemnation by being in Christ
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ - Rom. 5:1

2) Christ has made us free from the law of sin and death - 8:2

the law of the Spirit gives us life in Christ
we are given life in Christ through the Spirit - John 4:10-11, 14; 6:63; 7:38-39
the law of the Spirit has set us free from sin
we received life from the Spirit which sets us free from sin - Rom. 6:18, 22
the law of the Spirit has set us free from death
we received life from the Spirit which set us free from death - Rom. 5:21

3) Christ came and condemned sin in the flesh - 8:3

the law could not help us because it was weak through the flesh
the law could only show sin which brings death - Rom. 7:5-11
the law caused God to send Christ in the likeness of sinful flesh
the law resulted in the Father delivering the Son for us all - Rom. 8:32
the law caused God to send Christ to pay for sin
the law caused the Father to send Christ to redeem those under the law - Gal. 4:4-5
the coming of Christ condemned sin in the flesh
the coming of Christ did away with the body of sin - Rom. 6:6; I Pet. 2:24

4) Christ fulfilled the righteousness of the law for us - 8:4

Christ fulfilled the righteousness of the law in us
Christ is now able to present us holy and blameless - Col. 1:22
Christ set us free from walking in the flesh
Christ set us free from walking in the flesh - Gal. 5:18-21
Christ set us free to walk in the Spirit
Christ gives us victory over the flesh and its passions - Gal. 5:22-25

b. we have been given the Spirit to dwell in us - 8:5-9

1) people will follow what controls them - 8:5

those who think in the flesh follow the things of the flesh

those who are born of the flesh follow the flesh - John 3:6
those who walk according to the flesh walk in uncleanness - II Pet. 2:10
those who walk in the flesh cannot understand spiritual truth - I Cor. 2:14

those who think in the Spirit follow the things of the Spirit

those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God - Rom. 8:14
those who walk in the Spirit produce the fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22-25

2) people are controlled by a fleshly mind or a spiritual mind - 8:6

a carnal mind produces the result of death

those who live according to the flesh will die - Rom. 8:13
those who sin receive the wages of death - Rom. 6:23
those in the flesh bear fruit unto death - Rom. 7:5; Gal. 6:8

a spiritual mind produces the result of life and peace

those who are justified by faith have peace with God - Rom. 5:1
those who have been reconciled to God shall be saved by His life - Rom. 5:10
those in the kingdom have righteousness, peace and joy - Rom. 14:17

3) people who are controlled by the flesh cannot serve God - 8:7

the carnal mind is at enmity with God

the carnal mind is enmity against God - Rom. 7:7-13
the carnal mind meant we once were enemies of God - Rom. 5:10
the carnal mind meant we were alienated from the life of God - Eph. 4:18-19

the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God

the carnal mind accustomed to evil cannot do good - Jer. 13:23

the carnal mind is unable to be subject to the law of God

the natural mind cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God - I Cor. 2:14

4) people who are controlled by the flesh cannot please God - 8:8

those who are in the flesh follow the flesh

when we were in the flesh we bore the fruit of the flesh - Rom. 7:5

those who are in the flesh cannot please God

when we have not been born again we cannot see the kingdom of God - John 3:3

5) people receive the Spirit when they trust in Christ - 8:9

we are in the Spirit once we trust Christ
the Spirit of life in Christ has made us free - Rom. 8:2
the Spirit has been placed in our hearts - Gal. 4:6
we are not Christians yet if we do not have the Spirit
the Spirit baptized us into the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:13
the Spirit has been given as the down payment on our inheritance - Eph. 1:14

c. we have been given life by His Spirit - 8:10-11

1) Christ changes our lives once He comes into our lives - 8: 10

the body is unredeemed and dead in sin
the Spirit must give life to our mortal bodies - Rom. 10:11
the Spirit will give us an immortal body - II Cor. 5:1-4
the spirit is given life by the Spirit
the Spirit reveals the life of Christ in our bodies - II Cor. 4:11
the spirit is then able to show true righteousness
the Spirit develops the righteousness of Christ in our lives - Rom. 5:21
the Spirit makes us the righteousness of God in Christ - II Cor. 5:21
the Spirit gives us the righteousness which is from God by faith - Phil. 3:9

2) Christ gives spiritual life to us through His Spirit - 8:11

the Holy Spirit raised up Christ from the dead
Christ was raised up because death could not hold Him - Acts 2:24
Christ was raised up and gave the promise of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:32-33
the Holy Spirit now dwells in us
the Holy Spirit now dwells in us - Rom. 8:9
the Holy Spirit will also give life to our mortal bodies
God will also raise us up by His power - I Cor. 6:14
God makes all alive in Christ - I Cor. 15:20-22; II Cor. 4:14
God will change this mortal body into an immortal body - I Cor. 15:51-57
God will transform our lowly body and conform it to His glorious body - Phil. 3:20-21
the Holy Spirit will do this because He dwells in us
the Holy Spirit was promised to us by Christ - John 7:38-39
the Holy Spirit was promised to dwell in us - John 14:16-17
the Holy Spirit is our down payment and guarantee of eternal life - Eph. 1:14
the Holy Spirit is our seal until the day of redemption - Eph. 4:30
the Holy Spirit is our earnest and seal of the promises of God - II Cor. 1:20-22

2. Christ has made us heirs with Him - 8:12-17

a. we are to live through the Spirit - 8:12-13

1) we are no longer debtors to the flesh

we are no longer debtors to the the flesh

we are now to present ourselves unto God - Rom. 6:12-15
we have been loosed from our bonds to become God's servants - Ps. 116:16

we no longer need to live to satisfy the flesh

we have been bought with a price so we can glorify God - I Cor. 6:19-20
we are to spend the rest of our time living for the will of God - I Pet. 4:2-3

2) we are no longer to live after the flesh

we will die if we live after the flesh

we will die if we live according to the flesh - Rom. 8:4-6
we know that the wages produced by the flesh is death - Rom. 6:21-23

we have the Spirit in us to put the deeds of the flesh to death

we have been set free from the law of sin and death - Rom. 8:2

we have crucified the flesh and its desires - Gal. 5:24

we have put off the old man who grows corrupt - Eph. 4:22

we are now to put off the deeds of the flesh - Col. 3:5-8

we have the Spirit in us to give us real life

we are now to live soberly, righteously and godly - Titus 2:12

we are to be kind and forgiving to one another - Eph. 4:32

we are to be filled with the Spirit - Eph. 5:18

we are to love one another fervently with a pure heart - I Pet. 1:22

b. we are to be led by the Spirit - 8:14

we are to be led by the Spirit

we have the Spirit in our hearts because we are His sons - Gal. 4:6

we are to be led by the Spirit because we are no longer under the law - Gal. 5:18

we will know we are the sons of God as we are led by the Spirit

we will walk in the Spirit as we are led by the Spirit - Gal. 5:16

we are to bear the fruit of the Spirit as we live in the Spirit - Gal. 5:22-25

we are children of God and joint heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:17

we are the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty - II Cor. 6:18

we are sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus - Gal. 3:26

we are the children of God and experience the love of God - I John 3:1

c. we have been given the witness of the Spirit - 8:15-17

1) God has given us the Spirit of adoption - 8:15

we have not received the spirit of bondage

we were promised the gift of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:37
we have received the Spirit who is from God - I Cor. 2:12

we are no longer under the bondage of fear

we have not been given a spirit of bondage - II Tim. 1:7
we have been released from the one who held us in bondage - Heb. 2:14-15
we have received the perfect love that casts our fear - I John 4:18

we have received the Spirit of adoption

we have received the Spirit who tells us we are children of God - Rom. 8:16
we have been adopted as sons by Jesus Christ - Eph. 1:5
we have received the Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance - Eph. 1:13-14

we are able to cry, "Abba, Father"

we have received the Spirit who enables us to cry, "Abba Father" - Gal. 4:5

2) God gave us His Spirit to witness we are His children - 8:16

the Spirit bears witness with our spirit

we have the Spirit who ministers and helps us in our weaknesses - Rom.8:26
we have the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee - II Cor. 1:22; 5:5
we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise - Eph. 1:13
we were sealed by the Spirit until the day of redemption - Eph. 4:30

the Spirit assures us we are the children of God

we are given assurance in our hearts by the Spirit - I John 3:19-22
we have been given assurance of our eternal life - I John 5:10-13

3) God says that we are joint heirs with Christ - 8:17

we have become heirs of God

we are promised an inheritance among those who are sanctified - Acts 26:18
we are an heir of God through Christ - Gal. 4:7

we have become joint heirs with Christ

we have become fellow heirs of His promise through Christ - Eph. 3:6

we have the privilege of suffering with Christ

we enter the kingdom of God through much tribulation - Acts 14:22
we are persecuted but not forsaken - II Cor. 4:8-11

we will one day be glorified with Christ

we will one day reign with Christ - II Tim. 2:10-14

3. Christ has promised us future deliverance - 8:18-25

a. deliverance will come to the creation - 8:18-22

1) the creation and our sufferings in this world are nothing - 8:18

the sufferings we now suffer are nothing in comparison
we suffer light affliction which is only for the moment - II Cor. 4:17-18
we suffer for a little while with various trials - I Pet. 1:6
the sufferings will be replaced by the glory to be revealed
we will one day appear with Christ in glory - Col. 3:4; I Pet. 4:13

2) the creation is waiting for the sons of God to be revealed - 8:19

the creation is eagerly waiting also
the creation is looking for the new heavens and the new earth - II Pet. 3:11-13
the creation waits for the revealing of the sons of God
the creation waits to see those who have been redeemed - Rom. 8:23

3) the creation was subjected to futility - 8:20

the creation suffered from the sin of man
the creation was judged when man sinned - Gen. 3:17-19
the creation did not do this willingly
the creation was cursed by God - Gen 5:29
the creation was subjected by Him who gives hope
the creation felt this in many ways - Is. 24:5-6; Jer. 12:4, 11

4) the creation will one day be delivered from bondage - 8:21

the creation will be delivered from the bondage of corruption
the Lord will create a creation filled with righteousness - II Pet. 3:13
the creation will experience the glorious liberty of the Son of God
the creation will no longer be under the curse - Rev. 22:3-5

5) the creation is groaning and travailing in pain - 8:22

the creation groans with birth pangs and labors
the creation was subjected to futility - Rom. 8:20; John 16:21
the creation is still waiting to be delivered
the creation is waiting to be delivered from the bondage of corruption - Rom. 8:21

b. deliverance will come to us - Rom. 8:23-25

1) we are also waiting for the redemption of our bodies - 8:23

we are waiting with the creation for deliverance
we need deliverance from our weaknesses - Rom. 8:26
we know how wretched we are in our hearts - Rom. 7:24
we have been given the first fruits of the Spirit
we received the Spirit in our hearts - Rom. 5:5
we received the Spirit as our guarantee - II Cor. 5:5
we have the fruit of the Spirit developing in our lives - Gal. 5:22-23
we groan within ourselves as we wait for the adoption
we groan within ourselves as we wait for heaven - II Cor. 5:2-4
we look forward to that which is far better - Phil. 1:21-23
we eagerly wait for the redemption of the body
we are eagerly looking forward to our new body - Phil. 3:20-21
we are eagerly looking for our eternal reward - II Tim. 4:8
we are eagerly waiting for the glorious appearing of our Lord - Titus 2:13

2) we have been saved by hope - 8:24

we have been saved by hope
we have been given hope through the Scriptures - Rom. 15:4
we are filled with joy and peace by the God of hope - Rom. 15:13
we know that hope is one of the things that abides - I Cor. 13:13
we base our hope on things not seen
we wait for this hope by faith - Gal. 5:5
we base our hope on the promises of God - Heb. 6:18-19
we do that because hope is the result of faith
we have been begotten to a living hope by the resurrection - I Pet. 1:3
we have our faith and hope in God - I Pet. 1:21
we walk by faith not by sight - II Cor. 5:7

3) we wait with patience for that deliverance - 8:25

we have our hope in what we do not yet see
we look at the things which are not seen - II Cor. 4:18
we are looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of Christ - Titus 2:11-13
we wait with patience for our hope to be fulfilled
we wait for the coming of the Lord with patience - James 5:7-11
we wait with patience so that we become complete - James 1:3-4

4. Christ says that the Spirit prays for us - 8:26-27

a. the Spirit helps us by praying for us - 8:26

the Spirit helps our infirmity

we learn that the Lord is our strength in our weakness - II Cor. 12:5-10
we have a High Priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses - Heb. 4:15

we realize our own wretchedness - Rom. 7:24

we pray to fulfill our own desires - James 4:3

the Spirit helps when we do not know how to pray

we cry to the Father through the Spirit - Rom. 8:15

we are to pray in the Holy Spirit - Jude 20

we pour out our soul to the living God - Ps. 42:1-5

we know the Spirit prays for us when our spirit fails - Ps. 143:4-7

the Spirit makes intercession for us

we have been given the Spirit of grace and supplication - Zech. 12:10

we have the Spirit within us crying, "Abba Father" - Gal. 4:6

we have access through the Spirit to the Father - Eph. 2:18

the Spirit prays with groanings which cannot be uttered

we know that the Lord receives our prayer - Ps. 6:9

b. the Spirit makes intercession for the saints - 8:27

God knows the mind of the Spirit

the Lord searches our hearts and knows the intent of our thoughts - I Chron. 28:9

the Lord tests our hearts and looks for uprightness - I Chron. 29:17

the Lord refines us and tests our hearts - Prov. 17:3

the Lord tests the mind and the heart and judges righteously - Jer. 11:20

the Lord searches our hearts and gives us according to our ways - Jer. 17:10

the Lord knows our hearts and has given us His Spirit - Acts 15:8

the Lord knows all things and we hide nothing from His sight - Heb. 4:13

God hears the Spirit make intercession for the saints

the Lord hears us and attends to our prayer - Ps. 66:18-19

the Lord makes intercession for us - Rom. 8:34

the Lord gives us access through the Spirit - Eph. 2:18

God says the Spirit prays according to the will of God

the Lord sent the Comforter to be our helper - John 14:13-18

the Lord knows we lack wisdom and tells us to ask in faith - James 1:5

the Lord answers our requests as we do those things that are pleasing - I John 3:22

the Lord hears our prayer when we ask according to His will - I John 5:14

the Lord answers our prayer when we ask according to His will - I John 5:15

5. Christ explains His purpose for us - 8:28-30

a. God works all things for good to those who are called - 8:28

God works all things together for good

God works to develop patience and character in us - Rom. 5:3-5

God is working to renew our inward man - II Cor. 4:15-18

God wants us to magnify Christ in our bodies - Phil. 1:19-21

God disciplines us for our own profit - Heb. 12:6-12

God does this for all who love God

God assures us nothing will separate us from the love of Christ - Rom. 8:35-39

God has prepared many things for those who love Him - I Cor. 2:9

God promises a reward to those who love Him - James 1:12

God does this for those called according to His purpose

God called us through His grace - Gal. 1:15

God made known His will according to His good pleasure - Eph. 1:9-10

God worked in us according to His eternal purpose - Eph. 3:11

b. God determined to conform us to the image of Christ - 8:29

God foreknew us before the foundation of the world

God knew us before the foundation of the world - Eph. 1:4-6

God predestinated us to be conformed to the image of Christ

God predestinated us according to His purpose - Eph. 1:11

God calls us to put on the Lord Jesus Christ - Rom. 13:14

Christ is the firstborn among many brethren

Christ was the first to arise from the dead - John 20:17

Christ is the firstborn from the dead - Col. 1:15-18

c. God sees the whole process being complete in us - 8:30

God predestinated us

we were predestinated according to God's purpose - Eph. 1:11

God called us

we were called to God's eternal glory - I Pet. 5:10

we have been called into God's own kingdom and glory - I Thess. 2:12

God justified us

we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus - I Cor. 6:11

we were justified according to His grace - Titus 3:4-7

God glorified us

we partake of Christ's sufferings and share in His glory - I Pet. 4:13-14

6. Christ says that no one can stand against us - 8:31-39

a. God says He will not condemn us - 8:31-34

1) God says that He is for us - 8:31

God says that He is for us

God has given us eternal life and no one can take us from Him - John 10:28-30

God is for us and we do not need to be afraid of the wicked - Ps. 27:1-3

God asks who can be against us

God is greater than those who are in the world - I John 4:4

2) God delivered His own Son up for us - 8:32

God did not spare His own Son

God sent Christ to die for us - Rom. 5:6-10

God delivered Christ up for us all

God sent Christ to taste death for every man - Heb. 2:9

God will freely give us all things

God has done all things for our sakes - II Cor. 4:15

3) God will not lay a charge against us - 8:33

God asks who can lay a charge against God's elect

God chose the elect according to His foreknowledge - I Pet. 1:1-2

God does not charge because He has justified us

God is both just and our justifier - Rom. 3:26

4) God says that Christ is making intercession for us - 8:34

God asks who would condemn us

God says there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ - Rom. 8:1

God says Christ will not because He died for us

God sent Christ to die for us - Rom. 4:24-25; 5:6-10

God also raised Christ from the dead

God raised Christ from the dead - Acts 2:23-24

God says that Christ is at His right hand

God raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand - Eph. 1:20

God says that Christ is seated at His right hand as our High Priest - Heb. 8:1

God says that Christ is making intercession for us

God says Christ is making intercession for us - Heb. 7:25.

