We have just completed our study on the first eleven chapters of the book of Romans. Today we are beginning our last section of this very important book. Let's do a quick review of our section outline. In Romans 1:1-15 we were introduced to <a href="https://www.who.com/

We titled our first section, <u>The Need for Salvation</u>. In Romans 1:1 - 3:20 God uses Paul to teach us our need for salvation. He shows us why we all need saved, no matter who we are or where we came from.

Our next section was, <u>The Way of Salvation</u>. In Romans 3:21 - 5:21 God uses the writings of Paul to teach us that the only way of salvation is by faith in His Son, Jesus.

Our third section was, <u>The Life of Salvation</u>. In Romans 6:1 - 8:39 God uses the writings of Paul to teach us how we are alive in Christ. He teaches us how we become His children. He teaches us how His Holy Spirit lives in all His children and how His Spirit gives us power to live our new lives in a way that pleases God. He also teaches us that nothing will ever separate us from God once we are His in Christ.

Our fourth section was, <u>The Scope of Salvation</u>. In Romans 9:1 - 11:36 God uses Paul's writings to teach us that He is sovereign, or in total control, of who is saved. He also teaches us that He is not done with the people of Israel. God will never break His promises to us and He will never break His promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the children of Israel. He is going to graft them back in to His family one day very soon.

We closed section four with one of my favorite passages in the whole Bible:

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)

God uses this passage of Scripture to close up all of what Paul has written about salvation and God's sovereignty and God's ways. It's perfect because it reminds us that it is okay if we don't understand all of this yet. It's okay if what God says doesn't make sense to our human mind. It's okay, because He is God and we just need to trust Him and take Him at His word.

Now after these first eleven chapters on all the why's, and explanations, and teachings, that God gives us about our sin and His salvation we come to Romans 12 and our last section of study, <u>The Service of Salvation</u>.

Now that we know the need, the way, the life, and the scope of our salvation... we need to know how we live it out in our every day lives and within His church. God uses Paul to teach us this in Romans 12 - 16.

Are you ready? Let's go!

- 1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.
- 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
- 3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.
- 4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,
- **5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
- **6** Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;
- **7** if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching;
- **8** or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Read Romans 12:1. What word does this verse begin with?
Do you remember what we have learned about this word? If there is a "therefore", we need to know what the "therefore" is there for!
I believe this "therefore" is connecting us all the way back to everything we learned in the first eleven chapters. Let's look at the rest of the verse to see why I believe what I do:-)
Read all of Romans 12:1.
What does Paul urge us to present to God as a living and holy sacrifice?
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What does Paul say this is?
spiritual of of

From what you learn in this verse how much of you does God want? Circle your answer.

all of you some of you just a little of you

If you have access to the internet type this link in the URL, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIIi3o2-tTE and listen to this version of the Hokey Pokey.

In this song we sing that we give our hearts to Jesus and we give Him our hands, our feet, our head, our whole selves. When we give our hearts to Jesus we give Him everything. We worship Him with our hearts, our minds, and our bodies.

Read Romans conformed to?	12:2. What are we n	ot to be
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moment to loc	nean to be "conform ok up the word confo ite done what you le	rmed in a
world? Look u	od not want us to be p and read John 12:3 2, and 1 John 5:19. \	31, John 16:11,
Satan	President Obama	Superman

Look	back	and	read	Roma	ns	8:29.	Who	does	God
want	us to	be o	confo	rmed	to?				

Read Romans 12:2. What are we to be instead of being conformed?

THINK ABOUT IT...

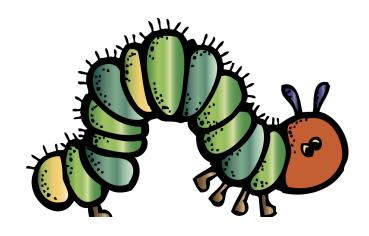
The word "transformed" in the Greek is metamorphoo. This Greek word might sound familiar to you. Have you ever studied what happens when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly?

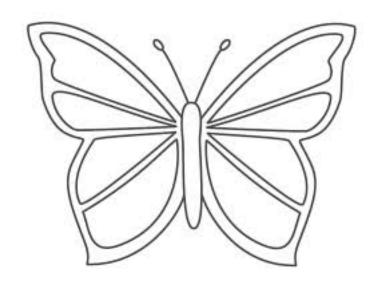
What is this called?

Yes, metamorphous!

Below is a picture of a caterpillar. During the process of metamorphous this caterpillar is transformed into a butterfly. The caterpillar becomes a whole new creation. It used to be a worm like creature that could not get off the earth... and then after being transformed it becomes a beautiful butterfly that can now fly!

Now color in the butterfly before in all your favorite colors!





Read Romans 12:2 again. How are you transformed?

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Before we know Jesus our minds are full with all the things of the world. We live in the world everyday. We see television shows and movies. We listen to songs. We go to school and hear things

from other kids and learn things from school books that may or may not be true. What goes in our eyes and ears goes into our mind and into our heart and becomes our belief system which then controls our actions.

What has God given us so that our eyes and ears can be filled with what He says is true?



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What does Romans 12:2 say we will know if we renew our mind with God's word? Circle all that apply.

will of God

what is good

our favorite color

who we will marry

what is acceptable

what is perfect

what the weather will be like

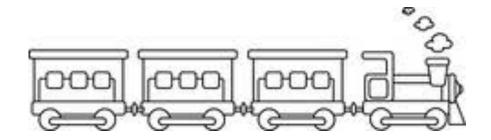
God tells us in *Isaiah 55:8-9* that His thoughts and His ways are not our thoughts and our ways. He also tells us in *Proverbs 3:5-6* that we are not to lean on our own understanding but to trust in Him. The only way that we can learn what God's thoughts and ways are is for us to read His Word, the Bible. He has recorded for us His thoughts and His ways and not only that He sent Jesus to come and show us His thoughts and His ways. Remember that *John 1:1-3 and 14* teaches us that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

That's enough for today. Tomorrow we will study in Romans 12:3-8.

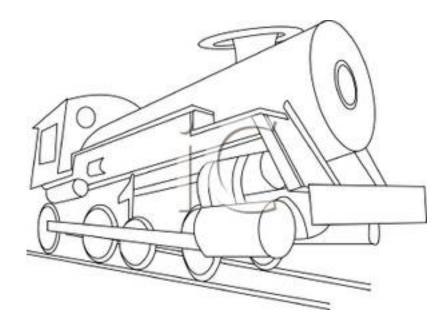
Read Romans 12:3 and answer the following questions.

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not to than he ought to t	more _ :hink		of himself
How are we to t	hink?		
with	judgme	nt	
What has God al	lotted to e	each of u	ıs who are His?
a	of _		
Who allots it and	d measure	s it out?	
The Pastor	We do	God	Your Mother
What word does	Romans 1	12:3 beg	in with?
———— The word "for" i			

A conjunction is a connecting word. This word is used to connect a train of thought.



