

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 01 Mar 2020.....	Romans 01a.....	Compelled
2) 08 Mar.....	Romans 01b.....	Guilty
3) 15 Mar.....	Romans 02.....	Insufficient
4) 22 Mar.....	Romans 03-04.....	Justified
5) 29 Mar.....	Romans 05.....	At Peace
6) 05 April.....	Romans 06-07.....	Free
7) 12 April.....	Luke 24:1-12 [EASTER].....	Raised
8) 19 April.....	Romans 08-09.....	Secured
9) 26 April.....	Romans 10.....	Saved
10) 03 May.....	Romans 11.....	Mercy
11) 10 May.....	Romans 12.....	Sacrifices
12) 17 May.....	Romans 13.....	Citizens
13) 24 May.....	Romans 14.....	Accepting
14) 31 May.....	Romans 15-16.....	Reach

INTRODUCTION

- Those of us who are the “elect” were once non-elect – the ungodly, whom Christ had to die for – What love!
- Calvinists claim that Christ died only for the elect, not for the non-elect. Yet, this chapter clearly shows Christ died for us while we were the non-elect doomed for Hell. Therefore, Christ did die for the non-elect and made it possible for everyone to go to Heaven. What love!

Passage	Comments
Romans 5:1-2	<p>Faith Brings Salvation, Justification, Peace & Hope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith is used 20x in the 1st four chapters; but it is only used 2x in Chapter 5 – here in the 1st 2 verses. We won't see Faith again until Chapter 9 • But who's faith is it? Is it our faith, God's faith, or the faith God gives to us? Since God doesn't need faith in anyone or anything, it is not His faith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jumping ahead, we'll see in Romans 12:3 that God gives a certain amount of faith to every believer; and 1Peter 1:1 also confirms that believers receive their saving faith from God ♦ Is this saving faith available to all? Is the air we breathe available to all? Let's read on...
5:3-5	<p>Tribulation (Death, Pain, Sorrow) has a Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assuming our tribulations are God-imposed and not self-inflicted, we reap earthly and heavenly rewards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Tribulation → Patience/Endurance → Proven Character → HOPE that God's love will prevail as all things work together for our good..... Rom 8:28
5:6-11	<p>Christ Died for God's Enemies, the Non-Elect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And “such were some of [us]” heading for Hell, but thank God He made a way for us to escape through saving faith in Jesus Christ 1Cor 6:9-11 • This shows God's great sovereignty for Him to willingly want to rescue any and potentially all from the domain of darkness (Hell) Colossians 1:13
5:12-14	<p>Original Sin Concept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From v12 on, Adam and Christ are compared • v14. This passage is used to teach the concept of Original Sin – everyone, young and old, normal and mentally handicapped, born and unborn, anyone with a God-given soul are sinners deserving death
5:15-16	<p>What Does “Many” Mean? A lot? All? Or a Few?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v15. God's grace, as seen in Jesus Christ, is greater than Adam's sin (“Many” in this passage means ALL since the “many died” means everyone dies” • v16. “...of many sins” – The “gift” (Christ) is able to resolve Adam's imputed sin to us (original sin), our inherent sinful nature, and sins issuing from us

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	<p>- There is no sin too great, or sins too many that the blood of Christ cannot cover – WHAT A GIFT!</p>
When Does “ALL” mean “ALL”	<p>Does ALL Always Mean Everyone or Many or Some?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In ALL cases, ALL's meaning is context-dependent • For example, Romans 3:9 “...for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles are ALL under sin” - In this case, ALL means everyone – Jew & Gentile, elect and non-elect, male and female, young and old • Rom 3:19, 23 “...and ALL the world may become guilty” for “all have sinned” – ALL means everyone • Rom 5:18 By one transgression there resulted condemnation to ALL, even so through one act of righteousness (by Christ) there resulted justification of life to ALL. (Eternal Life is made available to everyone) • Rom 10:12 “...the same Lord over ALL (everyone) is rich unto ALL that call upon him (now it gets selective)”
5:17-19	<p>Righteousness is Selective for the Elective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin is UNIVERSAL, God's gift (Jesus Christ) is UNIVERSAL (available to all), but Righteousness is SELECTIVE see Romans 4:24; 10:12
5: 20-21	<p>God's Grace is Greater Than Our Sin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v20. Where sin abounds, Grace hyper-abounds - In other words, there is no comparison between man's sins and God's grace -Exception. The only sin God states is unforgivable is the sin of not wanting to be forgiven (aka, sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit – Matthew 12:31) • v21. God's grace (His gift of Jesus Christ) reigns or works through Righteousness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall from Romans 4:24 that Righteousness is imputed or credited to those who choose to accept or believe in God's gift to mankind – Jesus Christ

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- God made it possible for everyone to have a chance to spend eternity with Him in Heaven by Christ dying for everyone
- The difference between the Righteous going to Heaven and the unrighteous going to Hell is the Righteous opted to live for God (believe), and the unrighteous opted to live for self (unbelief)

NEXT WEEK: Romans 6-7. Pat Robertson says a husband can divorce his wife if she has Alzheimer's and marry another without it being adulterous since she is mentally dead. In contrast, **Romans 7** says if a man divorces his wife and marries another while his first wife is still alive (i.e., breathing), he becomes an adulterer. Now, who is right?

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“In the future dear, you should keep your views on politics and Calvinism to yourself”