b. God says that we are more than conquerors - 8:35-37

1) God says nothing will separate us from the love of Christ - 8:35

can tribulation separate us from the love of Christ?

tribulation cannot separate us from the love of Christ - Rom. 5:3-6

tribulation has caused Christ to overcome for us - John 16:33

trials are nothing compared to the glory which will come - II Cor. 4:17-18

can distress separate us from the love of Christ?

distress does not separate us from the love of Christ - II Cor. 12:9-10

can persecution separate us from the love of Christ?

persecution does not separate us from the love of Christ - Matt. 5:10-12

can famine separate us from the love of Christ?

lack of food cannot separate us from the love of Christ - II Cor. 6:4-10

can nakedness separate us from the love of Christ?

various trials cannot separate us from the love of Christ - I Pet. 1:5-7

can peril separate us from the love of Christ?

peril cannot separate us from the love of Christ - II Cor. 11:23-27

fiery trials cannot separate us from the love of Christ - I Pet. 4:12-14

can sword separate us from the love of Christ?

the sword cannot separate us from the love of Christ - II Tim. 4:16-18

2) God says we have been accounted as sheep for the slaughter - 8:36

we are allowed to be killed for the sake of God

we are killed all day long for God - Ps. 44:22

we are warned that we may die for Christ - John 16:2

we are delivered to death for Jesus' sake - II Cor. 4:11

we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter for the sake of God

we are following Christ who was led to the slaughter for us - Is. 53:7

3) God says we are more than conquerors - 8:37

we are more than conquerors for the sake of God

we will conquer death and experience victory - I Cor 15:54-58

we will always triumph through Christ - II Cor. 2:14

we realize that our strength is in Christ - II Cor. 12:9-10

we are more than conquerors because of the love of Christ

we are loved by Christ and He gave Himself for us - Eph. 5:25-27

we are loved by Christ and He has given us everlasting consolation - II Thess. 2:16

we are loved by Christ who is our propitiation - I John 4:10

c. God says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ - 8:38-39

death cannot separate us from the love of Christ - 8:38

we are not separated from the love of Christ by death - Rom. 14:8
we can die in faith because we have an eternal home - Heb. 11:13
we will never perish because we have eternal life - John 10:28
we will have victory over death because we are the beloved - I Cor. 15:54-58

life cannot separate us from the love of Christ

we are not separated from His love by life or by death - Rom. 14:8-9
we go through life looking forward to being with the Lord - II Cor. 5:4-8
we live here but look forward to being with Christ - Phil. 1:20-23

angels cannot separate us from the love of Christ

we know that angels cannot separate us from the love of Christ - II Cor. 11:14

principalities cannot separate us from the love of Christ

we know that principalities and powers cannot separate us from Christ - Eph. 1:21

powers cannot separate us from the love of Christ

we are able to stand against powers because of the love of Christ - Eph. 6:11-12
we know that Christ has all power over principalities and powers - Col. 1:16-17
we know that Christ has defeated principalities and powers - Col. 2:15

things present cannot separate us from the love of Christ

we know that Christ gives us strength to resist things present - I Pet. 5:8-10

things to come cannot separate us from the love of Christ

we know that all things have been made subject to Christ - I Pet. 3:21

height cannot separate us from the love of Christ - 8:39

we know that the love of Christ is greater than any height - Eph. 3:17-19
we know we cannot flee from the presence of the Lord - Ps. 139:7-8
we know God watched over Jonah when he tried to flee - John 1:3-2:9

depth cannot separate us from the love of Christ

we know that the love of Christ is greater than any depth - Eph. 3:17-19

no other creation cannot separate us from the love of Christ

we know no created thing can take us out of the hand of Christ - John 10:28-30
we know that our life is hidden with Christ in God - Col. 3:3-4

this love is from God and through Christ Jesus, our Lord

we know that God showed His love to us through Christ - Rom. 5:8
we know that God loved us so much He sent His only Son - John 3:16-17
we know that God loved us and showed us His grace through Christ - Eph. 2:4-7
we know that God shows mercy and compassion - Rom. 9:15-16
we know that God showed His kindness and love to us through Christ - Titus 2:4-7
we know that God showed His love by sending Christ to give us life - I John 4:9-10
we know that God is love and will give us boldness on judgment day - I John 4:16-19

IV. God warns us through the example of Israel - 9:1-11:36

A. Israel was chosen in the past - 9:1-29

1. God chose Israel in the past - 9:1-5

a. Paul had a great concern for Israel - 9:1-3

1) Paul spoke of his great concern - 9:1

Paul spoke the truth in Christ

Paul often called God as his witness - Rom. 1:9; II Cor. 1:23

Paul spoke the truth in Christ - I Tim. 2:7

Paul did not lie when he spoke

Paul said that he did not lie when he spoke - II Cor. 11:31

Paul did not lie when he wrote to others - Gal. 1:20

Paul had a clear conscience as he spoke

Paul said that he had a clear conscience about his conduct - II Cor. 1:12

Paul said we are all to have a clear conscience - I Tim. 1:5

Paul knew the benefits of an uncondemned heart - I John 3:19-21

2) Paul was filled with sorrow - 9:2

Paul had great heaviness of heart

Paul had a great desire to see Israel saved - Rom. 10:1

Paul wept as he saw those who were enemies of Christ - Phil. 3:18

Paul had continual sorrow of heart

Paul followed the example of Moses - Ex. 32:32

Paul followed the example of David as he wept for others - Ps. 119:36

Paul followed the example of Jeremiah as he wept for Israel - Jer. 9:1; Lam. 3:48-51

3) Paul had a great concern for the Jews - 9:3

Paul said he could wish himself accursed from Christ

Paul followed the example of Moses in expressing his feeling - Ex. 32:32

Paul understood the curse that Christ took for mankind - Gal. 3:13-14

Paul said he could desire that because of his brethren

Paul had this desire for Israel because he was also a Jew - Rom. 11:1

Paul had a concern for his brethren, the Jews - Acts 13:26

Paul said he could desire that because of his human relatives

Paul had a concern for his brethren like Moses - Acts 7:23-26

b. Paul reviewed the privileges of Israel - 9:4-5

1) Paul spoke of the blessings of the Israelites - 9:4

the Israelites received the adoption

the people of Israel were chosen by God - Gen. 32:28

the people of Israel were called to be a holy nation - Ex. 19:3-6

the people of Israel were chosen as a special treasure above all peoples - Deut. 7:6

the Israelites received the glory

the people saw the glory of the Lord fill the tabernacle - Ex. 40:34-38

the Israelites received the covenants

the people received the covenant through Abraham - Gen. 15:18; 17:2-8

the people received the Book of the Covenant - Ex. 24:7-8

the people received the covenant given to David - Ps. 89:34-37

the people were often reminded of the covenant - Acts 3:25

the people were promised a new covenant - Jer. 31:33-34; Heb. 8:6-10

the Israelites received the law

the people of Israel received the law - Ex. 34:27-28

the Israelites received the service of God

the people received the service of the sanctuary - Heb. 9:1-10

the Israelites received the promises

the people had received the promises - Heb. 13:11-17, 33

the people who received promises had them based on God's character - II Cor. 1:20

2) Paul spoke of the concern of Christ for the Israelites - 9:5

the Israelites were descendents of the fathers

the people were the descendents of the fathers - Rom. 11:28

the people were chosen as descendents of the fathers - Deut. 10:15

the Israelites had Christ come to them

the people had One who would bring blessing promised to them - Gen. 12:3; 49:10-11

the people were promised that One would come from a virgin - Is. 7:14

the people had Christ come to His own and His own did not receive Him - John 1:11

the Israelites were able to see the One who is over all

the Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him - Rom. 10:12

the Lord has established His kingdom in heaven - Ps. 103:19

the Lord will have a kingdom that will be forever - Is. 9:6-7

the Lord will one day have every person recognize Him - Phil. 2:6-11

the Israelites were able to see the One who is blessed by God forever

Christ is the One who is one with the Father - John 10:30

Christ is the One who is blessed forever - II Cor. 11:31

2. God distinguished between physical and spiritual Israel - 9:6-13

a. Abraham had descendants who were not part of the promise -9:6-7

1) the Lord chose the descendants as the children of promise - 9:6

God gave His word to Abraham about Israel

God will not break His promise about Israel - Rom. 11:1-5

God is not One who will break His promises - Num. 23:19

God says His Word will accomplish what He pleases - Is. 55:11

God said that not all of the descendants of Abraham received the promise

God is looking for people who are circumcised in the heart - Rom. 2:28-29

God gave the promise to Abraham through faith - Rom. 4:12-16

2) the Lord said the children of promise are counted as seed - 9:7

Abraham had many children

God gave Abraham many children - Gen. 16:15; 21:2-3; 25:1-4

Abraham did not have all of his children counted as children of promise

God told Abraham his seed would not come through Ishmael - Gen. 21:12

God told Abraham that in Isaac would his seed be called - Heb. 11:18

Abraham had the descendants of Isaac counted as children of promise

God said the true descendants have no confidence in the flesh - Phil. 3:3

b. Abraham had descendants who were only children of the flesh - 9:8-13

1) God said only the children of promise were counted as seed - 9:8

Abraham had many who were children of the flesh

God is looking for those born of the Spirit - Gal. 4:22-31

Abraham had many who were not children of God

God showed that many were not true followers of God - John 8:37-39

Abraham had others who were children of promise

God says that we are all sons through faith - Gal. 3:26-29

2) God said the promise would be fulfilled through Sarah - 9:9

God gave a promise to Abraham

God said He would establish His covenant with Isaac - Gen. 17:21

God said that Sarah would have a son

God said that Sarah would have a son - Gen. 18:10-14; 21:2

3) God said Rebecca and Isaac would carry on the seed - 9:10

Rebecca and Isaac were spoken to by God

God told them they would have two sons - Gen. 25:21-23

Rebecca was pregnant at the time God spoke

God said the older would serve the younger - Gen. 25:22-23

4) God said he had chosen one of their two children - 9:11

the children of Rebecca had not yet been born

God did His choosing even before He created the world - Eph. 1:4

the children of Rebecca had done neither good or evil

God blinded many in Israel - Rom. 11:7

the children of Rebecca show the purpose of God

God is always concerned to fulfill His purpose - Eph. 1:9-11

God carried out His eternal purpose through Christ - Eph. 3:11

the children of Rebecca show salvation is not based on works

God does not base the salvation of anyone on works - Titus 3:5

God does what He does apart from works - Rom. 11:6

God chose and called us to salvation - II Thess. 2:13-14

God calls us to a worthy walk only after we are saved - I Thess. 2:12

God called us to His eternal glory - I Pet. 5:10

the children of Rebecca show that it is based on whom God calls

God is the One who calls, justifies and glorifies - Rom. 8:28-30

God says we are to make our calling and election sure - II Pet. 1:10

5) God said the older would serve the younger - 9:12

God spoke to Rebecca before the children were born

God spoke to Rebecca when the children were struggling within her - Gen. 25:22

God said the older would serve the younger

God said the older would serve the younger - Gen. 25:23

God fulfilled that as the descendants of Esau served David - II Sam. 8:14

God fulfilled that as the descendants of Esau served Jehoshaphat - I Kings 22:47

6) God said Jacob was the one who carried on the promise - 9:13

God said that Jacob was the one He loved

God said that He loved Jacob - Mal. 1:2

God said Esau was the one He hated

God said that He hated Esau - Mal. 1:3

3. God is the One who chooses to whom He will show mercy - 9:14-29

a. mercy has its source in the will of God - 9:14-16

1) God is certainly not unrighteous - 9:14

some people might question God

God is the One who is faithful and righteous - Rom. 3:1, 5-6

God is righteous in bringing judgment - Rom. 2:5

some people might accuse God of being unrighteous

God is a God who is righteous and just - Deut. 32:4

God is a God who shows no partiality - II Chron. 19:7

some people are making false charges against God

God does not commit iniquity - Job 34:10-12

God is righteous in His judgments - Rev. 16:7

2) God shows compassion to those who do not deserve compassion - 9:15

God told Moses why He did what He did

God explained to Moses why He would be gracious - Ex. 33:19

God did this because He is a God of mercy - Rom. 9:16

God said He would have mercy on those He chose to have mercy

God explained to Moses why He showed mercy and why He judged - Ex. 34:6-7

God did this because He is a God of mercy - Rom. 9:18-19

God said He would have compassion on those He chose to show compassion

God chooses to pardon iniquity and show compassion - Micah 7:18-19

3) God shows compassion because He is a God of mercy - 9:16

salvation is not obtained because man wills it

God has chosen us because that is His purpose - Rom. 9:11

God is actually found by those who are not seeking Him - Is. 65:1

God reveals His will to those that He chooses - Matt. 11:25-26

God saves us by His will - John 1:12-13

God does things in ways that people do not understand - John 3:8

God chooses to work in the ways that men reject - I Cor. 1:26-31

salvation is not obtained because man earns it

God is the One who chose us to salvation - II Thess. 2:13-14

salvation is obtained because God shows mercy

God showed mercy to us when we were dead in trespasses and sins - Eph. 2:4-5

God chose to save us by His mercy - Titus 3:3-5; I Pet. 2:9-10

b. mercy was not shown to Pharoah - 9:17-18

1) God raised up Pharoah for a specific purpose - 9:17

Pharoah was raised up for a specific purpose

God chose Pharoah to show His power so His name would be declared - Ex. 9:16-17

God also brought Pharoah to power for that very time - Rom. 9:17

Pharoah was raised up to show the power of God

God raised up Pharoah so that Israel would know that the Lord is God - Ex. 10:1-2