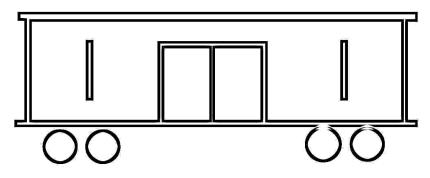
To find out what the "for" in Romans 12:3 is connecting to we have to look at the verses that come before it. Read Romans 12:1-2 again.



Romans 12:1 begins with the word "Therefore". This word is also a connecting word. We can say that Romans 12 is being driven and pulled by the verses that come before it. That big engine represents all that you learned in Romans 1 - 11.

The first box car behind it represents Romans 12:1-2. Write Romans 12:1 in the space above the boxcar and color your boxcar.

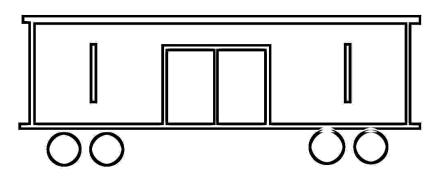




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Now Romans 12:3 is the next boxcar. The one connected to the Romans 12:1-2 boxcar. Write Romans 12:3 in the space above the boxcar and color your boxcar.





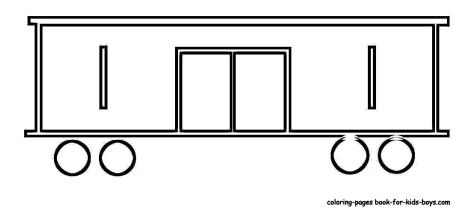
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Read Romans 12:4-5. What does this verse begin?

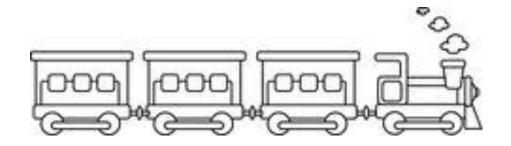
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That's right! Another connecting word. Let's add another boxcar. Write Romans 12:4-5 in the space above the boxcar and color your boxcar.





Now read Romans 12:1-5 all together and picture in your mind how the therefore's and for's all connect in one train of thought being pulled by the engine of Romans 1 - 11. As we study through the rest of Romans you can imagine that all that you learn is hooking up to this Romans 1-11 engine.



Now to get back to Romans 12:3-5.

Do you remember what you learned in Romans 6:3-7? When we believe the gospel it is like we were placed in Christ's body and we died on the cross with Him, we were buried in the tomb with Him, and we rose from the dead with Him. We became a part of His body.

Look up and read 1 Corinthians 12:27. Use the verse to fill in the blanks below.

Now	are Christ's	 and individually
	of _	

If we are members of Christ's body how important is it that we present our bodies as a living and holy sacrifice to God?

kind of important not important very important

THINK ABOUT IT...

Is there any part of your body that you would want to do without? Or is every part of your body needed? Let's say you no longer have thumbs. Will you notice that they are missing? Are your thumbs just as important to you as your feet?

Try this.

Get some tape or a piece of cloth and tie or tape down your thumbs. See how long you can go without needing them.

Romans 12:3-5 teaches us that when God makes us a part of the body of Christ we are given a gift to serve in this body. This gift is given to us by the Holy Spirit that comes to dwell in us when we are saved (Romans 8:9). We don't pick our gifts, God does.

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As you watch this video from Tinkerbell does Tinkerbell choose her gift or is her gift chosen for her?

That's right. She didn't pick her gift. In the same way, we don't pick our gift in the body of Christ either. God does.

Now type this link in your URL bar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlgnnFloW60

In this video Tinkerbell decides she doesn't like her gift and she is going to try and learn to do another gift instead. How did it work out for her?

It didn't. No matter how hard she tried she could not do the other gifts right. They were not her gifts.

She needed to learn how to use her gift to the best of the measure that had been allotted her.

Read Romans 12:6-8 and see if what you learned from Tinkerbell helps you to understand what God is teaching us in these verses.

What does Romans 12:6 say about our gifts?

th	ey differ	they are the same
How do they	differ?	
according to the	ne	given us
Who gives us	grace?	
What differe	_	e listed in Romans 12:6-8?
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What happened when Tinkerbell stopped trying to do the jobs that she was not gifted to do and started giving her best to the gift that she was given?

That's right! All the fairies were able to work together using their own special gifts to bring spring.

When we each do what God has gifted us to do then the whole body of Christ works together to bring glory to the kingdom of God.

That's enough for now! Next we will dig into Romans 12:9-21.

Romans 12:9-21

- **9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- **10** Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;
- 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
- 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,
- **13** contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.
- 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
- **16** Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly.Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- **17** Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
- **19** Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
- **20** "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."
- **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Read Romans 12:9. What does this verse want our love to be without.				
The word hypocrisy comes from the Greek word hupokrinomai and it means to act the part, pretend, to answer, reply, to answer on a stage. So if God wants our love to be without hypocrisy, that means He doesn't want it to be pretend, fake, or for show. He wants it to be real and true.				
Read Romans 12:9 again and use the verse to fill in the blanks.				
what is				
to what is				
THINK ABOUT IT				
What is something you might abhor maybe brussels sprouts?				
Well you should abhor evil just like you abhor brussels sprouts.				
What is something you cling to? Do you have a favorite blanket, pillow, or stuffed animal?				
Well you should cling to good just like you cling to these				

favorite things.

In Romans 12:10-13 Paul give us a list of practical instructions on how we can "abhor what is evil and cling to what is good" as it relates to our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are a Christian these instructions are for you. So let's look at each one.

Read Romans 12:10-13 and fill in the blanks making these instructions personal to you.

I am to be	to other believers in
	love
I am to give	to others in
— — — — — I am not to lag behind in	າ
I am to be	in spirit
I am to	the
I am to	in
I am to	in tribulation
I am to be	to
I am to the saints	to the needs of
I am to practice	

Now we are going to look at Romans 12:14-21. These verse teach us how we are to treat <u>all</u> people. Not just other Christians and not just people who are nice to us. These verses teach us how we are supposed to respond to people who are even mean to us. That's right. Even people who hurt us.

Read Romans 12:14. How are we supposed to respond to people who persecute us? Circle the correct answer.

Bless them Curse them Do nothing

Read Romans 12:15. Use the verse to fill in the blanks.

I am to	with those who rejoice.
I am to	with those who weep.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Have you ever seen someone crying because they fell down? Should we laugh at that person for falling or check on them?

Have you ever tried really hard to win a game, but lost? Should we be mad at the person who won, or should we be happy for them and celebrate with them?

Read Romans 12:16 and answer the questions below.

What kind of mind should you have toward others? Circle the correct answer.

Be of the (same , different) mind toward one another

What kind of mind are we NOT to have?

____ ___ ___

THINK ABOUT IT...

Do you know what "haughty" means? Haughty means high. So God is telling us that we are not to be high minded, but we are to have the <u>same</u> mind toward others.

If you are up high what must you do to see anything or anyone that is below you?

That's right you have to <u>look down</u>. God does not want us to look down on others... no matter how "low" they might be. He wants us to always be on the same level with our eyes.

