

**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**
- 5) 02 Oct.....Romans 6:1-23..... It's All About New Life
- 6) 09 Oct.....Romans 7:1-25..... It's All About Victory
- 7) 16 Oct.....Romans 8:1-39..... It's All About Certainty
- 8) 23 Oct.....Romans 9:1-11:36..... It's All About God's Plan
- 9) 30 Oct.....Romans 12:1-21..... Does Your Life Please God
- 10) 06 Nov.....Romans 13:1-14..... Can You Be Counted On
- 11) 13 Nov.....Romans 14:1-12..... Do You Respect Others
- 12) 20 Nov.....Romans 14:13-23..... Do You Strive for Peace with Others
- 13) 27 Nov.....Romans 15:1—16:27..... Does Your Life Speak Well of God?

**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 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

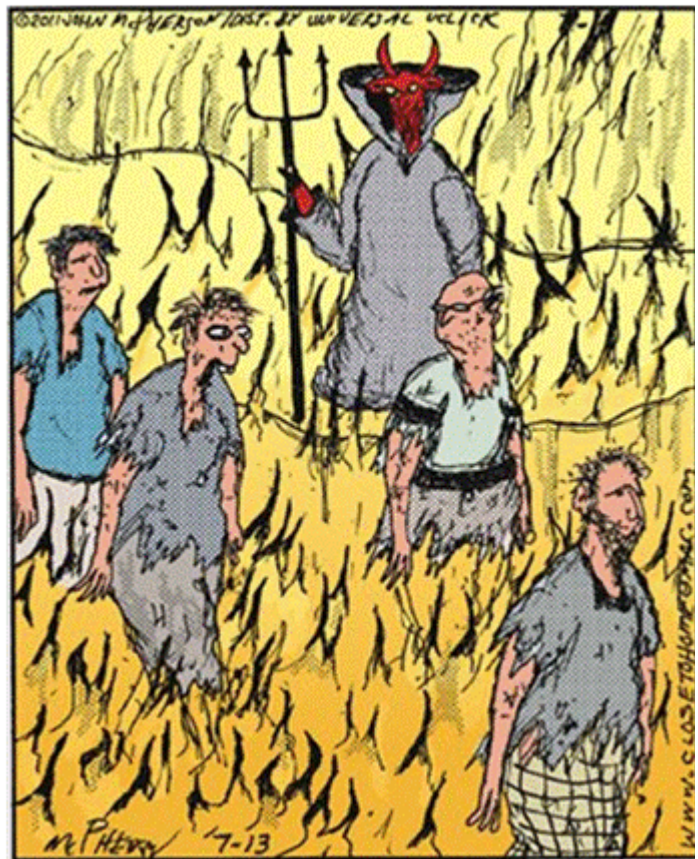
Passage	Comments
	- There is no sin too great, or sins too many that the blood of Christ cannot cover – WHAT A GIFT!
5:17-19	<b>Righteousness is Selective for the Elective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sin is UNIVERSAL, God's gift (Jesus Christ) is UNIVERSAL (available to all), but Righteousness is SELECTIVE..... see Romans 4:24</li> </ul>
5: 20-21	<b>God's Grace is Greater Than Our Sin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v20. Where sin abounds, Grace hyper-abounds                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In other words, there is no comparison between man's sins and God's grace</li> <li>-<b>Exception.</b> 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)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v21. God's grace (His gift of Jesus Christ) reigns or works through Righteousness                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Recall from Chapter 4:24 that Righteousness is imputed or credited to those who chose to accept or believe in God's gift to mankind – Jesus Christ</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Romans 5:1-2	<b>Faith Brings Salvation, Justification, Peace &amp; Hope</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faith is used 20x in the 1<sup>st</sup> four chapters; but it is only used 2x in Chapter 5 – here in the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 verses. We won't see Faith again until Chapter 9</li> <li>• 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"> <li>◆ 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</li> <li>◆ Is this saving faith available to all? Is the air we breathe available to all? Let's read on...</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5:3-5	<b>Tribulation (Death, Pain, Sorrow) has a Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assuming our tribulations are God-imposed and not self-inflicted, we reap earthly and heavenly rewards:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Tribulation → Patience/Endurance → Proven Character → HOPE that God's love will prevail as all things work together for our good ..... Rom 8:28</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5:6-11	<b>Christ Died for God's Enemies, the Non-Elect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
5:12-14	<b>Original Sin Concept</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From v12 on, Adam and Christ are compared</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
5:15-16	<b>What Does “Many” Mean? A lot? All? Or a Few?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

**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.** 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)



Well, we have no one to blame but ourselves