LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 04 Sept .................................. Romans 1:1-17 .............................. Good News To Tell
2) 11 Sept .................................. Romans 1:18-3:26 .............................. Good News to Hear
3) 18 Sept .................................. Romans 3:27-4:25 .............................. Good News to Believe
4) 25 Sept .................................. Romans 5:1-21 .............................. It’s All About Grace

INTRODUCTION

• Those of us who are the “elect” were once non-elect – the ungodly, whom Christ chose 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

INTRODUCTION

1) Romans 5:1-5

Faith Brings Salvation, Justification, Peace & Hope

- 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?
- 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…

Tribulation (Death, Pain, Sorrow) has a Purpose

- Assuming our tribulations are God-imposed and not self-inflicted, we reap earthly and heavenly rewards:
  - Tribulation ➔ Patience/Endurance ➔ Proven Character ➔ HOPE that God’s love will prevail as all things work together for our good …… Rom 8:28

Christ Died for God’s Enemies, the Non-Elect

- 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 the great sovereignty of God for Him to willingly want to rescue any and potentially all from the domain of darkness (Hell)……… Colossians 1:13

Original Sin Concept

- 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 are sinners deserving death

What Does “Many” Mean? A lot? All? Or a Few?

- 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

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- God made it possible for everyone to go to Heaven
- 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. The liberty we have in Christ frees us from every law (i.e., the letter of the law), yet makes us slaves to righteousness (i.e., the spirit of the law)