Let me ask you. Are you as tall as your Mom or Dad? I bet not! So when they want to tell you something important do they say it from up high, or do they squat down or pull you up in their lap so that they can get on the same eye level as you? How does it make you feel when they do that?

Read Romans 12:16 again. There is one more "do not" in this verse.

Do not be	in your	$_$ $_$ estimation.
THINK ABOUT IT		

Is God telling us that He does not want us to think we are smart? No, I don't think so. The word "wise" in the context of this verse is from the Greek word phrén, and it means "personal perspective regulating outward behavior." This word is also the root word of our English term "diaphragm" which controls key body functions from the inside out. This word "wise" in **Romans 12:16** is talking about how we size things up. It is all about our own personal opinions. This is about thinking we know better than God.

Look up and read the following verses:

Proverbs 3:5-7

Proverbs 12:15

Proverbs 26:12

Proverbs 30:24-28

THINK ABOUT IT...

Did you notice in Proverbs 30 that the four things were small, but still exceedingly wise? True wisdom doesn't come with age or with being a grown up... it comes from God and trusting His Word over our own thoughts and feelings.

Now let's read Romans 12:17 and answer the following questions.

What does this verse tell us NEVER to do? Circle your answer.

	pay b	ack evil for evil	cross your eyes	
stare at the sun		go swimming	g after eating	
Who ans		t say to never o	do this to? C	ircle your
	family	friends	enemies	anyone
	_			
		this verse tell uwith the answe		d do? Fill in
of -		what is men.	s right in the	

Now that word "all" in the Greek is pas it means all, the whole, every kind of.

In Romans 12:17 God is letting us know that no matter who it is we are to be considerate of them and what they believe is right. We will never win anyone to Christ through being mean to someone or making fun of what they believe.

Now let's read Romans 12:18. How does God expect us to behave towards other people?

be	at			with		men

How did Romans 12:18 began? Circle the correct answer.

Always must If possible Never will

Now read Romans 12:18 again. Whose behavior are you responsible for?

Every ones No ones My own

What part of Romans 12:18 tells us this?

as	far	as	it	depends	on	

THINK ABOUT IT...

Is God saying it is always your fault if someone wants to fight with you? No, He is not. Some people, especially when you tell them about sin and what Jesus did for them, will become angry. Our job as a believer is to not start fights on purpose. We are to respect all people no matter what they believe. However, we are still to be willing and ready to share what we believe too even if it does make someone angry.

Read Romans 12:19 and answer the following questions.

What should we do if people are mean to us and hurt us or someone we love?								
take	your own							
Whose job is it to get back at those who have hurt us or those we love? Circle your answer.								
your Dad's	Underdog's	God's						
Read Romans 12:2 to the statements		(T) or false (F)						
If your enemy	y is hungry let them	starve.						
If your enemy	y is thirsty give ther	n a drink.						
If your enemy	y is thirsty drink in f	front of them.						
If your enemy	y is hungry then fee	d them						

Read Romans 12:21. This last verse in this chapter summarizes everything that we have studied in this chapter. This is a good verse to memorize.

"Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 13:1-10

- **1** Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.
- **2** Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.
- **3** For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;
- **4** for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.
- **5** Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.
- **6** For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.
- **7** Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.
- **8** Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled *the* law.
- **9** For this, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- **10** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of *the* law.

Today we will begin digging into Romans 13. In Romans 12 we were taught how we should respond to other Christians and also how we are to respond to those who are not Christians, even those who are mean to us just because we believe in Jesus.

Now as we begin Romans 13 we are going to learn how God wants us to respond to the law of the land we are living in. This would include our school teachers, policemen, our Mayor, our Governor, all the way up to our President. This would include any place we went that had a list of rules or laws that were posted for us to follow.

Let's begin!

Read Romans 13:1. How does this verse begin? Circle your answer.

Every person Some persons Few persons No persons

According to Romans 13:1 who is in charge of establishing all authority everywhere for every person?

Does that mean that God chooses who leads what countries? Including the United States?

Yes No I Don't Know

Look	up and	read I	Daniel	2:20-21	. Who	did	Daniel
learn	remove	ed and	l estab	lished ki	ngs?		

That's right! God does. In the Old Testament and in the New Testament, God is the One who decides who rules and when they rule. He is in control of the leaders of countries and He is in control of the leaders in your state, county, and city. He is even in control of the leaders in your school, church, and home. Read Romans 13:2. If you resist the authority over you, who are you really against? Circle your answer. no one the Principal your Dad God According to Romans 13:2 when you oppose the authority that God has put over you, who receives the condemnation, who gets in trouble? Draw a picture in the box below of your answer.

Read Romans 13:3-4 out loud.

If you have access to a computer type this link in the URL bar and watch this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqGrcTDUAe8

As you watched the video who was the authority over the driver of the car? Circle all that apply.

the kid cops the stop sign the passenger God

That's right! The kid cops, the stop sign, and God were all in authority over the driver of that car.

Read Romans 13:3-4 again. Decide whether the

ements below are True (T) of False (F).
 Rulers make those with good behavior afraid.
 If you do evil then the rulers will like you.
 Authority is a minister of God for our good.
 Authority is meant to punish those who do evil.
 If you do good you have no reason to fear rulers
You are supposed to be afraid of authority.

THINK ABOUT IT...

If the driver of the car had obeyed the stop sign and the law of the land would he have gotten a ticket? Would he have been pulled over? What did the driver do after he was pulled over?

That's right! He lied to the kid cops! He showed he knew the right thing to do by lying. He was not ignorant of the law, he just didn't want to obey it.

What could have happened had the driver continued in this evil behavior?

That's right! He could have caused a wreck that killed him, his passenger, or someone else.

So was the authority(God, the kid cops, the stop sign) over the driver that gave him the ticket there for the drivers good? Yes, the authority was there for the good of the driver and the good of everyone else. As long as a driver is obeying the signs and the laws then they have no reason to be afraid that the kid cops will pull them over and give them a ticket.

Read Romans 13:5. We are to submit to authority so that we will not be punished for disobeying and also for another reason. What is it?

Use th	ne verse	to fill i	the	blanks	with	your	answer.
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THINK ABOUT IT...

We learned about our conscience when we were studying in Romans 2. How does it make you feel when you know you are doing something that is against the rules?

Are you doing it in freedom or fear?

When you have disobeyed your parents do you want to be around them or do you try to stay away from them.

How do you think this compares with God? When we choose to disobey God's Word do we want to come to church and spend time with Him reading the Bible or do we want to stay away from church and our Bibles?

Read Romans 13:6. Have you ever heard your parents talk about paying taxes?

	Yes	No	I don't know					
Read Romans 13:6 again. What does this verse say about the rulers over us?								
they are _			of					

How do these rulers, these servants of God, get the funds they need to rule? Ask your parents how our mayors, governors, firemen, policemen, and even our teachers get paid.

That's right. Taxes.