God used Pharoah to spread abroad His fame - Josh. 9:9

Pharoah was raised up so that the name of God would be declared

God used the hard heart of Pharoah to bring honor to His name - Ex. 14:17-18

God used Pharoah so the other nations would hear of God - Ex. 15:14-16

God caused the nations to hear what He had done to Pharoah - Josh. 2:9-10

2) God chooses how He works in peoples' lives - 9:18

God chooses to show mercy to some

God said that He would show mercy to the Gentiles - Acts 28:26-28

God allows some to harden their hearts

God allowed Pharoah to harden his heart - Ex. 4:21

God allows some to experience strong delusion - II Thess. 2:10-12

c. mercy was planned for both Jews and Gentiles - 9:19-24

1) God says some will question what He does - 9:19

some may question why God finds fault

God says people are tempted when they are drawn away by their lusts - James 1:13-15

some may question because they resisted the will of God

God fulfills His purpose even by the hands of evil men - Acts 2:23-24

2) God says He is the Maker and the decision maker - 9:20

we are not to stand up against God

God calls us to walk humbly before Him - Micah 6:8

we are not to challenge the one who made us

God can choose to do good as He desires - Matt. 20:15

we are not to ask why we were made the way we are

God has made foolish the wisdom of this world - I Cor. 1:20

God is our Maker and we are not to ask why He made us this way - Is. 29:16

3) God says He is the potter - 9:21

the potter is the one who has power over the clay

God is the potter who is able to make what He chooses - Jer. 18:3-6

the potter is able to make a vessel of honor

God can turn a person into a chosen vessel - Acts 9:15

God wants us to be vessels of honor - II Tim. 2:20-22

the potter is able to make a vessel of dishonor

God made Pharaoh a vessel of dishonor - Rom. 9:17

God says that many have a hard and impenitent heart - Rom. 2:4-5

4) God has shown longsuffering even to those who were destroyed - 9:22

God can choose to show His wrath

God chooses to show His wrath to those who deny Him - Jude 4

God will one day reveal His wrath against all ungodliness - Rom. 1:18

God can choose to make His power known

God will reveal His power and judgment in the future - II Pet. 3:10

God at the same time shows much longsuffering

God was longsuffering in the days of Noah - I Pet. 3:20

God waits to bring judgment on those fitted for destruction

God waited on some forty years in the wilderness - Num. 14:11-12, 18

5) God also has showed His glory and mercy - 9:23

God can choose to show the riches of His glory

God wants to show the riches of His grace - Rom. 5:20-21

God has made His grace to abound to us - Eph. 1:6-8

God can choose to show His mercy

God is rich in mercy because of His great love - Eph. 2:4, 7, 10

God can choose to show mercy to those whom He prepared for mercy

God chooses to show the riches of His mercy - Eph. 3:8, 16

God chooses to make known the riches of His glory - Col. 1:27

6) God called Gentiles the sons of the living God - 9:24

God has called some who are Jews

God called some Jews to share the heavenly calling - Heb. 3:1

God has called some who are Gentiles

God called some Gentiles to salvation - Acts 13:47-48; 15:14

God wants to show mercy to both Jews and Gentiles - Rom. 11:32-33

d. mercy was predicted for both the Jews and the Gentiles - 9:25-29

1) God said through Hosea He would call people His beloved - 9:25

God said He would call those who were not His people
God promised to call those who are not His people - Hosea 2:23
God said He would make them beloved
God calls us to be His people and His beloved - I Pet. 2:10; John 16:27

2) God calls some Gentiles to be sons of the living God - 9:26

God said that the Gentiles were not originally called His people
God has called many who were not originally His people - Gal. 3:26-29
God said the Gentiles would be called the sons of God
God has called us to be His children - Rom. 8:16; John 11:52

3) God said through Isaiah that He would save a remnant - 9:27

God has not however forgotten Israel
God has always reserved a remnant in Israel - Rom. 11:4-6; Ezra 9:8
God said that Israel has become a very large group of people
God promised Abraham descendents like sand on the seashore - Gen. 22:17
God said that a remnant of Israel will be saved
God says that Israel will turn to Him in the future - Rom. 11:25-26

4) God said He would complete His work on the earth - 9:28

God will finish His work on the earth
God will judge the world in righteousness - Acts 17:31
God will finish His work in righteousness
God will judge the world in righteousness - Ps. 9:8
God will complete His work in a short time
God will finish His work on this earth - II Pet. 3:9-10

5) God said through Isaiah that some would be saved - 9:29

Isaiah said that the Lord had left Israel a seed
God will leave a remnant in Israel - Is. 6:13; Rom. 11:25-26
Isaiah said that otherwise they would have become like Sodom
Isaiah said that otherwise they would have become like Gomorrah
God will not make Israel like Sodom and Gomorrah - II Pet. 2:6

B. Israel is rejecting in the present - 9:30-10:21

1. God said that Israel was still in a state of rejecting - 9:30-33

a. God says that the Gentiles have obtained righteousness without the law - 9:30

the Gentiles had not followed after righteousness

the Gentiles chose to follow after all unrighteousness - Rom. 1:18-32

the Gentiles had now obtained righteousness

the Gentiles found God even though they were not seeking Him - Rom. 10:20

the Gentiles have been brought near by the blood of Christ - Eph. 2:12-13

the Gentiles have obtained righteousness through faith

the Gentiles have obtained righteousness through faith in Christ - Rom. 3:21-26

b. God says Israel did not obtain righteousness through the law - 9:31

Israel pursued the law of righteousness

the Jews had a zeal for God but not according to knowledge - Rom. 10:2-4

the Jews tried to obtain righteousness by the law - Gal. 3:21

Israel did not attain the law of righteousness

the Jews could not be justified by the law - Rom. 3:20

the Jews did not understand the law could only bring wrath - Rom. 4:14-15

c. God says that Israel depended on works instead of faith - 9:32

Israel did not seek righteousness by faith

Israel tried to establish their own righteousness - Rom. 10:3

Israel sought righteousness through the law

Israel tried to obtain righteousness by keeping the law - Matt. 19:16-20

Israel stumbled at obtaining righteousness by faith

Israel saw the cross as a stumbling block - I Cor. 1:23

Israel did not believe the testimony of God about Christ - I John 5:9-12

d. God says that the law is like a stumbling stone to Israel - 9:33

Israel found the law to be like a stumbling stone

Israel found God and His Word to be a stone of stumbling - Is. 8:14-15

Israel found the law to be like a rock of offence

Israel rejected the One who became the chief cornerstone - Ps. 118:22; Matt. 21:42

Israel will not be ashamed if they believe in Him

Israel will not be put to shame if they believe in Christ - Rom. 10:11-13

2. God said that Israel did not understand that righteousness comes through faith - Romans 10:1-17

a. God said that Israel tried to establish her own righteousness - 10:1-3

1) Paul had a great concern for Israel - 10:1

Paul had a great concern in his heart for Israel

Paul had continual sorrow for the Jews - Rom. 9:1-3

Paul became a Jew to the Jews - I Cor. 9:20-23

Paul prayed to God for Israel

Paul prayed continually for the Jews - Rom. 9:1-2

Paul prayed that Israel might be saved

Paul prayed for the salvation of the Jews - Rom. 9:1-5

2) Paul said that Israel has a zeal for God - 10:2

Paul gave his own testimony about Israel

the Jews like Paul had persecuted Christians - Acts 26:9-11

the Jews knew how Paul had advanced in Judaism - Gal. 1:14

the Jews had seen the zeal of Paul for Judaism - Phil. 3:4-6

Paul said that Israel had a zeal for God

the Jews thought they were serving God by persecuting Christians - John 16:2

the Jews tried to kill Paul for sharing with the Gentiles - Acts 21:28; 22:22

Paul said that zeal was not according to knowledge

the Jews had their minds blinded by Satan - II Cor. 4:3-4

3) God says that Israel has not submitted to His righteousness - 10:3

Paul said Israel was ignorant of God's righteousness

the Jews did not receive Christ when He came to them - John 1:10-11

the Jews did not understand that righteousness came by faith - Rom. 1:17

the Jews did not understand that righteousness came through Christ - Rom. 3:22-26

the Jews did not understand that Christ became sin for them - II Cor. 5:21

Paul said Israel went about to establish their own righteousness

the Jews were depending on their works for righteousness - Is. 57:12

the Jews did not understand that our righteousness is unacceptable - Is. 64:6

Paul said Israel did not submit to the righteousness of God

the Jews wanted to justify themselves - Luke 10:29; 18:9-14

the Jews tried to justify themselves before men - Luke 16:15

the Jews tried to be justified through the law - Gal. 5:3-4

b. God said that Christ is the One who fulfilled the law - 10:4-7

1) the righteousness of the law was fulfilled by Christ - 10:4

Christ is the end of the law

the Jews could only find righteousness by faith - Rom. 3:28-30

the Jews could not fulfill the righteousness of the law- Rom. 8:3-4

the Jews could find true righteousness in Christ - Col. 2:13-14

Christ provides righteousness to everyone that believes

Christ made this righteousness available to everyone - Acts 13:38-39

Christ gives us His righteousness when we are in Him - I Cor. 1:30

Christ makes us complete in Him - Col. 2:10

Christ became the true High Priest for us - Heb. 9:7-14; 10:8-12, 14

2) the righteousness of the law required perfect obedience - 10:5

righteousness which is by the law is described by Moses

righteousness can only be obtained by keeping the law perfectly - Lev. 18:5

righteousness which is by the law requires perfect obedience

righteousness requires obeying and living perfectly - Ezek. 20:11-13, 21

righteousness requires perfect obedience according to Christ - Luke 10:27-29, 37

righteousness through the law requires living by the law - Gal. 3:12

3) the righteousness which is in faith is in the heart - 10:6

righteousness is shown by faith

righteousness is received through faith in Christ - Rom. 3:22-25

righteousness comes through faith in Christ - Phil. 3:9

righteousness of faith does not seek Christ in heaven

righteousness is received by believing in Christ - John 6:33-37, 50-51

righteousness is received by grace through faith - Eph. 4:8-10

righteousness came when Christ purged us from our sins - Heb. 1:3

4) the righteousness which is in faith acts by faith - 10:7

righteousness of faith does not seek Christ in the abyss

Christ was delivered and raised again for our justification - Rom. 4:25

Christ has risen from the dead - Heb. 13:20

righteousness of faith does not try to bring up Christ from the dead

Christ both died and rose again - I Pet. 3:18-22

Christ is the One who lives, was dead and is alive again - Rev. 1:18

3. God said that righteousness is available to all - 10:8-13

a. God tells how that righteousness is received - 10:8-10

1) Paul shared the the message of faith - 10:8

the word is near us

the word is near us so that we can hear it - Deut. 30:14

the word is in our hearts

the words of faith will bring nourishment and good doctrine - I Tim. 4:6

the word of God lives and abides forever - I Pet. 1:23-25

the word is the word of faith

the word is what makes it possible to be saved - Mark 16:15-16

the word will bring people to faith in Christ - Acts 16:31

the word is what brings us to faith - Rom. 10:17

the word of faith is what Paul preached

the message of forgiveness by faith was what Paul preached - Acts 13:38-39

2) Paul shared what we must confess and believe - 10:9

we confess that Jesus is Lord with our mouth

we confess we know and have our trust in Christ - Matt. 10:32-33

we must confess Christ or we are a deceiver - II John 7

we either confess now or will be forced to confess later - Rom. 14:11

we believe with our heart that God raised Christ from the dead

we believe that Christ died and rose again - Rom. 8:34

we are to believe Christ has risen by faith - John 20:26-29

we are saved by doing these two things

we must believe these things in our hearts - Acts 8:37

we are placing our faith and hope in God - I Pet. 1:21

3) Paul tells the results of confessing and believing - 10:10

with the heart man believes unto righteousness

we must hear the word with a good heart and receive it - Luke 8:15

we must receive Christ and be born of God - John 1:12-13

we will come to the light so that our deeds can be seen - John 3:19-21

we are warned about having an unbelieving heart - Heb. 3:12

we are to draw near with a true heart in full assurance - Heb. 10:22

with the mouth man makes confession unto salvation

we are to confess that Jesus is the Son of God - I John 4:15

b. God tells us that righteousness is available to all - 10:11-13

1) God says those who believe will not be put to shame - 10:11

God gives a promise to whoever believes

God says He will cause them to become like a tree - Jer. 17:7-8

God says that those who believe will not be put to shame

God will not put those to shame who believe in Him - Rom. 9:33

God will not put to shame those who wait for Him - Is. 49:23

God says He lays in Zion a precious cornerstone - Is. 28:16

God says those who believe in Christ will not be put to shame - I Pet. 2:6

2) God says that Christ is Lord to all who call upon Him - 10:12

God makes no distinction in salvation

God is the God of both the Jews and the Gentiles - Rom. 3:29-30

God calls both the Jews and the Gentiles to salvation - Rom. 9:24

God is no respecter of persons - Acts 10:34-35

God makes no distinction but purifies all by faith - Acts 15:8-9

God says that salvation is available to both Jews and Greeks

God gives righteousness to all who have faith in Christ - Rom. 3:22

God says He imputes righteousness to all who believe - Rom. 4:11-12

God says that Christ is Lord over all

God says Christ is Lord of both the dead and the living - Rom. 14:9

God says that Christ gives the Gentiles hope - Rom. 15:12

God says that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord - Phil. 2:11

God says that He shows His riches to all who call upon Him

God has given both Jews and Gentiles access by the Spirit - Eph. 2:18-22

God says that the Jews and Gentiles have been made fellow heirs - Eph. 3:6

God called Paul to share His riches among the Gentiles - Eph. 3:8

God wants us to enjoy the riches of His glory - Eph. 3:16-19

God promises to share the riches of His glory with the Gentiles - Col. 1:27; 2:2

God meets our needs according to the riches of His glory - Phil. 4:19

3) God says that all who call on Christ will be saved - 10:13

God says that He hears whoever calls to Him in the name of Christ

God will save whoever calls on the name of the Lord - Joel 2:32

God shares this promise with the Gentiles also - Col. 1:27-29

God says He saves those who call on the name of the Lord

God says whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved - Acts 2:21

4. God says that faith comes through hearing the Word of God - 10:14-17

a. God says that people must hear in order to believe - 10:14

people do not call on someone in whom they do not believe
the people in Jonah's time called on their gods - Jonah 1:5
the people of Jonah's time did not yet know the God of heaven- Jonah 1:9-16
the people of Jonah's time believed when they heard - Jonah 3:5-9
the people in any time must believe that God is the true God - Heb. 11:6
people cannot believe unless they have heard
God wants the Scripture to be known in all the nations - Rom. 16:25-26
people cannot believe unless someone tells them
God calls us to be witnesses of His resurrection - Luke 24:46-48
God says His Word has been written so that people might believe - John 20:30-31
God sent Paul to tell the Gentiles - Acts 26:17-19; II Tim. 4:17

b. God says someone must share for people to believe - 10:15

God says that people must be sent to preach
Christ told the disciples to pray asking God to send laborers - Matt. 9:38-10:6
Christ later sent out the seventy to tell others - Luke 10:1
Christ who now sends us to tell others - John 20:21
Christ says we are ambassadors for Christ - II Cor. 5:18-20
God says our feet are beautiful if we preach
Christ says the feet of those who bring good news are beautiful - Is. 52:7
God says our feet are beautiful if we bring the good news
God wants people who will bring the good news of peace - Nahum 1:15

c. God said through Isaiah that the Jews had not believed - 10:16

people have not all obeyed the Gospel
God says that people have not believed - Rom. 3:3, 9-20
people have fulfilled what Isaiah predicted
Isaiah asked who feared the Lord and believed - Is. 50:10; 53:1

d. God says faith comes by hearing the Word of God - 10:17

hearing must come before faith
people must hear the preaching of the cross - I Cor. 1:18-24
hearing happens as people hear the Word of God
people must hear the living Word of God - Heb. 4:12-13

