

GOOD EVENING

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

Rom. 6-8

Grace Did All Of This!

Romans 5-6 solves the plight of the old humanity under Adam and Sin, especially the Gentiles. How? BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

OLD HUMANITY UNDER ADAM (Rom. 1:18-32) Enslaved to Sin	NEW HUMANITY UNDER CHRIST (Rom. 5-6) Freed from Sin
Separated from God in unbelief. (1:18-21)	Reconciled to God through Christ in faith. (5:1-11)
Descended into the pit of dying creation. (1:23)	God raised us up together with Christ to the Highest of Heights. (Rom. 6:3-4)
Handed over to the selfish lust of their foolish darkened hearts and reprobate minds under the power of sin and death—Lie of independence. (1:24,28)	Handed over to Pauline Grace that re-creates our hearts with selfless Agape Love of God at the Cross of Christ under righteousness and life (Rom. 5:5; 6:17).
Enslaved to sin that leads to death and freed from righteousness and life (1:18-32)	Enslaved to righteousness that leads to life and freed from sin that leads to death (Rom. 6:17-23)
A bodily existence that is permeated with sin and death. (1:24-25)	A bodily existence permeated with righteousness and life.
An existence that is non-fruit bearing and barren. (1:26-27)	An existence that bears much fruit. (6:22)

Rom. 7 solves the plight of the old humanity under Adam and law, especially the Jews. How? By GRACE THROUGH FAITH.

OLD HUMANITY UNDER ADAM OF ISRAEL (Rom. 2) Under the Law	NEW HUMANITY UNDER CHRIST--JEWS (Rom. 7:1-8:4) Freed from the Law
Condemned by the Law. (2:5)	No Condemnation. (8:1)
Hardened and unrepentant hearts that reject God's things. (2:5; 28-29)	Thou shalt not covet. Inner person who receives God's things (Rom. 7:22)
Based on "law" all perish at God's judgment (Rom. 2:12-16)	The Law kills (Rom. 7:9).
The lie that the Law controls and alleviates sins (2:1-4) Under the Law Israel committed spiritual adultery/idolatry (2:17-23)	The Law multiplies and incites sins (Rom. 3:20; 4:15) and exposes enslavement to sin (Rom. 7:5-8)
An existence that is based on externals that are non-fruit bearing/barren by the flesh. (2:23-24)	An existence that is based on the renewed inner person which bears much fruit by the spirit. (7:5-6)

- 1. The Romans having responded in faith, became incorporated into the new humanity under Christ, and were bearing much fruit. (Rom. 1:8).**

- 2. Now as we go from Rom. 6 to Rom. 7, Paul wants to make sure the Romans fully understand that God was producing much fruit by the Law but by grace. It wasn't because of who they were and what they did but who Christ is and what He did.**
 - a. The former would be a Law System—Law/Works/Flesh System.**
 - b. The latter is the Pauline Grace System—Grace/Faith/Spirit System.**

- 3. And all of this happened NOT because they were under the Law but because they were under Grace. (Rom. 5:21; 6:14).**

- 4. God had turned this group of pagan idol worshippers into a group of fruit-bearing believers. He didn't do this by handing them over to the Mosaic Law but by handing them over to Pauline Grace. (Rom. 6:17-23)**

- 5. But where does that put those who came out of a Jewish background in Rome who had in one way or another come under the Law to regulate their lives? (Rom. 7:1)**
 - a. Queen Grace may hold sway over the pagan Gentiles...**
 - b. But did Queen Grace also hold sway over the Jews, proselytes and God-fearers? Or did they need to continue under the Law?**

- 6. Paul's explained in Rom. 6 that as sinners they would have to die to Sin to produce fruit unto God. In Rom. 7 he explains the more surprising truth that those who had been under the Law would also have to die to the Law to produce fruit unto God! (Rom. 7:4)**

- 7. The only thing that can do that is the Grace provided through the death and resurrection of Christ:**
 - a. Being identified with the death and resurrection of Christ freed believers from the old Master Sin and Death and joined them to the Risen Christ to bear fruit unto their new Master God (Rom. 6) ...**
 - b. Being identified with the death and resurrection of Christ also freed believing Jews from their old husband, the old humanity governed by the Law, and joined them the Risen Christ, the new humanity governed by grace so that they could be fruit-bearing. (Rom. 7:4)**

- 8. Believing Jews, who received Paul's apostleship, would be inclined to think that what God is doing today would be Pauline Grace "and" the Law.

--What Paul wanted to make clear is that NO! It is Pauline Grace WITHOUT the Law. It is Pauline Grace "or" the Law. It cannot be both. (Gal. 3:1-3)**

- 9. Israel's 1500 year history under the Law proved once-and-for-all that sinners cannot produce fruit on Law ground.**
 - a. This is the great problem with historic Christianity. They think it is Law "and" Grace rather than Law "or" Grace. Therefore, they cannot produce fruit.**

 - b. Growing pineapples in Canada.**