Read Romans 13:7. In this verse we are given pretty clear instructions to pay what we owe. Even if we don't think we should owe it. Use the verse to fill in the blanks.

	to whom _	i	s due
	to	whom _	
	to whon	n	<u> </u>
	to w	hom	
Jesus ha bad rule	ve to say a	about pa True (T	22:15-22. What did aying taxes, even to a) or False (F) to the
If the	ruler is me	ean we d	o not have to pay taxes
Give	to the ruler	what be	longs to the ruler
Give	to God wha	nt belong	s to God
God (doesn't care	e if you p	pay your taxes
	mans 13:8 are to ow		hristian what is the only ne?
Do we ho	onor God b	y honoi	ring the laws of our land
	Yes	No	I don't know

Yes, we honor God when we honor the laws of our land. We show ourselves to be believers when we pay our taxes and respect the authority that is in place over us. That does not mean we have to agree with all the laws or the rulers, it just means we trust that God has allowed them to rule for a reason. We may not understand it, but that is okay. As long as the rulers are not asking us to commit a sin against what God has commanded in His Word we are to obey them.

Read Romans 13:8 again. What is the one thing we can do to make sure we keep the law of God and the law of our land? Circle your answer.

go to law school love our neighbor stay home

Read Romans 13:9. What did God give us so that we would know how to love our neighbor?

The	Ten						

Look up and read Exodus 20:1-17.

The first four commandments teach us how to love God. The next six commandments teach us how to love one another.

Look up and read Matthew 19:16-19. Is this list of commandments given by Jesus similar to what you read in Romans 13:9?

Yes No I don't know

Read Romans 13:10. How is love the fulfillment of the law?

Love does no	to a neighbor

You might be wondering right now... Who is my neighbor? Well Jesus has our answer for that question too!

Look up and read Luke 10:25-37.

If you have access to the internet type this into the URL search bar and watch one more kid cop video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yziMNt1rBk4

Was the Litterer showing love to his neighbors or was he doing wrong to his neighbors?

What would he have done differently had he been choosing to love his neighbor?

THINK ABOUT IT...

Are there things that you need to be doing doing differently?

Do you honor your parents?

Do you respect your teachers at school?

Are you kind to the other kids in class?

Do you take things from others that don't belong to you?

If you can answer yes to questions like these, then spend some time with Jesus right now and talk to Him about it.

Read Romans 13:11-13. Why is it so important that we do the things that God has told us to do? Circle all that apply.

Jesus is coming again and we want to be ready

Each day that passes means Jesus is closer

The night is almost gone and the day is near

We don't know what will happen tomorrow so we need to tell others about Jesus today.

If Jesus lives inside of us we should show Him to others by what we do on the outside.

Read Romans 13:14. Who are we to put on?

How do we put on Jesus? Look up and read Galatians 3:27, Ephesians 4:22-24, Colossians 3:12.

THINK ABOUT IT...

When we are saved it is like we have taken off dirty clothes that we have worn playing in the mud. We lay those dirty muddy clothes to the side and most likely are sprayed down with the water hose outside and then get into a shower and are bathed clean. Now after we are all clean do we bend down and climb back into those dirty muddy clothes?

No, we put on a new clean set of clothes. Now do those clothes just jump on you?

No, we have to slide our arms and legs in them. We are part of the putting on of those clothes. Just like that, we are supposed to be a part of purposely putting on Jesus. We put Him on by sliding our arms into his and our legs into His and being His hands and feet. Living our lives in and through Him.

Close your eyes now and picture yourself climbing into Him and putting Jesus on.

How would this change the choices you make? How would this change the games you play? The movies you watch? The music you listen to? The way you treat others?

Read Romans 13:14 again What are we not

the ___ __ of ___ __

make any provisions for?
the
Go back and read Romans 8:3-9 and Galatians 5:19-21. Why do we not want to make provision for our flesh?
the flesh is hostile to

Remember that everything that we are learning in Romans 12 - 16 is hooked up to that big engine of what we learned in Romans 1 - 11.

God does not ask of us what He does not enable us to do. If God has commanded it, we can accomplish it in Him.

Look up and read Philippians 4:13. This is another good verse to memorize. Get an index card and write this verse on it and keep it with you. Maybe even see if your mom will write it on the bathroom mirror with a dry erase marker so you can see it every day.

Now what are some things that you know that Jesus has asked you to do and you keep telling Him that you can't?

Are you talking back to your parents or teachers?

Are you in a habit of saying mean things to others?

Do you lie about things you have done wrong or blame others for it?

Talk to Jesus about these things and to your parents and ask Jesus to help you do the right things... I promise you He will help!

Tomorrow we move on to Romans 14...

Romans 14:1-12

- 1 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.
- 2 One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables *only*.
- 3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.
- 4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.
- 5 One person regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.
- 6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.
- 7 For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself;
- 8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
- 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
- 10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
- 11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God."
- 12 So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

Today we begin digging into Romans 14. In this chapter Paul goes back and begins teaching us again about how we are to treat other believers. In Romans 12:1-13 Paul began teaching us how we are to live out our faith with each other and then in Romans 12:14 - 13:14 he showed us how we are to practice our Christianity before everyone every where. Now here in Romans 14 he brings us back to how we are to treat each other in the church. The church, being the body of Christ.

Read Romans 14:1 and answer the questions below.

Who are we to accept?

the one who is __ _ _ in __ _ ___

What are we NOT to do with the one who is weak in faith?

pass judgment on his __ _ _ _ _ ___

Is being weak in faith a sin?

Yes No I don't know

Does this verse sound like it is talking about sin?

Yes No I don't know

THINK ABOUT IT...

What makes an opinion and what makes a sin? The word for "opinion" used in Romans 14:1 in the Greek means a thought, inward reasoning; the reasoning of those who think themselves to be wise.

What is your favorite color? Why is it your favorite color?

What about brushing your teeth? Do you like brushing your teeth?

Do your parents tell you what has to be your favorite color or do they let you pick it? I bet they let you pick it. It doesn't matter whether your favorite color is pink or green. That is your opinion and you are free to choose it.

What about brushing your teeth? Do your parents tell you that you have to brush your teeth or do they just let you choose whether or not you do? Brushing your teeth is probably an instruction or command that is given to you by your parents and if you do not obey, there are consequences. These consequences can come from your parents, but there are also natural consequences that come from disobeying this... like cavities.

There are things that God allows His children to have different opinions on and if that opinion is different from ours it doesn't mean they are sinning. It just means they might be weaker than us in their faith or stronger than us in their faith. This is what Romans 14 is all about.

Let's keep digging!

Read Romans 14:2 We are about to compare and contrast two different types of believers. Look at the pictures below. Which picture best shows who Romans 14:2 says is weak in faith? Circle it.



So does this mean that we don't have to eat our veggies!

Unfortunately, no. That's not what Paul is talking about. This is where historical context comes in.

Paul is writing this letter to the church in Rome, and remember we have already learned that this church was filled with both Jewish believers and Gentile believers. Jewish believers were raised under the Law of God and Jewish traditions. Gentiles were raised making sacrifices to false gods. Many times Jewish people would only eat vegetables because they were afraid they would eat meat that had been sacrificed to an idol.