5. God contrasts the response of the Jews and Gentiles - 10:18-21

a. God says that people have heard to the ends of the world - 10:18

God says that people had heard

God sent Paul to a large region - Acts 26:20

God caused many to hear about the faith of the Christians in Rome - Rom. 1:8

God used Paul from Jerusalem to Illyricum - Rom. 15:19

God says His Word is sent into all the earth

God called us to make disciples of all nations - Matt. 28:129-20

God said we are to take the Gospel to every creature - Mark 16:15

God says His Word went to the ends of the world

God says He has placed eternity in the hearts of all people - Eccl. 3:11

God was sending His Word into all the world - Col. 1:6

b. God says that He will use the Gentiles to provoke the Jews - 10:19

God says that Israel had known

God said the people turned from Him to idols - Jer. 10:8-16

God says that He would provoke Israel to jealousy

God said He would provoke Israel by a people who are not a nation - Deut. 32:21

God would use a people who were formerly not a people - I Pet. 2:9-10

God says He would provoke them through a foolish nation

God was going to use people who formerly followed dumb idols - I Cor. 12:2

God says we were formerly a foolish people - Titus 3:3

c. God will save Gentiles even when they are not seeking Him - 10:20

God says that the Gentiles were not seeking Him

God says He was found by those who did not seek Him - Is. 65:1

God says that Christ would call a nation that Israel did not know - Is. 55:4

God says that He would be revealed to those who were not seeking Him

God says that the Gentiles did not pursue righteousness - Rom. 9:30

d. God says that Israel has been a disobedient people - 10:21

God says that He has continued to reach out His hand to Israel

God says that He would call a people who followed their own thoughts - Is. 65:2-5

God says that Israel was disobedient and contrary

God says Israel would not listen to His prophets - Jer. 25:4; 35:15

God said that Israel was rebellious and stiff-necked - Deut. 9:13; 31:27

C. Israel will experience salvation in the future - 11:1-36

1. God was drawing some in Israel to salvation - 11:1-6

a. God has not completely forgotten His people - 11:1-3

1) Paul says he has a concern for Israel - 11:1

Paul asks if God has forgotten Israel

God is faithful even to unfaithful Israel - Rom. 3:1-4

Paul says he is an Israelite

Paul said that he was a Jew - Acts 22:3

Paul says He is a descendent of Abraham

Paul said he was from the seed of Abraham - II Cor. 11:22

Paul says He is from the tribe of Benjamin

Paul said he was from the tribe of Benjamin - Phil. 3:5

2) Paul reminds them how Elijah thought God had forgotten Israel - 11:2

God has not cast away His people

Hebrews was written to the Jews - Heb. 1:1-2; 2:3-4

James wrote to the twelve tribes of Israel - James 1:1

Peter wrote to the Jews who were scattered abroad - I Pet. 1:1-2

God has not cast away the people He foreknew

God sent Christ to both the Jews and the Greeks - Rom. 1:16

God promises that one day all Israel will be saved - Rom. 11:25-26

God has included both Jews and Gentiles in the church - Eph. 2:14-18

God tells how Elijah felt about Israel

Elijah felt like he was the only one left - I Kings 19:18

3) Paul reminds us of the words of Elijah - 11:3

Elijah told God how Israel had killed the prophets

Elijah knew that Israel had killed the prophets of God - I Kings 18:4, 13

Elijah said Israel had killed the prophets of God - I Kings 19:10

Elijah told God how Israel had torn down God's altars

Israel had worshiped the works of their own hands - Acts 7:40-41

Israel had worshiped the host of the heavens - Acts 7:42-43

Elijah said Israel had torn down God's altars - I Kings 19:14

Elijah said he was the only one left who followed God

Elijah heard that God had reserved seven thousand in Israel - I Kings 19:18

b. God has preserved a remnant of Israel at all times - 11:4-6

1) God answered the complaint of Elijah - 11:4

God responded to Elijah

Elijah felt like he was the only prophet of God - I Kings 18:22

God knew that Elijah felt like he was the only one left - I Kings 19:10

God said there were still seven thousand who followed Him

God knew the people had followed Baal from the time of Moses - Num. 25:3

God knew how Israel served Baal under the judges - Judg. 2:13; 6:25-32

God said there were 7000 who had not kissed Baal - I Kings 19:18

God said that seven thousand had not bowed their knees to Baal

God said that seven thousand had not bowed their knees to Baal - I Kings 19:18

God later judged the followers of Baal - II Kings 10:19-28

2) God says He was preserving a remnant in the present - 11:5

Paul said God was doing the same thing in the present time

God is saving the elect even though the others are blinded - Rom. 11:7

God promised through Isaiah to save a remnant - Rom. 9:27

Paul said God was preserving a remnant in Israel

God was preserving a remnant for Israel - Acts 2:5, 41; 4:4

Paul said God was doing this because of the election of grace

God saves the elect for the sake of the fathers - Rom. 11:28

God preserves the elect because He is the One who calls - Rom. 9:11

God chose those He would save and predestinated them by His grace - Eph. 1:4-6

3) God says He does this because of His grace - 11:6

grace means that works has been excluded

God justifies men apart from works - Rom. 3:27-28

God causes grace to reign through righteousness - Rom. 5:20-21

grace would not be grace if it included works

God justifies the ungodly and counts faith as righteousness - Rom. 4:4-5

God did not save Israel because of their righteousness - Deut. 9:4-6

grace and works cannot both be involved

God saved Paul by grace and the grace of God was abundant to him - I Cor. 15:10

God says those who attempt to be justified by the law have fallen from grace- Gal. 5:4

grace would be excluded if there could be works

Christ would have died in vain if people could be saved by the law - Gal. 2:21

God says we are saved by grace only and not by works - Eph. 2:4-9

2. God has only set Israel aside temporarily - 11:7-12

a. God has given Israel a spirit of slumber - 11:7-8

1) God says Israel did not receive what it thought it would receive - 11:7

God says that Israel has not gotten what it seeks

God says that He has shown Israel guilty of sin - Rom. 3:9

God says Israel pursued the law of righteousness but did not attain it - Rom. 9:31

God says that many will not enter the narrow gate - Luke 13:24

God says that Esau tried to enter but there was no repentance - Heb. 12:17

God says that the elect have obtained what God has given

God says that the remnant has obtained what He has provided - Rom. 11:5

God has called, justified and glorified those that He foreknew - Rom. 8:28-30

God chose those who would obtain redemption - Eph. 1:4-7

God chose people from the beginning for salvation - II Thess. 2:13-14

God chose the elect Jews according to His foreknowledge - I Pet. 1:1-2

God says that the rest have been blinded

God said that the heart of the people of Israel was dull - Is. 6:9-10

God said that the people had shut their eyes and their heart - Is. 44:18

Christ said that the Jews were fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah - Matt. 13:13-15

Christ said that God had hardened the hearts of the people - John 12:39-40

God says that the veil is still blinding the minds of Israel - II Cor. 3:14-15

God says their minds have been blinded by the god of this age - II Cor. 4:4

God says that in the future there will come a strong delusion - II Thess. 2:10-12

God chooses who will receive mercy and whose hearts are hardened - Rom. 9:18

2) God tells what has happened to most of Israel - 11:8

God gave Israel a spirit of stupor

God poured out on Israel the spirit of deep sleep - Is. 29:10

God gave Israel eyes that did not see

God had not given them a heart to perceive and eyes to see - Deut. 29:4

God gave Israel ears that did not hear

God said that the people heard but did not understand - Is. 6:9

God said the people would hear without understanding - Jer. 5:21

God said that Israel did not hear because they were rebellious - Ezek. 12:2

God said that was still true in Israel

Christ spoke in parables so they would not understand - Mark 4:11-12

Paul said that the Jews would hear but not understand - Acts 28:26

God says that Israel still has a veil blinding them - II Cor. 3:14-15

b. God says that He is reaching Gentiles to later bless the Jews - 11:9-12

1) God spoke through David about a snare to Israel - 11:9

David said their table (place of safety) had become a snare

David said their table would be a snare - Ps. 69:22-23

David said their table had become a trap

David said their well-being would be a trap - Ps. 69:22

David said that their table had become a stumbling block

David said they would be rewarded according to their deeds - Ps. 28:4

2) God spoke through David about their blindness - 11:10

David said that the eyes of Israel had become darkened

God said that they became futile in their thoughts - Rom. 1:21

David said that Israel could not see

God says that the eyes of the leaders were totally blinded - Zech. 11:7

David said that they bow down their back always

God said that their loins would shake continually - Ps. 69:23

3) God said that Israel stumbled but will not fall - 11:11

God says Israel has stumbled but asks if they will fall

God does not take pleasure in seeing people fall - Ezek. 18:23, 32, 33:11

God still wants to show mercy to Israel - Rom. 11:31

God says Israel will certainly not totally fall

God says that some Jews will certainly be saved - Rom. 11:14

God says Israel will be provoked to jealousy

God wants to provoke Israel to jealousy - Acts 13:42-45

God shows that the Gentiles will hear when the Jews reject - Acts 28:24-28

God says Israel will see the Gentiles come to salvation

God illustrates how the Gentiles were glad for the opportunity to hear - Acts 13:46-48

4) God said this is to provide the Gentiles an opportunity - 11:12

God says their fall is providing riches for the world

God will provide His riches to both Jews and Gentiles - Rom. 11:29-33

God says their failure is providing riches for the Gentiles

God says rejection by the Jews is resulting in the reconciling of the world - Rom. 11:15

God says their blessing will bring even greater blessing

God says that Israel will one day receive and bring greater blessing - Rom. 11:25-26

3. God chose to give the Gentiles an opportunity for salvation - 11:13-24

a. God is concerned for both the root and the fruit - 11:13-16

1) Paul now speaks to the Gentiles - 11:13

Paul speaks to the Gentiles

God chose Paul to take the Gospel to the Gentiles - Acts 9:15

Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles

God chose Peter and Paul for different ministries - Gal. 2:7-9

God appointed Paul as the apostle to the Gentiles - II Tim. 1:11-12

Paul magnifies his ministry to the Gentiles

God sent Paul to open the eyes of the Gentiles - Acts 26:17-18

2) Paul also wants to see God save some of the Jews - 11:14

Paul wanted to provoke his people to jealousy

Paul wanted to see both Jews and Gentiles come to Christ - Rom. 11:11-12

Paul was concerned for his own people

Paul became as a Jew to reach the Jews - I Cor. 9:20-22

Paul wanted to see some of his own people saved

Paul had a continual concern for the salvation of His people - Rom. 9:1-5

3) Paul looks forward to what God is going to do for the Jews - 11:15

Paul says the casting away of Israel is leading to the reconciling of the Gentiles

Paul was seeing the faith of the Gentiles in many places - Rom. 1:11-12

Paul says that Gentiles are being reconciled to God - Rom. 5:10; II Cor. 5:18-20

Paul says the plan of God is to reconcile all things to Himself - Col. 1:20-21

Paul says the acceptance of Israel will be life from the dead

God says He is going to give life to Israel - Ezek. 37:1-14

God says that many Jews will reign with Christ for a thousand years - Rev. 20:4-6

4) Paul sees how God will bless Israel in the future - 11:16

Paul said that if the firstfruit is holy so is the lump

God calls us to honor Him with the firstfruits - Prov. 3:9

God says that we are a kind of firstfruits - James 1:18

Paul said that if the root is holy so are the branches

God says that the root supports the branches - Rom. 11:18

God says Christ is the vine that makes the branches fruitful - John 15:1-8

b. God grafted in the Gentiles like a wild branch - 11:17-21

1) God says that the Gentiles were grafted into the root - 11:17

God has broken off some of the good olive branches (Jews)
God has taken the branches of a wild olive tree (Gentiles)
God has grafted those wild branches into the good root
God has allowed the wild branches to enjoy the blessings of the good root
God has allowed the wild branches to enjoy the fatness of the olive tree

2) Gods says that the Gentiles are not to boast against the root - 11:18

the branches are not to boast against the root
we are not to be proud but to fear - Rom. 11:20
the branches do not support the root
we as branches can do nothing without Christ - John 15:4-5
the branches are supported by the root
we will see the branches (nations) one day seek the Lord - Zech. 8:20-23

3) God knows that some Gentiles would say God had forgotten Israel - 11:19

God knew that some of the Gentiles would boast
we are not to boast against the branches - Rom. 11:17-18
God knew some would say God had forgotten Israel
God promises a future day of blessing for Israel - Zech. 12:10-13:1

4) God warns the Gentiles to be humble and not proud - 11:20

God says the Jews were removed for unbelief
God warns of the dangers of unbelief - Heb. 3:12-13; 19; 4:11
God says the Gentiles have been included because of faith
God says that it is by faith that we stand - II Cor. 1:24
God says not to boast but to fear instead
God accepts those who humble themselves - Luke 18:13-14

5) God will not spare the Gentiles if they are proud - 11:21

God did remove the natural branches (Jews)
God removed some of the natural branches to include the Gentiles - Rom. 11:17
God could remove the wild branches (Gentiles)
God can also remove the Gentiles and restore the Jews - Rom. 11:22-23

c. God will again graft Israel into the tree - 11:22-24

1) God wants us to know both His goodness and severity - 11:22

we are called to consider the goodness and severity of God

God renders to all according to their deeds - Rom. 2:5-11

God rewards good to those who serve Him and are fruitful - Luke 8:15

God says we will abide in the love of Christ as we abide in Him - John 15:4-10

we realize the severity fell on Israel

God warned Israel that judgment was coming - Matt. 3:7-12

God brought severity when they rejected Christ - Heb. 10:26-30

we realize the goodness has fallen on us

God has saved us through the Gospel which we received - I Cor. 15:1-6

God has given access to all believers and made us one - Eph. 2:14-18

we realize we can continue in that goodness

God says we will reap if we continue doing good - Gal. 6:9-10

God says we will bear much fruit as we abide in Christ - John 15:8

2) God wants Israel to know He can graft them in again - 11:23

God will graft in Israel again if they turn from unbelief

God says that Israel will one day turn to Him in mourning - Zech. 12:10

Israel will say, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord - Matt. 23:39

God takes away the veil when one turns to the Lord - II Cor. 3:14-16

God is able to graft them in again

God promises to pour out future blessing on Israel - Rom. 11:25-27

God promises to make a New Covenant with Israel - Jer. 31:31-34

God promises to fulfill the New Covenant with Israel - Heb. 8:6-12

3) God is able to graft in the natural branches again - 11:24

God grafted in the wild olive branches

God grafted in the wild olive branches (Gentiles) - Rom. 11:17

God grafted them contrary to nature

(God took a wild branch and grafted it into a good tree)

God is also able to graft in natural branches

God is able to graft in the natural branches (Israel) - Rom. 11:23

God can graft them into their own olive tree

God will one day shower His blessings on Israel - Rom. 11:26-36

God will restore His people after He has refined them - Zech. 13:7-9

God will send Christ to rule the whole earth from Jerusalem - Zech. 14:8-20

4. God promises that all Israel will be saved - Rom. 11:25-31

a. God will save all Israel to fulfill His covenant - 11:25-27

1) God blinded Israel in part until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in - 11:25

God does not want us to be ignorant

God does not want us to be ignorant about the present - I Cor. 10:1; 12:1

God does not want us to be ignorant about the future - II Pet. 3:8

God has chosen to reveal various mysteries to us - Eph. 3:3-5, 9

God does not want us to be wise in our own conceits

God does not want us to be wise in our own opinion - Rom. 12:16

God does not want us to depend on the wisdom of this age - I Cor. 3:18-20

God wants us to trust in His wisdom - Prov. 3:5-7

God explains why blindness has come to Israel

God says Israel was blinded because it sought righteousness by works - Rom. 11:6-8

God says their minds were blinded by a veil on their heart - II Cor. 3:14-16

God tells us how long that blindness will last

God says this blindness shall last until the latter days - Is. 2:1-8

2) God says that all Israel will be saved - 11:26

God says that all Israel will be saved

God says Israel will be saved with an everlasting salvation - Is. 45:17

God says He has only forsaken His people for a moment - Is. 54:6-10

God says that a Deliverer will come out of Zion

God says that He will bring salvation out of Zion - Ps. 14:7

God promised to send One who would save His people from sin - Matt. 1:21

God says that Deliverer will turn away ungodliness from Israel

God says Israel will declare His glory among the nations - Is. 66:18-21

God says that Israel will teach the nations in the latter days - Micah 4:1-2

God says people from many nations will seek the Lord in Jerusalem - Zech. 8:20-23