When these Jews and Gentiles became believers some were strong in their new freedom in Christ, others were not.

Read Romans 14:3. If we are the one who eats what are we not to do?

regard with	_ the	one	who	does
not eat				

The word contempt here means to make of no account, to despise utterly. If you have access to internet type this in the url bar:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Xrw0qbnNuU

Did you see that look on Daffy's face?



He's decided that Bugs Bunny is of no value to him and is of no account. He is regarding him with contempt. If we are not careful we will look at other believers who are weaker than us in the same way.

Now how does this relate today?

We are going to divide some things into three different categories. I am going to make a list and I want you to decide whether it is Biblical, unbiblical, or non-biblical.

- (B) Biblical means that God has told us that it is okay.
- (U) Unbiblical means that God has told us it is sin.
- (N) Non-biblical means that God doesn't tell us what we have to believe about it.

Let's begin.

 Wearing blue jeans to church
 Using drums in Sunday morning worship
 The color of the carpet in the Sanctuary
 Jesus is not the only way to be saved
 Teaching the Bible to children
 Only some of us are born sinners
 Telling lies to keep from hurting feelings
 Honoring our parents

Now let's take it a step farther. If you marked a statement as Biblical or Unbiblical look up the Bible verse that proves it and write it to the side of the statement.

Good job!

Read Romans 14:3 again. We have learned that the one who does eat is not to regard with contempt the one does not eat, but what is the one who does not eat NOT supposed to do.

		the	one	who	eats

What does it mean to judge someone? Let's say you are the person who believes it is wrong to wear blue jeans to church. If you believed it was wrong how should you respond to the person who comes to church in blue jeans?

Should you respond like the picture below? Circle your answer.



Yes

No

Read Romans 14:3 one more time. Does God accept the one who eats and the one who does not eat?

Yes No

Does God accept the one who wears blue jeans and the one who doesn't?

Yes No

If God accepts them, then should we?

Yes No



Read Romans 14:4. If you believe in Jesus are you God's servant?

Yes No

If someone else believes in Jesus are they God's servant?

Yes No

According to Romans 14:4 who is the only person who is allowed to judge God's servant?

Read Romans 14:5. Look at the pictures below. Shout it out if you know what days the pictures represent.







If you were to ask 20 different people how they felt about these days you would probably get several different opinions about them. Each person would probably be fully convinced that their opinion was the right one.

Read Romans 14:6. Regardless of how we feel about the day or how we choose to celebrate it or not celebrate what should be our reason behind it?

we do it for the $__$ $_$		
and we give $__$ $__$ $_$	to	
Read Romans 14:7. A many of us lives for o ourselves? Circle you	ourselves or die	
not one of us	some of us	all of us
Read Romans 14:8. If for?	f we live or if w	ve die, who is it
the		
Read Romans 14:9. Wagain?	/hy did Christ o	die and live
so that He might be		f the

THINK ABOUT IT...

We all come to Jesus at different times and from different backgrounds. Some kids grow up in homes where they go to church and their parents are teaching them the Bible at home just like yours, but some kids have never been to church and their parents do not even know about Jesus. They may even believe wrong things about him, worship a different god, or may believe that there is no God at all.

Some kids grow up in churches where it is wrong to wear make-up and for girls to wear pants and some kids grow up in churches where drums and other musical instruments are not allowed. However God does not want us to look down on others who have more rules and He doesn't want us to judge others who have less rules.

Jesus died for both and Jesus lives for both and both love Jesus and doing what they truly believe will please Him. What matters most is that Jesus is their Lord.

If He is their Lord and He is our Lord then that makes us family and on the same team. If God doesn't call it a sin, then we shouldn't either. It is simply an opinion.

Read Romans 14:10. Paul asks us two questions. What verse does he remind us of again with these two questions. Circle your answer.

Romans 14:6 Romans 13:10 Romans 14:3

According to Romans 14:10 who will stand before the judgment seat of Christ?						
will						
Look up and read the	followin	g verses:				
Romans 2:16						
1 Corinthians 3:10-15						
1 Corinthians 4:5						
2 Corinthians 5:10						
What are these verse	s teachi	ng us about?				
the	se	at of				
Now look and read Revelation 20:11-15. Is this verse talking about the judgment seat of Christ?						
Yes	No	I don't know				

No, it's not! These are two different judgments. All believers will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and our work for Jesus will be graded. This is why it does matter how you live as a believer. This life is like a test, and you are going to be graded. I want you to pass the test and so does God! That's

why He gave us all the answers in the Bible and even gave us real life examples to study and learn from. He wants us all to make A+++!

The second judgment is known as the Great White Throne judgment. This judgment is only for those who never believed in Jesus. This is the judgment where people who would choose to believe the lie instead of the truth are sent to the lake of fire. We do not want any one to face this judgment and neither does God. That's why He sent Jesus and that's why He wants us to tell others that He sent Jesus.

Read Romans 14:11. How many knees will bow and how many tongues will give praise to God?

everybody's nobody's only those who believe

Read Romans 14:12. Who all will give an account of themselves to God?

			of	

That's right. Each one of us will give an account of ourselves to God. We will either be found believers and go stand before the judgement seat of Christ and get graded or our names will not be found in the book of life and we will be found guilty of sin and sent to the lake of fire... but even those who go to the lake of fire will bow their knee before God and praise Him as God.

Romans 14:13-23

- **13** Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.
- **14** I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.
- **15** For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died.
- **16** Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil;
- **17** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- **18** For he who in this *way* serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.
- **19** So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.
- **20** Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense.
- **21** It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles.
- **22** The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.
- **23** But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *his eating is* not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

Read Romans 14:13. With what word does this verse begin?

Now remember when we see a "therefore" we need to ask what the "therefore" is there for. The "therefore" in Romans 14:13 is the closing of what Paul was teaching us in verse 1 through verse 12.

Read Romans 14:13 again. Had the church been judging one another?

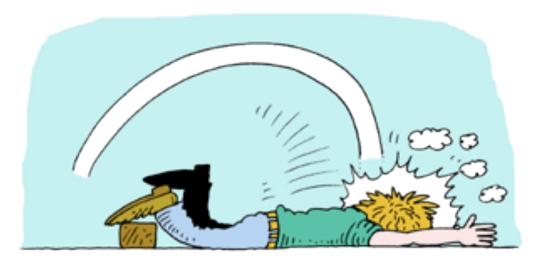
Yes No I don't know

What word Romans 14:13 gives us a clue that this was something that they were doing?

To not do something "anymore" means we had to have already been doing it.

In Romans 14:13 we have another key word. Do vou remember the word from the *Finding Nemo* video?

What does Paul instruct us to do instead of judging or despising one another?



Sin can trip us up, but God can lift us up

Yes! That's right! Not to put a stumbling a block in another Christian's way. God does not want us to judge or despise one another and he does not want us to cause another believer to sin against their own conscience.

Read Romans 14:14.	What is	s Paul	convinced	of	in
Christ Jesus?					

Read Romans 14:14 again. We have that	very
important word again. What makes some	thing that
is clean in Christ, become unclean to a Ch	ristian?

is unclean in itself

if he	it is unclean,	then to him it	t is

Read Romans 14:15-17. If you hurt another Christian over what food they eat or what holiday's they celebrate or what genre of music they listen to are you walking according to love?

Yes No I don't know

Type this link in your URL search bar and watch this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=cuEJ_NOzFaU

That was a clip from one of the songs from the Disney movie Let It Shine. Right after this girl stops singing the song, the Pastor gets up to preach about how wrong rap music is and he humiliates the young girl who is indeed a famous rap artist and singer. He then learns that his son writes rap songs and he is very angry about it.

Later in the movie he takes the time to actually read the lyrics and he apologizes to both the girl and his son. He almost destroyed the work of God for something that God does not call a sin.

Read Romans 14:15 again. What command does Paul give us in this verse.

Do	destroy with	food	him for
whom			

Read Romans 14:16. If something is not called a sin by God should we call it evil?

Yes No I don't know

Read Romans 14:17. Cross out the things that this verse says are not the kingdom of God and circle the the things that this verse says is the kingdom of God.

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righted God sa anothe	ousness, p ys is righ er over thi	4:18-19. If we see the	ccording to destroy on	what e
		to	God	
		by men		
What a	re we to	pursue accordin	g to Romar	ıs 14:19
the thin	ngs that ma	ake for		

Read Romans 14:19-20. What are we to do in order to be pleasing to God and walk according to love? Circle your answer.

build one another up

tear down the work of God for the sake of food

Read Romans 14:21. If we are spending time with someone who believes something is evil even if we don't believe it, should we try to get them to do it in order to prove it's not evil?

Yes No I don't know

THINK ABOUT IT...

Let's say you have a friend over to play. Let's say you and the friend go inside to watch a movie or a tv show and that friend tells you they are not allowed to watch a show that you watch all the time. Your parents see nothing wrong with this particular show, but their parents do. Should you tell the friend that their parents are crazy and their is nothing wrong with that show and turn it on anyway. Or should you simply say, okay, and find something that you both are allowed to watch?

What should you do in order to walk according to love?

Read Romans 14:21 again. Are we ever to be the reason why one of our brothers or sisters in Christ stumbles?

Yes No I don't know

Read Romans 14:22. Who does this verse say is happy?

someone who does not	himself in
what He approves.	

Read Romans 14:23. What do we learn is sin from this verse?

anything that is not from	
THINK ABOUT IT	

Let's reverse the rolls with the example used just a moment ago. Let's say that you are over at a friend's house and they want to watch a tv show that you are not allowed to watch. Let's say that this is a tv show that almost all the kids at school get to watch, it's even on the Disney channel, but you have been told by your parents that you are not to watch it. If you keep silent and watch this program knowing in your heart that it is wrong for you to watch it... does this make your heart happy?

I bet it doesn't.

If you are not watching this program in the faith that it is okay to watch, you are condemning yourself and sinning against your own conscience because you are doing something that you believe is wrong.

This is what Paul means in Romans 14:22, "The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God."

Have you been guilty of making a friend feel bad for watching something that you are not allowed to watch or have you made yourself feel bad for watching something you know you are not supposed to watch?

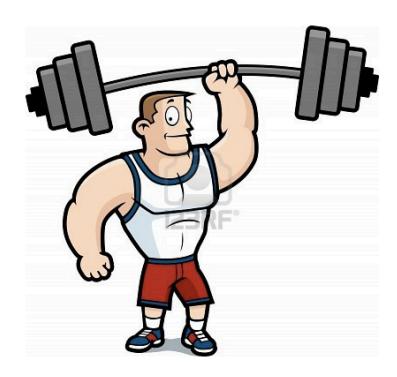
If you have, talk to God about that... and your parents. That's enough for today! Tomorrow we dig into Romans 15.

Romans 15:1-13

- **1** Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not *just* please ourselves.
- **2** Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.
- **3** For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."
- **4** For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
- **5** Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,
- **6** so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **7** Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.
- **8** For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises *given* to the fathers,
- **9** and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, "Therefore I will give praise to You among the Gentiles, And I will sing to Your name."
- 10 Again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."
- **11** And again, "Praise the Lord all you Gentiles, And let all the peoples praise Him."
- **12** Again Isaiah says, "There shall come the root of Jesse, And He who arises to rule over the Gentiles, In Him shall the Gentiles hope."
- **13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Read Romans 15:1. What are those who are strong supposed to do for those who are not strong?

bear thei	r				



If you are the strong one should you please yourself first?

Yes No I don't know

Read Romans 15:2. Who are we to try and please? Circle all that apply.

ourselves our neighbor the one weaker than us

no one God other strong ones

Read Romans 15:3. Did Christ please Himself?

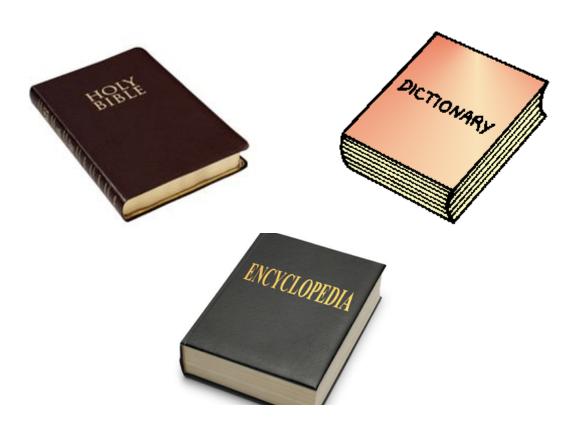
Yes No I don't know

Read Romans 15:4 and answer the following questions.

Why did God have things that happened a long time ago written down?

for	our		

Where do we find the things that God had written for our instruction? Circle the right one.



In Romans 15:4 we find one of our important phrases. We find the phrase "so that". This is a phrase that helps us answer the question "Why?" in a verse. According to what you read in this verse why did God have things written for our instruction? Answer true (T) or false (F).

and talk	so that we could have Sunday School classes about it
	so that we would have cool bedtime stories
Read Ro	so that we might have hope mans 15:4 again. Use this verse to fill in ks for God's instructions to us so that we hope.
р + <u>е</u>	= hope
	ng to Romans 15:4 where does the gement that brings us hope come from?
the	
	mans 15:5. Who is able to give us both rance and encouragement?

In Romans 15:5-6, Paul prays that God would grant us to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus. According to Romans 15:6 why does he want God to do this?

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Look up an this same t			:22-23. Does Je us?	sus ask
	Yes	No	I don't know	
"so that".	Accordir be one	ng to th and pei	important phrastis verse why doe rfected in unity?	es Jesus
so th	at we wi	ll sound	better when we si	ing
so th	at the w	orld will	know God sent Je	sus
so th	at the w	orld wou	ıld know God's lov	е
so th	at we co	uld weaı	r matching t-shirts	;
so th	at we wo	ould nev	er disagree	

Look up and read John 15:12-13. Answer the following questions.