God says at that time the Lord will rule over all the earth - Zech. 14:9-11

God says that this rule of Christ will last a thousand years - Rev. 20:2-6

3) God says that He will fulfill His covenant with Israel - 11:27

God says He will keep His covenant with Israel

God promised to make a new covenant with Israel - Jer. 31:31-34

God says He will take away the sin of Israel

God says He will no longer remember their sins - Heb. 10:16-18

b. God will show His mercy to both Jews and Gentiles - 11:28-32

1) God says that Israel is His beloved - 11:28

Israel has been an enemy of the gospel for our sake
God says Israel stumbled so that we could receive salvation - Rom. 11:11
Israel is still the beloved because of the promises to the fathers
God will not forget the promises to the fathers - Luke 1:68-75

2) God says He does not revoke His promises - 11:29

God does not revoke His gifts
God says that His gift is eternal - Is. 54:1-10; Rom. 6:23
God does not revoke His calling
God loves and calls Israel because His love is everlasting - Ps. 105:8-11; Jer. 31:3-6

3) God says that the Gentiles have now obtained mercy - 11:30

God says the Gentiles did not believe in God
God says we formerly walked according to the course of this world - Eph. 2:1-2
God says the Gentiles have now obtained mercy
God says we have now received mercy - II Cor. 4:1
God says this has happened because of the unbelief of the Jews
God reached out to the Gentiles to provoke the Jews to jealousy - Rom. 11:11-18

4) God says that the Jews will also obtain mercy - 11:31

God says that the Jews have now been disobedient
God says that His people did not believe His prophets - Rom. 10:16-21
God says we have obtained mercy
God chose to show mercy to both the Jews and the Gentiles - Rom. 9:23-26
God says that the Jews will obtain mercy
God says all Israel will be saved - Rom. 11:26

5) God says He will show mercy to all - 11:32

God has shown that everyone is guilty of unbelief
God has shown that all are guilty - Rom. 3:19-23; Gal. 3:22
God did this so He could show mercy to all
God sent Christ so that all might believe - John 1:7
God desires all people to be saved - I Tim. 2:4-6

5. God will show His mercy and riches to all - 11:33-36

a. God's riches, judgments and ways are beyond our understanding - 11:33

God says we cannot know the riches of His wisdom

God says the riches of His wisdom are unsearchable - Eph. 3:8-11

God says we cannot know the riches of His knowledge

God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge - Col. 2:2-3

God says we cannot understand His judgments

God says His judgments are a great deep - Ps. 36:6

God says His ways are beyond our understanding

God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours - Is. 55:8-9

b. God says we cannot know His ways of thinking - 11:34

God says none of us have known His mind

God asks who has known His mind - I Cor. 2:16

God says none of us have been His counselor

God asks who has been His counselor - Is. 40:13; Jer. 23:18

c. God says we cannot give to Him - 11:35

God says we have not given to Him

God asks who has preceded Him - Job. 41:11

God asks why He would need to repay

God asks why it is that He should pay him - Job 41:11

d. God says that all glory belongs to Him - 11:36

God says that all things are of Him

God is the source of all things - I Chron. 29:11

God says that all things were made by the word of His mouth - Ps. 33:6

God is the One of whom are all things - I Cor. 8:6

God is the One in whom we live and move - Acts 17:25-28

God says that all things are through Him

God is the One who reveals the deep and secret things - Dan. 2:20-23

God says that all things are to Him

God is the One who deserves all glory - Ps. 29:1-2

God is the One to whom we are to give glory - Ps. 96:7-9

God says His glory will be forever

God says we are to give glory to Christ forever and ever - Gal. 1:3-5

God is the One who is to receive glory forever and ever - Eph. 3:20-21

V. God shows how we should live as Christians - 12:1-16:27

A. Christian living is based on transformation - 12:1-2

1. God wants us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice - 12:1

Paul brings this statement as a request

Paul begged the Romans to strive together with him - Rom. 15:30

Paul begged the Corinthians to have unity - I Cor. 1:10

Paul begged the Corinthians to be reconciled to God - II Cor. 5:20

Paul says this request is based on the mercies of God

Paul says God wants His glory to be known to the vessels of His mercy - Rom. 9:23

Paul has just reminded us that we have obtained mercy from God - Rom. 11:30

Paul urges us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice

Paul says we are to present ourselves to God - Rom. 6:13-16

Paul urges us to present our bodies as a holy sacrifice

Paul says we are to present ourselves as slaves to righteousness - Rom. 6:19

Paul urges us to present our bodies as an acceptable sacrifice

Paul reminds us that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 6:13-20

Paul says this is our reasonable service

Paul wanted to magnify Christ in His body - Phil. 1:20

Paul says we are to renew the inward man day by day - II Cor. 4:16

2. God wants our lives to be transformed - 12:2

Paul urges us not to be conformed to this world

God did not want Israel to follow the abominations of the nations - Deut. 18:9-14

Christ says His followers are not of this world - John 17:14

God says we are to separate ourselves from the things of the world - II Cor. 6:14-18

God says we are not to love the world - I John 2:15-17

Paul urges us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds

God wants to enlighten the eyes of our understanding - Eph. 1:18

God tells us be renewed in the spirit of our mind - Eph. 4:22-24

Paul urges us to prove what is the good will of God

God wants us to understand His will - Eph. 5:17

Paul urges us to prove what is the acceptable will of God

God wants us to write His commands in the tablet of our heart - Prov. 3:1-4

God wants us to learn what is acceptable to Him - Eph. 5:10

Paul urges us to prove what is the perfect will of God

God wants us to stand perfect and complete in all the will of God - Col. 4:12

God wants us to grow to maturity in His Word and will - II Tim. 3:16-17

B. Christian living and our relationship to the church - 12:3-8

1. the Lord says we are one body - 12:3-5

a. God says we are to think soberly - 12:3

Paul says he is writing through the grace given to him

God had given Paul grace and apostleship - Rom. 1:5

God has given all of us grace - Rom. 12:6-8

Paul says he is writing to every Christian

God caused Paul to write because of the grace given to him - Rom. 15:15-16

Paul says he was laying the foundation for the church - I Cor. 3:10

Paul says we are not to have a high opinion of ourselves

God says we are not to be proud but rather to fear - Rom. 11:20, 25

God says pride goes before destruction - Prov. 16:18-19

God says we are to humble ourselves as a little child - Matt. 18:1-4

God says we are to esteem others better than ourselves - Phil. 2:3-8

God promises grace to the humble - James 4:6; I Pet. 5:5

Paul says God has given each of us a measure of faith

God has given us grace according to Christ's gift - Eph. 4:7

God has given us faith and wants us to come to maturity - Eph. 4:13-16

b. God says we are all different parts of the body - 12:4

Paul says there are many parts in the body of Christ

God says there are many parts but one body - I Cor. 12:12

God says we are each individual parts of the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:27

Paul says the different parts have different ministries

God says He gives us different gifts, ministries and activities - I Cor. 12:4

God says that every part of the body is to learn to work effectively - Eph. 4:15-16

c. God says we are one body in Christ - 12:5

Paul says that although we have many parts we are one body

God says we are many parts but share in one bread - I Cor 10:17

God says the body has many parts but it is only one body - I Cor. 12:12-14, 20

God says that we are all individual parts of the body - I Cor. 12:27-28

Paul says all of the parts depend on each other

God says we are members of one another - Eph. 4:25

God says we are members of Christ's body, flesh and bones - Eph. 5:30

God says the body is to be nourished and knit together by Christ - Col. 2:19

2. the Lord says we have various gifts - 12:6-8

a. God says He has given us different gifts - 12:6a

God says the church comes short in no gift - I Cor. 1:5-7
God says that there are diversities of gifts - I Cor. 12:4-11, 28-31
God says that each of us has been given a gift - I Pet. 4:10-11
God has given to each a measure of faith - Rom. 12:3

b. God says He has given some the gift of prophecy - 12:6b

the gift of prophecy emphasizes edification, exhortation and comfort - I Cor. 14:3
the one with the gift of prophecy emphasizes grace - I Pet. 1:10
the one with the gift of prophecy emphasizes the judgment to come - Jude 14-15

c. God says He has given some the gift of ministry - 12:7a

the one with the gift of serving emphasizes serving other Christians - Rom. 16:1-2
the one with the gift of serving will serve the body in various ways - Acts 6:1-2, 5-6
the one with the gift of serving may serve by sharing - II Cor. 8:1-4
the one with the gift of serving will devote himself to serving the saints - I Cor. 16:15

d. God says He has given some the gift of teaching - 12:7b

the one with the gift of teaching will focus on doctrine - I Tim. 4:16
the one with the gift of teaching will model doctrine - Titus 2:7-8
the one with the gift of teaching wants to teach sound doctrine - Titus 1:9

e. God says He has given some the gift of exhortation - 12:8a

the one with the gift of exhortation emphasizes love of the brethren - I Thess. 4:9-10
the one with the gift of exhortation emphasizes godly living - I Tim. 6:1-2
the one with the gift of exhortation emphasizes growth to maturity - Titus 2:1-6, 15

f. God says He has given some the gift of giving - 12:8b

the one with the gift of giving also wants to impart spiritual gifts - Rom. 1:11-12
the one with the gift of giving emphasizes giving to those in need - Eph. 4:28
the one with the gift of giving shares in various ways - I Thess. 2:8

g. God says He has given some the gift of leading 12:8c

the one with the gift of leading focuses on leading others in good works - Titus 3:8
the one with the gift of leading focuses on maintaining good works - Titus 3:14

h. God says He has given some the gift of showing mercy - 12:8d

the one with the gift of mercy emphasizes compassion - Matt. 20:30-34
the one with the gift of mercy emphasizes providing comfort - II Cor. 1:3-4

C. Christian living and our relationship to society - 12:9-21

1. our ministry to those who are Christians - 12:9-16

a. we are to show love - 12:9

God calls us to show love without hypocrisy

God wants us to show love with sincerity - II Cor. 8:8; I Tim. 1:5
God wants us to show love not just talk about it - James 2:15-16; I Pet. 1:22

God calls us to hate what is evil

God wants us to hate lawlessness - Heb. 1:9

God calls us to cling to what is good

God wants us to encourage others to cling to what is good - Acts 11:23

b. we are to prefer one another in honor - 12:10

God says we are to be kindly affectionate to one another

God commands us to love one another as Christ loves us - John 13:34-35
God calls us to use our liberty to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

God says we are to prefer one another in honor

God says we are to esteem others better than ourselves - Phil. 2:3

c. we are to serve the Lord - 12:11

God says we are not to be lagging in diligence

God says we are to walk properly towards non-Christians - I Thess. 4:11-12

God says we are to be fervent in spirit

God wants us to be fervent in our concern for others - Col. 4:12-13

God says we are to be serving the Lord

God says we are to serve Christ from the heart - Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:22-24
God wants us to serve Him with reverence and godly fear - Heb. 12:28

d. we are to rejoice in hope - 12:12

God says we are to rejoice in hope

God wants to fill us with all joy and peace so we can abound in hope - Rom. 15:13
God wants us to rejoice as we look for the blessed hope - Phil. 4:4; Titus 2:13

God says we are to be patient in tribulation

Christ develops patience through tribulation - Rom. 5:3-4; 15:4

God says we are to continue steadfastly in prayer

God wants us to labor fervently in prayer - Eph. 6:18-19; Col. 4:12

e. we are to share with others - 12:13

God says we are to share in the needs of the saints

we are to minister to saints in need - Rom. 15:25-28
we are to minister even out of our poverty - II Cor. 8:1-4
we are to do good to all as we have opportunity - Gal. 6:10

God says we are to be given to hospitality

we are to make strangers feel at home - Heb. 13:2
we are to show hospitality to one another - I Pet. 4:9
we see hospitality is a key for spiritual leadership - I Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8

f. we are to bless others - 12:14

God says we are to bless those who persecute us

we are to overcome evil with good - Rom. 12:21
we are to bless those who persecute us - Matt. 5:44

God says we are not to curse those who persecute us

we are to bless those who curse us - Luke 6:28
we have been given an example of forgiving others - Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60
we are to endure when we are persecuted - I Cor. 4:12
we are not to return evil for evil - I Thess. 5:15; I Pet. 3:9

g. we are to share the happy and sad times of others - 12:15

God says we are to rejoice with those who rejoice

we are to rejoice with those who are rejoicing - Phil. 2:17-18

God says we are to weep with those who weep

we are to weep with those who weep - John 11:19, 33-36
we are to suffer with those who suffer - Heb. 13:3

h. we are to have a humble attitude - 12:16

God says we are to have the same mind toward each other

we are to be like-minded and in one accord - Phil. 2:2-3; 3:16, 4:2

God says we are not to put our mind on high things

we are not to desire to be the greatest - Mark 10:35-45; Luke 22:24-27
we are not to love to have the preeminence - III John 9

God says we are to associate with the humble

we are to associate with those who cannot repay us - Luke 14:13-14

God says we are not to be wise in our own opinion

we are not to become puffed up - Rom. 11:25; I Cor. 8:1-2

2. our ministry to those who are not Christians - 12:17-21

a. we are not to try to get even - 12:17

God calls us not to repay evil for evil

God says we are not to return evil but to do good - I Thess. 5:15
God says we are not to return evil but to give a blessing instead - I Pet. 3:9
God says we are to have regard for good in the sight of all men
God says we reach non-Christians by our good behavior - I Pet. 2:12

b. we are to try to live peaceably with all men - 12:18

God says we are to do whatever possible to live in peace

God says we are to pursue the things that make for peace - Rom. 14:19
God says we are to do this with all people
God says we are to pursue peace with all people - Heb. 12:14

c. we are to leave vengeance to God - 12:19

God tells us not to try to get even

God tells us to show love to those who treat us as enemies - Luke 6:27-29
God says we are to leave room for the wrath of God
God says He is the One who will judge His people - Heb. 10:30
God says He is the One who will one day take vengeance
God says that vengeance belongs to Him - Deut. 32:35
God says one day He will repay
God will one day reveal His wrath on all unbelief - Rom. 1:18

d. we are to meet the needs of our enemy - 12:20

God says to meet the needs of our enemy

God wants us to return good when others do evil - Prov. 25:21-22
God says we will overcome evil by doing good
God tells us how to treat those who do evil - Matt. 5:44

e. we are to overcome evil with good - 12:21

God says we are not to do evil

God says we are not to respond to others with evil - Luke 6:27-30
God says we are to overcome evil with good
God has called us to bring blessing to others - I Pet. 3:9

D. Christian living and our relationship to government - 13:1-14

1. the law of government means we should submit - 13:1-7

a. God has established government to judge evil - 13:1-4

1) God says we are to submit to government - 13:1

God says we are to be subject to the higher powers

God says that we are to submit ourselves to the powers of government - I Pet. 2:13-16