What one command does Jesus give to His disciples?

that they		one	another

According to John 15:13 what is the greatest way we can show love to another?

laying	down	our			for	them
, ,			 	 		

Now look up and read Philippians 2:1-8 out loud.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Who is stronger, Jesus or us?

Yes, that's right. Jesus is stronger.

Jesus was the stronger one, so He lay down His life for us, the weaker one. In Philippians 2:1-8 we have Paul reminding us once again that we are not look out for our own self-interest and just try and please ourselves. We should always serve the weaker.

Jesus humbled Himself all the way to the point of dying on a cross for us even when we were sinners and enemies of God. We should at least be able to humble ourselves enough to not watch a tv show, or play a video game, or eat things in front of our friends that are not

allowed to participate in them. We should be able to do this without making fun of them or saying mean things about the ones who made those rules for them.

Read Romans 15:7. Wha begin with?	t word does this verse
it. This therefore is pointing	"therefore" in Scripture we nat follows before it and after ng back to everything that Paul 4:14 through Romans 15:6 .
	:7 what does Paul conclude hould do? Circle the correct
lie to one another	pick on one another
accept o	one another
According to Romans 15 one another?	:7 how should we accept
just as	also accepted us

THINK ABOUT IT...

Did you have to anything special for Jesus to accept you? Did you have to eat certain things or stop eating certain things before He would let you ask Him to save you?

Take a moment and read Luke 23:39-43 below:

One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Was there anything that the thief on the cross could have done before Jesus could accept Him?

No there wasn't.

The thief was nailed to a cross. He couldn't change anything about his past or his future. All he could do was believe in his heart that Jesus was Lord and confess Him with his mouth. That was all that the thief on the cross could do and Jesus accepted him.

Jesus also was nailed to a cross. At that time Jesus didn't perform a special miracle to prove that He had accepted the thief on the cross, the word of Jesus was enough.

Now would be a great time to sing the old hymn "Just As I Am" If you don't know it. Type this link in your URL search bar:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=460vFWX3ccs

Let's just spend the rest of the day thanking Jesus that God takes us just as we are...

Read Romans 15:8. What phrase does Romans 15:8 begin with?

This phrase is Paul moving to a conclusion. He is beginning to close up his letter to the church in Rome. We have almost finished our study in the book of Romans.

As we read **Romans 15:8-13** we will see that Paul uses several Old Testament scriptures to explain to us why we should accept one another as Christ accepted us.

As you read remember that the church in Rome is filled with both Jews (the circumcised) and Gentiles (the uncircumcised).

Read Romans 15:8. Why did Jesus come to be a servant of the circumcised?				
to		the		
Did Jesus had made			nent promises that G of Israel?	od
	Yes	No	I don't know	
			and confirmed over 3	

0 **Psalms, and the Prophets.**

Read Romans 15:9. Why did Jesus become a servant to the Gentiles?

to glorify God for His ___ __ __ __

We have already learned in Romans 11 how the Gentiles were grafted into the family of God through Christ. Let's look up the promises in the Old Testament that Paul uses in Romans 15:9-13.

Read Rom	nans 15:	9 and co	mpare it to Psalm 18	3:49
Read Rom			ompare it to	
Read Rom	nans 15::	11 and co	ompare it to Psalm 1	17:1
Read Rom	nans 15::	12 and co	ompare it to Isaiah 1	L1:10
According to show n	•		was it always God's tiles?	plan
	Yes	No	I don't know	
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	of th	ne <u>H</u>	<u> </u>	

THINK ABOUT IT...

The word **hope** is used many times in the book of Romans and it is used several times in these verses that we have studied in **Romans 15:1-13**.

The word hope in the Greek is "elpis". This word means to have expectation of what is sure or certain, to have trust or confidence.

God is the One who gives us hope. He gave us His Word and we can see from the things that have happened in the past that He has confirmed His Word.

Because we know that God has kept His Word in the past we can know for certain that God will keep His Word in the present and in the future.

As we close our study today, look back and read **Romans 5:5**. Let me ask you, does the hope of God ever disappoint?

No, it doesn't.

Hope never disappoints when that hope is placed in the God of hope and His Word because we can trust our God to keep His promises always. No matter what!

Romans 15:14-19

- **14** And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.
- **15** But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,
- **16** to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that *my* offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- **17** Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God.
- **18** For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,
- **19** in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.
- **20** And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation;
- **21** but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard shall understand."

Read Romans 15:14 and answer the following questions.

How does Paul address those in the church in Rome?
my
What was Paul convinced of concerning the church in Rome? Circle all that apply.
they were full of goodness
they were smelly
they were filled with knowledge
they loved to eat
they were able to admonish one another
they liked to go fishing
Read Romans 15:15. If Paul knew that the church in Rome was able to admonish their own selves, why did he write this letter to them?

to $____$ them

THINK ABOUT IT...

Paul has written to the church in Rome to remind them of the truth that they already know. He wants them to remember that they are able to encourage and teach one another because they have the knowledge of God too.

Do you know that if you have Jesus and you have His Word and if you are reading the Bible and learning from it then you too have the knowledge to help others?

The next time you see a friend that is having a hard time try to remember a story or a Scripture that you can share with them.

Pray and ask God to help you. I promise You He will!

Read Romans 15:16 and answer the following questions.

God gave Paul the grace to be what to the Gentiles? Circle the right answer.

a spy a trouble maker a minister

What is Paul to be ministering as a priest?

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Who was Paul offering up to God as an offering? Circle the correct answer.

an ox	a lamb	the Gentiles	his money
Why did Pa gospel of G		s a priest who i Gentiles?	ministered the
He wanted t	hem to be _		
He wanted t	hem to be _		
Who is the	One who	sanctifies?	
the H	S		
Read Roma questions.	ns 15:17-:	18 and answer	the following
Who did Pa answer.	ul boast a	bout? Circle the	e correct
	himself	Jesus Ch	rist
What was t accomplish		of what Jesus h h Paul?	ad
the		of the C	Gentiles

Read Romans 15:19 and look at the map below. Draw a line between the two places that Paul has said he fully preached the gospel.



Read Romans 15:20 and answer the following question.

What did	Paul aspire to do?	
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The word for "aspire" in the Greek is *philotimeomai*. Yes, that's a hard word to try and say! The word means to strive very eagerly for, to love, to seek after honor, to be ambitious. Paul's heart, his mission given to him by God (**Acts 9:15**), was to go to places and reach people who had never heard about Jesus.

Where did	Paul asp	oire NOT t	o preach	n the gospel?
where		was a	already _	
•		-	_	ospel where I he NOT want
	on a	nother		_ foundation
	e again,	was it al	ways in	l read Isaiah God's plan for ne?
	Yes	No	I don't l	know

Look up and read John 3:16 and 2 Peter 3:9 and let's end today with thanking God for loving us and for keeping His promises to us!

Romans 15:22-33

- 22 For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you;
- but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you
- whenever I go to Spain—for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while—
- but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.
- For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.
- Yes, they were pleased *to do so*, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.
- Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain.
- I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.
- **30** Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,
- that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and *that* my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;
- so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find *refreshing* rest in your company.
- Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Look at Romans 15:22. How does this verse begin?
this
This is another important phrase in the Scriptures. The phrase "for this reason" is just like saying "therefore" or "this is why". Remember when we see these phrases we need to look at what comes before the phrase to find what the reason is or what the therefore is there for.
Read Romans 15:22. Why had Paul been prevented from coming to see the church in Rome? Answer true (T) or false (F).
Paul didn't like them
Paul didn't think they would listen to him
Paul had to first preach where no one knew Jesus
Paul didn't want to build on another's foundation
Paul was afraid to come to Rome
Read Romans 15:23. How long had Paul wanted to come to the church in Rome? Circle your answer.

a couple of days a few weeks for many years

and serve the		ere did Paul have to go he could go to Rome?
Jerusalem first	t? Answer true	d Paul have to go to e (T) or false (F)
better than in Ro	•	church in Jerusalem them
		nd Achaia had sent a gift e church in Jerusalem
that was th	e shortest route	e to get to Rome
		ade up the church in e your answer.
Jews	Gentiles	Jew and Gentiles
		was Paul going after he the poor in the church

Read Romans 15:28 again. Did Paul plan to stop by Rome on his way to Spain? Circle your answer.

Yes No I don't know

Read Romans 15:29. Whose blessing did Paul want to come to Rome with?

___ __ __ __ ___

Read Romans 15:30. What did Paul ask the church in Rome to do for him?



Read Romans 15:31. What specific prayer request did Paul have for them?

that he would be ___ __ __ __ __

Read Romans 15:32-33. How did Paul want to come to Rome?

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THINK ABOUT IT...

As much as Paul wanted to visit the church in Rome he would not go unless God had sent him. He knew that he had to obey God.

Paul also knew that even if he could not come to Rome yet, he could pray for them and they could pray for him.

Paul was a missionary. Do you know any missionaries that you can pray for?

Do you know of any places left on the earth that have not heard the gospel and learned about Jesus?

Go to this website http://www.unreached.org/ and learn about places where the gospel has not been preached and pray that God would send someone like Paul to tell them about Jesus.

That's enough for today. Tomorrow we will finish our study in the book of Romans! I am so excited that you are still here learning and growing in God.

Today we begin digging into our last chapter in the book of Romans. I pray that you have learned a lot about yourself, about the church, and about Jesus as you have worked through this study.

We are going to do the first part of Romans 16 a little different. Are you ready?

In Romans 16:1-16 Paul mentions a lot of names. These are all people that Paul asks the church in Rome to greet and to allow to come into their homes and worship God with them.

As you read through Romans 16:1-16 printed below, your instructions is to underline or circle all the adjectives that Paul uses to describe the people he mentions.

Romans 16:1-16

- 1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea;
- 2 that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.
- **3** Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

- 4 who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;
- **5** also *greet* the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.
- 6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.
- **7** Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.
- 8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.
- **9** Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.
- **10** Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus.
- **11** Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the *household* of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.
- 12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord.
- **13** Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.

- **14** Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them.
- 15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.
- **16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

THINK ABOUT IT...

If your name was added to this chapter what would you want Paul to say about you?

Would you want to be known as a choice boy or girl in the Lord?

Would you want to be known as a hard worker for the Lord?

Would you want to be known as an outstanding servant of Christ?

I know I do!

Take a moment now and spend some time with God and ask Him how He sees you. First of all do you have a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ? Have you asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins and to be the Lord over your life?

That's enough for today! Tomorrow we finish :-)

Romans 16:17-27

- **17** Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.
- **18** For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.
- **19** For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.
- **20** The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.
- **21** Timothy my fellow worker greets you, and *so do* Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.
- 22 I, Tertius, who write this letter, greet you in the Lord.
- **23** Gaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer greets you, and Quartus, the brother.
- **24** [The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.]

Read Romans 16:17. How does this verse begin?

Now	Ι			you

THINK ABOUT IT...

Does it sound like Paul has something very important to tell the church in Rome?

Yes, he does!

Paul is giving the church in a Rome a warning. He is telling them what they need to be on the look out for in order to keep growing in the fullness of God. This warning is still important for us today.

Read Romans 16:17. What does Paul tell the church in Rome that they need to keep their on? Circle all that apply.

those who cause dissensions

those who eat weird food

those who cause hindrances

those who teach them wrong things about God

those wear different kind of clothes

According to Romans 16	5:17 what is the church in
Rome to do when they s	see people doing what Paul
has warned them about	?
	_ from them

ad Romans 16:18. Why does the church need to naway from them? Answer true (T) or false (F)
 they are slaves to their own appetites
 they are slaves to Jesus Christ
they use their smooth speech to preach the gospel
they use their smooth speech to deceive hearts

THINK ABOUT IT...

We have to be very careful who we listen to and learn from. There are lots of people who have the ability to draw a crowd because they can say things in a way that gets people's attention.

Think about what happened to Eve in the garden in Genesis 3:1-6. The serpent was able to deceive Eve by his crafty words. He was able to catch her alone and off guard and tricked her into believing a lie instead of believing God.

Read Romans 16:19. What does Paul want the church in Rome to be?
in what is good
in what is evil
One of the lies that the devil will tell you is that you have to know all about evil in order to know what is really good He still tries to trick us into thinking that just knowing God's way is not enough. That's why it is so important for you to do what you are doing right now. Keep learning more and more about God and His Word.
Read Romans 16:20 and answer the following questions.
How is God described in this verse?
the God of
What is God going to do to Satan?
him

Now here is the really awesome part. Read Romans 16:20 again. Under who's feet is God going to crush Satan? Draw a picture showing your answer.

Under whose feet will God crush Satan?				

How cool is that!

Read Romans 16:21-23 very carefully. Who is writing this letter for Paul?

Timothy Gaius Jason Tertius

Read Romans 16:24. What does Paul want to be with the church in Rome and with all those who are saved?

the			of	the	Lor	d :	Jesus	Ch	ris	t

We are about to conclude our study through the book of Romans. Read the last three verses below and let's answer some questions together!

Romans 16:25-27

- **25** Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,
- **26** but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith;
- **27** to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

In Romans 16:25, who is the one that is able to establish you?									
To be established by God whose preaching do we need to listen to? Circle your answer.									
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	et had been kep to us when Jesu	-							
God or God se God w	nly wanted to save nly wanted to save ent His Son to sav anted one church ever intended to s	e the Gent e all who v full of bot	iles would believe h Jew and Gentile						
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all the		-							

Read Romans 16:27. Who gets the glory for anyone who is saved through Jesus Christ?

That's right God does!

Well you did it! You have completed your study through the book of Romans. Look at all you have learned! I am so very proud of you... and I know that digging into God's word and seeking His truth makes God smile too!