God says He is the One who established government

God is the One who establishes kings and rulers - Prov. 8:15-16

God says He is the One who appoints those in authority

God is the One who has given governments their power - John 19:11

2) God says we will receive judgment when we resist government - 13:2

God says when we resist government we resist the ordinance of God

God says He has established government and we are to submit - I Pet. 2:11-13

God says that those who resist will receive judgment

God says we will experience wrath if we resist authority - Rom. 13:5

3) God says rulers judge evil works - 13:3

God says rulers do not judge good works

God says judges are to justify the righteous and condemn the wicked - Deut. 25:1

God says rulers do judge evil works

God has established rulers to punish evil works - I Pet. 2:13-14

God says we can avoid fear of governments

God says we are to be subject and have a clear conscience - Rom. 13:5

God says we can avoid that fear by doing good

God says rulers usually do not harm those who do good - I Pet. 3:13-14

4) God says that government does not carry a sword in vain - 13:4

God says those in government are a minister to us for good

God puts rulers in place to do justice and righteousness - I Kings 10:9

God says government will punish those who do evil

God says a wise ruler will punish those who do evil - Prov. 20:26

God says that government does not carry the sword in vain

God says that rulers are to punish those who commit sin - Num. 35:18-27

God says that government will judge evil

b. God has established government and we are to submit to its authority - 13:5-7

1) we are to be subject to the governments that are established - 13:5

God calls us to be subject to our government

God says we are to be subject to rulers and authorities - Titus 3:1-2

God says not just to do this to avoid punishment

God says we are to be subject because this is the will of God - I Pet. 2:13-15

God says to obey government to have a clear conscience

God wants us to have a clear conscience before God and man - Acts 24:16

God says we will have a good conscience if we live honorably - Heb. 13:18

God says we should suffer if necessary to have a clear conscience - I Pet. 2:19

God wants us to have a clear conscience before all people - I Pet. 3:15-17

2) we are to recognize governments as God's servants - 13:6

God says we are to pay taxes to government

God says people paid taxes during the time of the Old Testament - Neh. 5:4

Christ paid the temple tax when He was here on the earth - Matt. 17:24-27

Christ taught it is lawful to pay taxes - Matt. 22:17-22; Luke 20:21-25

God says that governments are God's servants

God used Moses to establish government in Israel - Ex. 18:13-27

God used Moses to explain the purpose of governments - Deut. 1:9-17

God says that they attend continually to this very thing

God used David to administer judgment and justice - I Chron. 18:14

3) we are to give to all what they are due - 13:7

God says we are to pay taxes to those who deserve taxes

we are to give taxes to those who deserve taxes - Luke 20:25

God says we are to give custom to those who deserve custom

we are to give custom to those who deserve custom - Matt. 17:25-27

God says we are to give fear to those who deserve fear

we are to give fear to those who deserve fear - I Sam. 12:18; Prov. 24:21

we are to show fear and respect for our employers - Eph. 6:5; I Pet. 2:18

God says we are to give honor to those who deserve honor

we are to give honor to those who deserve honor - Lev. 19:3, 32

we are to honor our parents - Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:2-3

we are to honor spiritual leaders - I Tim. 5:17

husbands are to honor their wives - I Pet. 3:7

2. the law of love should be shown to our neighbors - 13:8-14

a. the law of love is concerned with what is best for others - 13:8-10

1) we fulfill the commandments by loving others - 13:8

we are to owe no man anything

we are to give to those whom God has placed over us - Rom. 13:7
we are to give fair wages to those who work for us - Deut. 24:14-15
we are not to withhold good from whom it is due - Prov. 3:27-28

we are to love one another

we are to treat others the way we want to be treated - Matt. 7:12

we are to fulfill the law by loving one another

we are to fulfill the law by loving one another - Matt. 22:35-40
we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves - Gal. 5:14
we are to put on love which is the sign of maturity - Col. 3:14

2) we fulfill the commandments by loving others as ourselves - 13:9

we are not to break the commandments that relate to one another

we are to obey the commandments by not breaking the law - Ex.20:12-17

we are not to break any other commandments

we are not to break the commandments that relate to God - Ex. 20:1-11
we are not to hold a grudge toward others - Lev. 19:18
we are to love the stranger as we love ourselves - Lev. 19:34

we fulfill the commandments by loving our neighbor

we are to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves - Matt. 22:39-40
we have been set free to show love by serving one another - Gal. 5:13

3) we fulfill the law when we love - 13:10

we love by seeking what is best for our neighbor

we are told how love thinks and acts - I Cor. 13:4-8a
we have our neighbor defined by Christ - Luke 10:27-37
we look for opportunities to do good - Gal. 6:10
we are to seek the things that benefit others - Phil. 2:4

we fulfill the law by love

we fulfill the law by loving one another - Rom. 13:8
we are to love from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith - I Tim.1:5
we fulfill the law by not showing partiality - James 2:8-10
we show our love by our actions - I John 3:16-18

b. the law of love will also cause us to walk in the light - 13:11-14

1) we are to awake out of sleep - 13:11

we are to awake out of sleep

we are to awake and share the Gospel with others - I Cor. 15:34

we are to realize that our salvation is nearer than when we believed

we are to be ready because we do not know when the Lord is coming - I Cor. 15:51-52

we are to realize that the Lord is coming soon - I Pet. 4:7-8

2) we are to put on the armor of light - 13:12

we are to realize the night is almost over

we are to realize that darkness is passing away - I John 2:8

we are to realize that the day is very near

we are to realize that the Lord is coming soon- I Thess. 4:13-18

we are to cast off the works of darkness

we are to put off the old man and put on the new man - Eph. 4:22-24

we are to put on the armor of light

we are do the truth and come to the light - John 3:19-21

we are to walk in the light - I John 1:5-7

3) we are to practice godly living - 13:13

we are to walk honestly as in the day

we are to walk in the Spirit and be led by the Spirit - Gal. 5:16-18, 25

we are to walk worthy of God - I Thess. 2:12

we are not to live in revelry and drunkenness

we are not to walk in drunkenness and revelries - Gal. 5:21

we are not to live in lewdness and lust

we are not to walk in any form of immorality - Gal. 5:19

we are not to live in strife and envy

we are not to walk in strife and envy - I Cor. 3:1-3

4) we are to make no provision for the flesh - 13:14

we are to put on the Lord Jesus Christ

we are to put on the new man who is created in righteousness - Eph 4:24

we are to grow into the image of the One who created us - Col. 3:10-12

we are to make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts

we are to put to death the works of the world - Col. 3:5-7; I John 2:15-17

E. Christian living and our relationship to individual Christians - 14:1-15:13

1. Christ calls us to accept one another - 14:1-12

a. we are not to judge one another - 14:1-6

1) we are not to judge the weaker or stronger brother - 14:1-3

a) we are to accept the one who is weak in the faith - 14:1

we are to accept the one who is weak in the faith

we are to do nothing that would cause our brother to stumble - Rom. 14:21
we are to bear with those who are weak and not live to please ourselves - Rom. 15:1-3

we are to accept one another just as Christ accepted us - Rom. 15:7
we are to strengthen the hands of the weak - Job. 4:3
we are to strengthen the spiritual toddlers - I Cor. 3:1-2; Heb. 5:11-14

we are not to pass judgment on his opinions

we are to realize that some have weak consciences - I Cor. 8:7-13
we are to do all things for the Gospel's sake - I Cor. 9:22-23
we are not to be like Diotrephes - III John 8-10

b) we are to realize others do not always believe like we do - 14:2

we are to realize that some allow themselves greater freedom

we are to realize that we do have great freedom in Christ - Rom. 14:14; I Cor. 10:25
we are to avoid practicing hypocrisy - Gal. 2:11-14

we are to realize that some allow themselves less freedom

we know that some do not understand true freedom - Acts 10:14-18; I Tim. 4:4
we know that thousands of Jewish Christians were zealous for the law - Acts 21:20

c) we are not to judge one another - 14:3

we are not to despise those who allow themselves less freedom

we are not to despise those who are physically or spiritually younger - Matt. 18:10
we are not to cause a weaker brother to perish by our freedom - I Cor. 8:11-13

we are not to judge the one who exercises more freedom

we are not to judge the opinions of other Christians - Rom. 14:10
we are to walk in love so a brother does not stumble - Rom. 14:15, 21

we are to realize that God accepts both

we realize that God shows no partiality - Acts 10:34, 44; 11:2, 12-18, 15:8-9
we realize that God is able to help every Christian stand - Rom. 14:4

2) we are to realize that Christians have different convictions -14:4-6

a) we are to let God do the judging - 14:4

we are not to judge others who are servants of God
we are not to judge one another any more - Rom. 14:13
we are to judge nothing before the time - I Cor. 4:4-5
we are not to judge our brother by speaking evil of him - James 4:11-12
we are to realize that they will stand before God
we will all stand at the judgment seat of Christ - II Cor. 5:10
we are to realize that God will make them stand
we are to realize that the Lord will uphold the righteous - Ps. 37:17, 24
we are to realize that the Lord holds all brethren in His hand - John 10:28-30
we are to realize that nothing will separate them from the love of God - Rom. 8:31-39

b) we are to let each one be fully persuaded in his own mind - 14:5

we know that some feel one day is more important than another
we know some Christians focus on days and months and seasons - Gal. 4:9-10
we know that others see every day alike
we are not to judge one another for these things - Col. 2:16-17
we are to let each person be fully persuaded in his own mind
we each make our own decisions about various things - Rom. 14:14
we are to do what we do in faith - Rom. 14:23
we are to understand that others struggle with their conscience - I Cor. 8:7
we are not to create problems for our weaker brother - I Cor. 8:11

c) we are do to what we do with thanks to God - 14:6

we are to regard a day to the Lord if we feel it is more important
we honor the Lord's resurrection by remembering it - Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:2
we are to accept those who do not focus on a day
we know that some accept every day alike - Rom. 14:5
we are to honor the Lord in what we eat
we know that Christ blessed the food - Matt. 14:19; 15:36
we are to honor the Lord when we give thanks
we are free to receive anything to eat with thanksgiving - I Tim. 4:4-5
we are to honor the Lord if we do not eat certain things
we are neither better or worse if we eat - I Cor. 8:9-13
we are to honor the Lord by still giving thanks
we are to do all that we do to the glory of God - I Cor. 10:30-31

b. we are not to live for ourselves - 14:7-14

1) we are to live to please the Lord - 14:7-9

a) we do not live for ourselves - 14:7

we do not live only for ourselves

we are to realize our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 16:19-20

we are to live for the One who rose again - II Cor. 5:15

we are to realize that Christ now lives in us - Gal. 2:19-20

we are to live to strengthen other Christians - Phil. 2:21-24

we realize that we live together with Christ - I Thess. 5:10

we are to be zealous of good works as we live for Christ- Titus 2:14

we are to live our time for the will of God - I Pet. 4:2

we do not die only for ourselves

we are to die to the law so that we can live for God - Gal. 2:19

b) we live to please the Lord - 14:8

we are to live for the Lord

we are to serve our own generation - Acts 13:36

we are to carry out the ministry that the Lord has given us - Acts 20:24

we are to die to please the Lord

we can glorify the Lord in our death - John 21:19

we need to be ready to die for the Lord - Acts 21:13

we are to realize that we are the Lord's

we are the Lord's and He will come for us - I Thess. 4:14-18

c) we serve the God of the dead and the living - 14:9

we know that Christ died

Christ explained about His own death from the Scriptures - Luke 24:26-27

we know that Christ rose again

Christ was raised from the dead by the Father - I Pet. 1:20-21

we know that Christ lives again

Christ is now seated on the right hand of the Father - Heb. 12:2

we know that Christ is Lord of both the dead and the living

Christ is ordained to judge the living and the dead - Acts 10:42

Christ is the Lord over all - Eph. 1:20-23

Christ is the One to whom every knee will bow - Phil. 2:9-11

Christ is the One who will judge both the living and the dead - I Pet. 4:5

2) we are not to judge one another - 14:10-12

a) we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ - 14:10

we are not to judge our brother

we know that God is the true judge - Rom. 2:16

we know that God will bring every work to judgment - Eccl. 12:14

we know that Christ will judge the nations - Matt. 25:31-32

we know that Christ will judge the world in righteousness - Acts 17:31

we are not to judge another Christian - Rom. 14:4

we are to judge nothing before the time - I Cor. 4:5

we are not to show contempt for our brother

we are not to despise those who function differently than we do - Rom. 14:3

we will one day stand at the judgment seat of Christ

we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ - II Cor. 5:10

b) we will bow before Christ - 14:11

Christ is the One who lives

the Lord is the One who lives - Is. 49:18

the Lord is the One who lives and judges - Ezek. 5:11

Christ is the One to whom every knee will bow

the Lord says all kings and nations will bow before Him - Ps. 72:11

the Lord says every knee will bow in all places - Phil. 2:10

the Lord will be worshipped by all those in heaven - Rev. 5:14

Christ is the One to whom every tongue will confess

the Lord says every knee will bow and every tongue confess - Is. 45:22-25

the Lord calls us to confess with our mouth when we believe - Rom. 10:9

the Lord wants His name confessed among the Jews and Gentiles - Rom. 15:8-9

c) we will give an account only for ourselves - 14:12

we know that every one will give an account to God

we know that God will bring every person to judgment - Eccl. 11:9

we will give an account to God for every idle word - Matt. 12:36

we will give an account of our stewardship to God - Luke 16:2

we know that we give account for ourselves not for others

we will each give an account for our own works - Gal. 6:4-5

we know that unbelievers will give an account to the Lord - I Pet. 4:3

we know that unbelievers will be judged according to their works - Rev. 20:11-15

we know that believers will receive rewards for all works that abide - I Cor. 3:12-16

2. Christ calls us to avoid hindering one another - 14:13-23

a. we are not to put a stumbling block for another - 14:13-15

1) we are not to judge or cause others to stumble - 14:13

we are not to judge one another any more

we will all stand at the judgment seat of Christ - Rom. 14:10

we are not to become judges with evil thoughts - James 2:4

we are not to become judges by speaking evil - James 4:11

we are not to put a stumbling block in the way of our brother

we are not to do anything that would cause a brother to stumble - Rom. 14:21

we are to make sure our liberty does not cause a brother to stumble - I Cor. 8:9

we are not to cause our brother to fall

we are not to cause a weak brother to fall - I Cor. 8:10-11

2) we are to have a clear conscience before God - 14:14

we need to have our personal convictions

we need to have convictions but realize God may change them - Acts 10:14-16

we need to be willing to tell why we change our convictions - Acts 11:8-9

we need to do all that we do in faith - Rom. 14:23

we need to realize that nothing is unclean in itself

we know nothing is unclean of itself - I Cor. 10:25; I Tim. 4:4

we are to realize that others feel some things are unclean

we are not to destroy the work of God to please ourselves - Rom. 14:20

we are to accept their right to have their own opinions

we are to accept the opinions of the weak - Rom. 14:1

3) we are not to cause another to stumble - 14:15

we are not to grieve another brother by what we do

we are not to wound the conscience of a weak brother - I Cor. 8:12

we are to walk in love toward our brother

we are to do nothing that would harm our brother - Rom. 13:10

we are to use our liberty to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

we are not to destroy another to please ourselves

we are to please our neighbor for his good - Rom. 15:2; Phil. 2:2-4

we are to edify one another in love - I Cor. 8:1

we are to realize Christ died for our brother also

we realize that Christ died for the sins of the whole world - I John 2:2

b. we are to build up one another - 14:16-21

1) we are to avoid hindering others - 14:16

we are to do good

we are to have regard for good things - Rom. 12:17

we are not to do things that will cause evil to be spoken

we are to do all that we do to glorify God - I Cor. 10:29-31

we are to provide thing honorable before both God and men - II Cor. 8:20-21

we are to abstain from every form of evil - I Thess. 5:22

2) we are to focus on spiritual things - 14:17

we are to realize the kingdom of God is not based on what we eat or drink

we are to seek the kingdom of God first - Matt. 6:33

we know that the kingdom is not based on food - I Cor. 8:8

we realize that the kingdom of God is based on righteousness

we have righteousness and strength in the Lord - Is. 45:24

we are to walk worthy of God who has called us into His kingdom - I Thess. 2:12

we are to realize that the kingdom of God is based on peace

we know there is peace because Christ overcame the world - John 16:33

we have been justified and have peace - Rom. 5:1-5

we know that the fruit of the Spirit is peace - Gal. 5:22-23

we are to realize that the kingdom of God is based on joy in the Holy Spirit

we follow the Lord with joy in the Holy Spirit - I Thess. 1:6

3) we are to please God -14:18

we are to serve Christ by doing the things acceptable to God

we are to be a pure people zealous of good works - Titus 2:11-14

we are to serve Christ which results in approval

we are to do things for the profit of many - I Cor. 10:33

4) we are to do the things that build up others - 14:19

we are to focus on the things that will develop peace

we are to follow the wisdom that is from above - James 3:13-18

we are to seek peace and pursue it - I Pet. 3:11

we are to focus on the things that will build up others

we are to seek to please our neighbor for his edification - Rom. 15:2

we are to speak words that will edify others - Eph. 4:29

5) we are to do nothing that would destroy others - 14:20

we are not to destroy the work of God for food
we are not to destroy the work of God for our own pleasure - Rom. 14:15
we have been created for good works - Eph. 2:10
we are to do the things that are pure
we can only do the things that are pure when we are pure - Titus 1:15
we are not to do evil by offending another
we are to seek the profit of many - I Cor. 10:32-11:1

6) we are to do nothing that would make a brother stumble - 14:21

we are not to do things that cause a brother to stumble
we are to bear with the scruples of the weak - Rom. 15:1-2
we are not to cause a brother to stumble - I Cor. 8:13
we are not to do things that cause a brother to be offended
we are not to offend the little ones physically or spiritually - Luke 17:2
we are not to do things that will make a brother weak
we are to accept the weak brother - Rom. 14:1-3

c. we are to have a clear conscience - 14:22-23

1) we are to have a clear conscience before God 14:22

we are to have faith before God about what we do
we are to be fully convinced in our own mind - Rom. 14:5
we are to live a life that does not cause us to condemn ourselves
we are not to do things that we consider wrong - Rom. 14:14
we are to do our works in meekness and wisdom - James 3:13
we are to strive to have a conscience without offense - Acts 24:16
we are to live a life in which we can experience God's approval
we are to restore others with a spirit of gentleness - Gal. 6:1

2) we are to do all things by faith - 14:23

we are to avoid things that cause us to have doubts
we are to examine ourselves - I Cor. 11:29-31
we are to realize we are not doing those things in faith
we are to avoid things that would defile our conscience - I Cor. 8:7
we are to do all that we do by faith so that we do not sin
we please God by what we do in faith - Heb. 11:6

3. Christ calls us to follow His example - 15:1-13

a. we are not to live to please ourselves - 15:1-3

1) we are to act in the strength God gives - 15:1

we can thank the Lord if we have become strong

we are strong when we have learned to depend on Christ's strength - II Cor. 12:10

we are strong when we are able to answer and to teach sound doctrine - Titus 1:9

we are to be strong in the Lord and the power of His might - Eph. 6:10

we are to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus - II Tim. 2:1

we are to bear the infirmities of the weak

we are to become as weak to win the weak - I Cor. 9:22

we are to realize the weaker brothers are very important - I Cor. 12:22-24

we are to restore the weak and bear one another's burdens - Gal. 6:1-2

we are not to please ourselves

we are to accept the one who is weak - Rom. 14:1

we are to uphold the weak - I Thess. 5:14

2) we are to focus on edifying others - 15:2

we are to please our neighbor

we are to do what we can to help others - I Cor. 9:19-23

we are to seek his good

we are to seek the well-being of others - I Cor. 10:24

we are to look out for the interests of others - Phil. 2:3-5

we are to seek his edification

we are to pursue the things that edify others - Rom. 14:13

3) we are to follow the example of Christ - 15:3

Christ did not please Himself

Christ came to do the will of the Father - John 4:32-34; 5:30; 6:38

Christ chose to do the things that pleased the Father - John 8:29

Christ kept the commandments of the Father - John 15:10

Christ chose to do the will of the Father - Matt. 26:39, 42

Christ took our reproaches

Christ came for this very purpose - John 12:27-28

Christ had those reproaches fall on Him - Ps. 69:9, 20; 89:50-51

Christ placed those reproaches on Himself

Christ became obedient to the point of death - Phil. 2:5-8

b. we are to bring glory to God - 15:4-7

1) we have received the Scriptures to give us hope - 15:4

we have been given the Scriptures written in earlier times
the Scriptures were given to us through holy men of God - II Pet. 1:19-21
the Scriptures of the Old Testament were written for our sakes - I Cor. 9:9-10
we have been given the Scriptures for our learning
the Scriptures were given for admonition - I Cor. 10:11
the Scriptures were given to bring us to maturity - II Tim. 3:16-17
we learn patience and comfort through the Scriptures
we grow through understanding the purpose of testing - Rom. 5:3-5
we develop hope through the Scriptures
we realize present trials focus us on future blessing - II Cor. 4:16-18

2) we are to be like-minded toward one another - 15:5

we serve a God of patience and comfort
God brings us peace, joy and hope - Rom. 15:13; II Cor. 1:3-4
we know that God wants us to become like-minded
we are to have the same mind toward one another - Rom. 12:16; Acts 4:32
we become like-minded through Christ
we become like-minded as we imitate Christ - Eph. 5:1-2

3) we are all to glorify God together - 15:6

we are to glorify God with one mind
we are to glorify God with one heart and one soul - Acts 4:32
we are to glorify God with one mouth
we are to glorify God together as Jews and Gentiles - Rom. 15:8-11
we are to glorify the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
we realize that the Father has blessed us with all spiritual blessings - Eph. 1:3

4) we are all to accept one another - 15:7

we are to accept one another
we are to accept one another whether they are weak or strong - Acts 14:1-3
we accept others as Christ accepted us
we were accepted by Christ and changed by Him - Eph. 1:6-8
we bring glory to God as we accept one another
we bring glory to God as we fulfill His good pleasure - II Thess. 1:10-12

c. we are to be filled with joy and peace - 15:8-13

1) we see that God desires all people to rejoice - 15:8-10

a) we see that Christ confirms the promises made to the fathers - 15:8

Christ was a servant to the circumcision (Jews)

Christ Himself was circumcised - Luke 2:21

Christ came to His own and His own did not receive Him - John 1:11

Christ was preached first to the Jews - Acts 3:25-26

Christ came to redeem those who were under the law - Gal. 4:4-5

Christ was rejected by many of the Jews - Acts 13:46-48

Christ came according to the truth of God

Christ came to reveal salvation to Jews and Gentiles - Ps. 98:2-3

Christ came to show mercy and compassion - Micah 7:18-20

Christ came to confirm the promises to the fathers

Christ came to fulfill the promises of God - II Cor. 1:20

Christ came to make known the riches of His glory - Rom. 9:23-24

Christ came to make mercy available to all - Rom. 11:30-31

b) we see that the Gentiles are now able to glorify God for His mercy - 15:9

Christ came that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy

Christ came so that the ends of the earth could glorify God - Is. 24:15

Christ came to fulfill God's promise to the Gentiles

Christ came to bring thanks among the Gentiles - II Sam. 22:50

Christ came to gather the sheep who were not of Israel - John 10:16

Christ came so that Jews and Gentiles could become one - Eph. 2:12-3:8

Christ came to cause the Gentiles to sing praise to God

Christ came so that the Gentiles could sing praises to the Lord - Ps. 18:49

Christ came so that the Gentiles could proclaim the praises of God - I Pet. 2:9-10

c) we see that the Gentiles can now rejoice with the Jews - 15:10

God wants the nations to rejoice

God promised through Moses that the Gentiles would rejoice - Deut. 32:43

God wants all the peoples to be able to praise Him - Ps. 67:1-7

God wants the nations to rejoice with Israel

God wants the whole earth to rejoice and sing praises - Ps. 66:1-4

God says that songs will be heard from the ends of the earth - Is. 24:14-16

God says that the ends of the earth will give glory to God - Is. 42:10-12

2) we see that God wants all Christians to have praise and hope -15:11-13

a) we see that all people can now praise God - 15:11

all the nations will give praise to God
this is a promise that is given to us - Ps. 117:1
all the nations will express their approval to God
this will be fulfilled in the future - Rev. 5:9-10; 7:9-10

b) we see that God has raised up One all nations can trust - 15:12

Isaiah promised there would come a root out of Jesse
Isaiah promised one from the root of Jesse who would be the Branch - Is. 11:1
Isaiah promised one from the root of Jesse would be as a banner - Is. 11:10
Isaiah said one would come to reign over the nations
Isaiah promised that Christ would come to bring justice to the nations - Is. 42:1-4
Isaiah said that the nations would trust in Him
Isaiah promised that the Gentiles would come to the light of God - Is. 60:3-5
Isaiah said God would bring salvation to the ends of the earth - Is. 49:6

c) we are to abound in hope through the Holy Spirit - 15:13

the God of hope has filled us with all joy and peace
God is the God of hope to the nation of Israel - Jer. 14:8
God says His kingdom is righteousness and peace and joy - Rom. 14:17
God says His people will be led in peace - Is. 55:11
God sent Christ to give us peace - John 14:1, 27
the God of hope has done this because we have believed
God has given us good hope by grace because we have believed - II Thess. 2:16-17
God has given us hope by the resurrection - I Cor. 15:19-20
God says we are not like those who have no hope - I Thess. 4:13-18
God says we can focus on the blessed hope that we have - Titus 2:13-14
the God of hope is causing us to abound in hope
God causes us to rejoice with joy unspeakable - I Pet. 1:8
God causes us to rejoice in hope - Rom. 12:12
God is making all grace abound toward us - II Cor. 9:8
God desires us to have the full assurance of hope - Heb. 6:10-11
the God of hope is doing this through the Holy Spirit
God produces joy and peace as the fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22-23
God says as we are filled with the Spirit we have a song in our hearts - Eph. 5:18-19
God has given us hope and causes us to know His love by the Spirit - Rom. 5:4-5

F. Christian living was demonstrated by Paul - 15:14-16:27

1. Paul wanted to encourage the Romans - 15:14-33

a. the Lord called Paul to minister to the Gentiles - 15:14-19

1) Paul wanted to minister to all Gentiles - 15:14-16

a) Paul was persuaded the Romans were able to minister to one another - 15:14

Paul had confidence in the Romans

Paul was confident God would complete His work in all Christians - Phil. 1:6
Peter had this same confidence that God would complete His work - II Pet. 1:12
John had this same confidence that God would complete His work - I John 2:21

Paul knew the Romans were full of goodness

Paul wanted all Christians to be filled with the fruits of righteousness - Phil. 1:11

Paul knew that the Romans were filled with all knowledge

Paul prayed that all Christians would be filled with knowledge of His will - Col. 1:9

Paul knew the Romans could admonish one another

Paul knew that all Christians could admonish one another - Col. 3:16

b) Paul wrote to the Romans with boldness - 15:15

Paul wrote to the Romans with boldness

Paul wrote with boldness because he had received grace - Rom. 1:1-7

Paul wrote to remind the Romans

Paul knew their faith was spoken of throughout the world - Rom. 1:8

Paul wrote because of the grace given to him

Paul was a minister according to the gift of the grace of God - Eph. 3:7

c) Paul was the minister to the Gentiles - 15:16

Paul was the minister of Christ to the Gentiles

Paul was called to take the Gospel to the Gentiles - Acts 9:15; 22:21-22

Paul was a prisoner of Christ for the sake of the Gentiles - Eph. 3:1

Paul was ministering the Gospel of God

Paul spoke the gospel of God even when experiencing opposition - I Thess. 2:2

Paul knew that the offering of the Gentiles would be acceptable

Paul knew that the sacrifices of the Gentiles were acceptable to God - Phil. 4:18

Paul knew that his offering was sanctified by the Holy Spirit

Paul said that the Holy Spirit is the One who sanctifies us - I Thess. 5:23

2) Paul shared the extent of his past ministry - 15:17-19

a) Paul could share what God had done in him through Christ - 15:17

Paul said that he gloried in Christ Jesus

Paul says it is God who causes us to triumph in Christ - II Cor. 2:14-16

Paul said his sufficiency did not come from himself - II Cor. 3:4-6

Paul said he gloried because of the things that pertain to God

Paul said he gloried because of what God had done in him - II Cor. 11:16-30

Paul said it was not profitable for him to boast - II Cor. 12:1

b) Paul would not speak of things he had not done - 15:18

Paul would not speak of anything Christ had not done through him

Paul said he would only speak of what God had done through him - II Cor. 10:13

Paul said his goal was to speak the truth before God - II Cor. 11:31; 12:6

Paul only reported what God had done with them - Acts 14:27; 15:4

Paul told what God had done among the Gentiles - Acts 21:19

Paul said he was sent to help the Gentiles become obedient

Paul said the Lord had worked in him effectively toward the Gentiles - Gal. 2:8

Paul said that the Gentiles were his epistle - II Cor. 3:1-3

Paul pleaded that the Gentiles would not receive the grace of God in vain - II Cor. 6:1

Paul said this obedience was to be both in word and deed

Paul said we are to become slaves of righteousness - Rom. 6:17-18

Paul said we are to do all in word or deed in the name of the Lord Jesus - Col. 3:17

Paul said God comforts our hearts in every good word and work - II Thess. 2:17

James also said we are to be doers of the word - James 1:22

John said we are to love both in word and deed - I John 3:18

c) Paul shared the Gospel from Jerusalem to Illyricum - 15:19

Paul had his ministry verified by signs and wonders

Paul saw God do unusual signs through him - Acts 19:11-12

Paul said that the signs of an apostle had been accomplished in him - II Cor. 12:12

Paul said this was done by the power of the Holy Spirit

Paul depended on the power of the Holy Spirit - Acts 1:8

Paul did these signs through the power of the Holy Spirit - Acts 19:11

Paul said he had fully preached the Gospel beginning from Jerusalem

Paul had preached first at Damascus and Jerusalem - Acts 26:20

Paul said he had preached the Gospel all the way to Illyricum

Paul had preached the Gospel throughout Macedonia - Rom 15:22-24

b. the Lord called Paul to reach the unreached - 15:20-22

1) Paul worked to preach where Christ was not yet named - 15:20

Paul always made it his aim to preach the Gospel

Paul was led to go to Macedonia to preach the Gospel - Acts 16:10

Paul was ready to preach the Gospel in Rome also - Rom. 1:15

Paul said Christ sent him to preach the Gospel - I Cor. 1:17

Paul said woe was upon him if he did not preach the Gospel - I Cor. 9:16

Paul wanted to preach where Christ was not named

Paul wanted to preach where the Gospel had not been preached - II Cor. 10:14-16

Paul wanted to take the Gospel to Spain - Rom. 15:24

Paul did not want to build on the foundation of another

Paul said his ministry was to lay the foundation - I Cor. 3:9-15

Paul said the apostles and prophets are the foundation - Eph. 2:20-22

Paul had laid a foundation as far as Illyricum - Rom. 15:19

Paul laid a foundation throughout Asia - Acts 19:10

Paul laid a foundation in cities wholly given to idolatry - Acts 17:16

2) Paul wanted those who had not heard to understand - 15:21

Paul spoke so that they would see

Paul quoted Isaiah to show that God wanted the nations to see - Is. 52:15

Paul was chosen to take the Gospel to the Gentiles - Acts 9:15

Paul said the apostles recognized he was to go to the Gentiles - Gal. 2:9

Paul said the Lord had made him a light to the Gentiles - Acts 13:46-48

Paul told the Jews he had been sent to the Gentiles - Acts 22:21-23

Paul told Agrippa he had been sent to the Gentiles - Acts 26:17-19

Paul spoke so that they would understand

Paul quoted Isaiah to show that God wanted the nations to know - Is. 65:1

Paul says that the called do understand the wisdom of God - I Cor. 1:24

3) Paul said that was why he had not come to Rome - 15:22

Paul said this was the reason for what he did

Paul had been hindered from coming up until this point in time - Rom. 1:13

Paul had been hindered because there were Christians in Rome - Rom. 16:1-15

Paul said that was the reason he had been hindered from coming to Rome

Paul had also been prevented from going to Asia - Acts 16:6

Paul had been prevented from going to Bithynia by the Holy Spirit - Acts 16:7

Paul later spent two years in Rome - Acts 28:30-31

c. the Lord had more ministry ahead for Paul - 15:23-33

1) Paul was now headed for Jerusalem to minister to the saints - 15:23-25

a) Paul had a great desire to see the church at Rome - 15:23

Paul said he was no longer needed where he was

Paul had fully preached the Gospel where he had been - Rom. 15:19

Paul had laid the foundation so others could build on it - I Cor. 3:10

Paul said he had a great desire to visit the Christians in Rome

Paul was praying that he would be able to visit them - Rom. 1:10-12

Paul was looking forward to a visit with them - Rom. 15:32

Paul liked to see Christians face to face - I Thess. 3:10

Paul said seeing other Christians brought him joy - II Tim. 1:4

b) Paul was planning to travel to Spain - 15:24

Paul was planning to take the Gospel to Spain

Paul wanted to lay a foundation in Spain - Rom. 15:20

Paul planned to visit Rome on the way to Spain

Paul said he would visit them on the way to Spain - Rom. 15:28

Paul reached Rome but not the way he had planned - Acts 28:17

Paul hoped to see them on that journey

Paul had said he must go to Rome - Acts 19:21

Paul hoped they would help him on his way

Paul often encouraged Christians to help him on his way - II Cor. 1:16

Christians were often encouraged to help other Christians - III John 6

Paul wanted to enjoy their company for a while

Paul said the Romans would be an encouragement to him - Rom. 1:12

Paul said he would be refreshed by the Romans - Rom. 15:32

Paul always said his plans were if the Lord permitted - I Cor. 16:5-7

c) Paul was now on his way to Jerusalem - 15:25

Paul was now preparing to travel to Jerusalem

Paul was planning to take an offering to Jerusalem - Rom. 15:26-31

Paul had been making plans to go to Jerusalem - Acts 19:21

Paul wanted to be in Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost - Acts 20:16

Paul was preparing to minister to the saints in Jerusalem

Paul went to Jerusalem to bring an offering for the saints - Acts 24:17

Paul brought an offering from many different churches - I Cor. 16:1-3

2) Paul was taking gifts from the churches in Greece - 15:26-29

a) Paul was taking a gift from Greece - 15:26

Paul said he was taking an offering from Macedonia and Achaia

Paul said this offering had been gathered over a period of time - II Cor. 9:1-2
Paul said this offering was both to meet needs and show thanksgiving - II Cor. 9:12

Paul said they had taken up a collection

Paul said the people of Macedonia had given out of their poverty - II Cor. 8:1-4

Paul said this was for the poor saints at Jerusalem

Paul had a concern for the poor from early in his ministry - Gal. 2:9-10

b) Paul said it was right for them to share -15:27

Paul said this was the desire of the Christians

Paul said the Christians in Macedonia begged to be able to give - II Cor. 8:4

Paul said that the Christians were debtors to those in Jerusalem

Paul knew the Christians in Jerusalem sold their goods to share - Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-36

Paul said the Gentiles had been made partakers of spiritual blessings

Paul said that those who had been taught should share with their teachers - Gal. 6:6

Paul said the Gentiles had been shared with by the root - Rom. 11:17

Paul said this was the Gentiles' opportunity to minister to the Jews

Paul said the Gentiles should share their material things - II Cor. 8:13-14

c) Paul said he was now taking that gift - 15:28

Paul was now taking that offering to Jerusalem

Paul was taking the offering for the poor saints in Jerusalem - Rom. 15:25-26

Paul asked them to pray that the offering would be accepted - Rom. 15:31

Paul was sealing to the Gentiles this fruit

Paul said that giving is a part of our fruit - Phil. 4:17

Paul said he would visit Rome on the way to Spain

Paul was planning to take the Gospel to Spain - Rom. 15:24

d) Paul said he would come in the fullness of the blessing - 15:29

Paul was looking forward to coming to them

Paul was planning his visit to Rome - Rom. 1:11-12

Paul said he would come in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel

Paul loved to preach of the unsearchable riches of Christ - Eph. 3:8

Paul wanted people to know the love of Christ that passes knowledge - Eph. 3:19

3) Paul asked the Romans to pray for his coming ministry - 15:30-33

a) Paul urged them to pray for him - 15:30

Paul made a request for the sake of Christ

Paul asked them to pray as he knew he might face death - II Cor. 4:11

Paul realized that his strength must come from Christ - II Cor. 12:10

Paul made a request for the love of the Spirit

Paul wanted to enjoy the fellowship of the Spirit - Phil. 2:1-2

Paul asked them to strive together with him

Paul asked Christians to help him through prayer - II Cor. 1:11

Paul asked them to pray for him

Paul asked Christians to pray that he would have boldness - Eph. 6:19-20

b) Paul asked them to pray his service would be acceptable - 15:31

Paul asked them to pray he would be delivered from those who did not believe

Paul knew that the unbelieving Jews might attack him - Acts 21:27-31

Paul knew that many of the Jews wanted to destroy him - Acts 23:12-24; 25:24

Paul asked them to pray for his service to those in Jerusalem

Paul had a great desire to minister to the saints in Jerusalem - Rom. 15:25

Paul asked them to pray this service would be accepted

Paul knew that was important also for those who sent the gift - II Cor. 8:4

Paul regularly taught about the importance of ministering to one another - II Cor. 9:1

c) Paul looked forward to being refreshed by the Romans - 15:32

Paul wanted to come to them with joy

Paul wanted to enjoy the company of the Romans - Rom. 15:23-24

Paul wanted to come to them by the will of God

Paul prayed that it would be the will of God for him to come to Rome - Rom. 1:10-13

Paul looked forward to being refreshed by them

Paul looked forward to being refreshed together with them - Acts 28:15, 30

d) Paul sent his message from the God of peace - 15:33

Paul wrote the message from the God of peace

Paul said the God of peace would shortly crush Satan - Rom. 16:20

God wants to make peace with all people - II Cor. 5:19-20; Eph. 2:13-18

Paul asked that the God of peace would be with them

Paul wanted Christians to experience the God of peace with them - Phil. 4:6-9

2. Paul sent greetings to the Romans - 16:1-16

a. these greetings began by mentioning some very special friends - 16:1-5

1) Paul started by mentioning Phoebe - 16:1-2

Phoebe was the one who brought the letter to Rome
this is the only place Phoebe is mentioned - her name means bright and radiant

Phoebe is called our sister

Phoebe was a sister in Christ

Phoebe was the servant (deaconess) of the church at Cenchrea

Phoebe served the church in Cenchrea

(Cenchrea was a neighboring port city to Corinth)

Phoebe was to be received in a manner worthy of the saints

Phoebe was to be accepted by the Christians - Rom. 15:7

Phoebe was to be assisted in her needs

Phoebe was to receive help as needed - III John 5-10

Phoebe had been a helper to many including Paul

Phoebe was known like Tabitha for her service - Acts 9:36-41

2) Paul next mentioned Priscilla and Aquila - 16:3-4

Paul sent greetings to Aquila and Priscilla

Paul began the church in Corinth in their home - Acts 18:1-3

Paul said they were fellow workers in Christ

Paul took Aquila and Priscilla with him to Ephesus - Acts 18:19

Paul knew how they had ministered in Ephesus - Acts 18:26

Paul said they had also started a church in their house in Asia - I Cor. 16:19

Paul said they risked their necks for his life

Paul was protected by some disciples in Ephesus - Acts 19:30

Paul said all the churches gave thanks for them

Paul knew they had helped many churches

3) Paul sent greetings to the church in their house - 16:5

Paul knew they helped start churches wherever they went

Corinth - Acts 18:1-3

Ephesus - Acts 18:26

Rome - Romans 16:5

4) Paul sent greetings to Epaenetus - 16:5

Epaenetus was one of the first to become a Christian in Asia

b. these greetings were to many other Christians - 16:6-16

1) Paul sent greetings to Mary - 16:6

Mary was one who worked hard to help Paul and his team

2) Paul sent greetings to Andronicus and Junias - 16:7

Andronicus and Junias were relatives of Paul

Andronicus and Junias had been fellowprisoners with Paul

Andronicus and Junias had been well known by the apostles

Andronicus and Junias had become Christians before Paul

3) Paul sent greetings to Ampliatus - 16:8

Ampliatus was beloved in the Lord

4) Paul sent greetings to Urbanus - 16:9

Urbanus had been a helper in Christ

5) Paul sent greetings to Stachys - 16:9

Stachys was beloved in the Lord

6) Paul sent greetings to Apelles - 16:10

Apelles was approved in Christ

7) Paul sent greetings to the household of Aristobulus - 16:10

Aristobulos and his entire household were known by Paul

8) Paul sent greetings to Herodian - 16:11

Herodian was also a relative of Paul

9) Paul sent greetings to the household of Narcissus - 16:11

Narcissus and the entire household were known by Paul

10) Paul sent greetings to Tryphena and Tryphosa - 16:12

Tryphena and Tryphosa worked hard in the Lord

11) Paul sent greetings to Persis - 16:12

Persis was a beloved brother who labored hard for the Lord

12) Paul sent greetings to Rufus and his mother - 16:13

Rufus was chosen by the Lord and his mother had apparently helped Paul

13) Paul sent greetings to Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas and Hermas

Paul greeted these as well as several associated with them

14) Paul sent greetings to Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister - 16:15

Paul greets these as well as several associated with them

15) Paul told them to greet each other with a holy kiss - 16:16

greetings are to be with a holy kiss - Rom. 16:16

greetings were given with a holy kiss - I Cor. 16:20, II Cor. 13:12

greetings are to be given to the brethren with a holy kiss - I Thess. 5:26

greetings are to be given with a kiss of love - I Pet. 5:14

3. Paul gave a concluding admonition -16:17-27

a. Paul warned of those who cause divisions - 16:17-19

1) Paul warned them to avoid those who cause divisions - 16:17

Paul told them to note those who cause divisions

Paul encourages us to note how people walk - Phil. 3:17-19

Paul encourages us to note those who do not obey the Word - II Thess. 3:14-15

Paul was very concerned by those who caused divisions - I Cor. 1:10-13; 3:3; 11:18

Paul said those taught contrary to the doctrine they had learned

Paul said some taught a different gospel - Gal. 1:7-9

Paul said some taught to bring people into bondage - Gal. 2:4

Paul said some taught through philosophy and empty deceit - Col. 2:8

Paul said they were to be avoided

Paul said to avoid professing Christians who practice sin - I Cor. 5:9-11

Paul said to avoid professing Christians who walk disorderly - II Thess. 3:6

2) Paul said those who cause divisions serve themselves - 16:18

Paul said those who cause divisions do not serve Christ

Paul says these are seeking their own benefit - Phil. 2:21

Paul said those who cause divisions serve their own belly

Paul says these are enemies of Christ who walk to please themselves - Phil. 3:18-19

Paul says these pretend to be godly for the purpose of self gain - I Tim. 6:5

Paul said they cause divisions by smooth speech

Paul says that such deceivers come as angels of light - II Cor. 11:13-15

Paul says that such people use persuasive words - Col. 2:4

Paul said they cause divisions by flattering words

Paul says these cause division both by words and by actions - II Tim. 3:2-7

Paul says these attract followers who have itching ears - II Tim. 4:3-4

3) Paul said the Romans were known for their obedience - 16:19

Paul said the obedience of the Romans had become known to all

Paul said the faith of the Romans was known throughout the world - Rom. 1:8

Paul said he wanted them to be wise to what is good

God wants us to be mature in our understanding - I Cor.14:20

God wants us to have a spirit of wisdom and understanding - Eph. 1:18-19

Paul said he wanted them to be simple concerning evil

God does not even want us to speak about the evil they do in secret -Eph 5:11-12

b. Paul promised that God would defeat Satan - 16:20

the God of peace will bruise Satan

God promised that the head of Satan would be bruised - Gen. 3:15
God sent Christ to defeat Satan and release those held by him - Heb. 2:14-15

God sent Christ to destroy the works of the devil - I John 3:8

the God of peace will place him under your feet

God said His followers would trample the wicked under their feet - Mal. 4:3

God gave power over all the power of the enemy - Luke 10:19

the God of peace will cause you to experience grace

God says the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with us - Rom. 16:24
the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with us - II Cor. 13:14

c. Paul sent greetings from those with him - 16:21-23

1) Paul sent greetings from Timothy - 16:21a

Timothy was from the area of Derbe and Lystra - Acts 16:1
Timothy joined Paul on his second visit to this area - Acts 16:2-3
Timothy was left with Silas to teach at Berea - Acts 17:14
Timothy and Silas rejoined Paul in Corinth - Acts 18:5
Timothy was sent by Paul to Macedonia - Acts 19:22
Timothy was sent by Paul to Corinth - I Cor. 4:17
Timothy is mentioned with Paul in II Corinthians - II Cor. 1:1
Timothy was in prison with Paul when he wrote Philippians - Phil. 1:1
Timothy was left to help the churches in Ephesus - I Tim. 1:2-3
Timothy was commissioned to develop other faithful men - II Tim. 2:2

2) Paul sent greetings from Lucius, Jason and Sosipater - 16:21b

Lucius is another form of Luke
Lucius is the name of a leader of the church at Antioch - Acts 13:1-2
these men are also called countrymen of Paul

3) Paul sent greetings from Tertius - 16:22

Tertius was the secretary who wrote this letter

4) Paul sent greetings from Gaius - 16:23

Gaius was the one in whose home Paul was staying
Gaius also had a church meeting in his home

5) Paul sent greetings from Erastus - 16:23

Erastus was the city treasurer in Corinth

6) Paul sent greetings from Quartus - 16:23

Quartus was a brother in Christ who was with Paul

d. Paul gave a concluding benediction - 16:24-27

1) Paul wanted the Christians to experience grace - 16:24

Grace was a constant theme with Paul - I Thess. 5:20

2) Paul said that God had the power to establish them - 16:25

God has the power to establish Christians

God is able to make us stand - Rom. 14:4

God is able to build us up and give us an inheritance - Acts 20:32

God is able to do far more than we could ever imagine - Eph. 3:20-21

God is the One who gave Paul the Gospel

God revealed the Gospel to Paul in the desert - Gal. 1:16-18

God is the One who commissioned him to preach Christ

God gave Paul the opportunity to preach immediately - Acts 9:18-20

God called Paul to preach Christ - II Cor. 4:5; Tim. 1:12-15

God is the One who revealed the mystery to Paul

God chose Paul to reveal the mystery - Eph. 3:1-4

God had kept this a secret from the foundation of the world

God had kept this mystery a secret from past ages - Eph. 3:5

God made Jews and Gentiles fellow heirs in Christ - Eph. 3:6-11

3) Paul said that God wanted to bring all nations to obedience of faith - 16:26

God now made this clear through the Scriptures

God called Paul to preach Christ among the Gentiles - Eph. 3:8

God planned for all nations to know this by the Scriptures

God willed to make known the glory of this mystery - Col. 1:26-27

God revealed His righteousness so that all could believe - Rom. 3:21-30

God revealed through the Scriptures He would justify the Gentiles by faith - Gal. 3:8

God gave this as an everlasting commandment

God commanded us to make disciples of all nations - Matt. 28:19-20

God did this for obedience to the faith

God wants to multiply the number of disciples - Acts 6:7

4) Paul gave glory to God through Christ - 16:27

God is the only One with true wisdom

God is the source of all wisdom - Eph. 1:7-8

God is to receive glory through Jesus Christ

God is to receive glory forever - Phil. 4:20