

# EASTERN BIBLE CONFERENCE

## YOUNG PEOPLES STUDIES 2019

### The Epistle to the Romans

Our desire this year is to take up selective portions of the book of Romans. As we know from the introduction, Paul had never been to Rome. We are not told in scripture about any Apostle starting this great work in Rome – only that there were “strangers from Rome, Jews and proselytes” in Jerusalem at Pentecost in Acts 2 vs 10. This epistle was written from Corinth to those “whose faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.” The great theme is “The Gospel of God” and the desire of the Apostle was the great need for the believers in Rome that “they may be established.” This remains a critical book for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ today to know and understand.

We purpose to take this up in distinct sections in the following chapters.

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| I. <u>Guilty before God</u>                               | Chapter 3  |
| II. <u>Justified by faith</u> – what does it mean for us? | Chapter 5  |
| III. <u>Baptism</u> and what it means for us.             | Chapter 6  |
| IV. <u>Sin that dwelleth in me.</u>                       | Chapter 7  |
| V. <u>No Condemnation</u> – The work of the Spirit in us. | Chapter 8  |
| VI. <u>Our reasonable service.</u>                        | Chapter 12 |

### CHAPTER 3

#### Guilty before God Romans 3 vs 9 to vs 28.

Many are the distinctions that may be made amongst men to divide them into various classes. There are Jews and Gentiles, some are rich, others are poor, some are educated, others not, some are famous, others unknown, some very successful in their achievements while others are not so much so – but - there is one place where all are on common ground! Sin is the great leveler of the playing field as God views it.

1. Vs 9 deals with **BOTH** Jews and Gentiles. Discuss God’s declaration!
2. Let’s discuss four areas that His declaration is based upon.
  - A. Man’s state – None righteous - No, not one! Vs 9
  - B. Man’s mind – None that understandeth! No, not one! Vs 10
  - C. Man’s heart – None that seeketh after God. No, not one! Vs 11
  - D. Man’s ways – All gone out of the way! become unprofitable Vs 12

3. Vs 13 – 18 Let's discuss each of these points.
  - A. Their throat
  - B. Their tongue
  - C. Their lips
  - D. Their mouth
  - E. Their feet are swift to shed blood
  - F. Destruction & misery are in their ways!
  - G. The Way of peace they have not known!
  - H. There is "No fear of God before their eye!".
4. Vs 19 Discuss God's declaration concerning man.
5. Vs 23 Discuss All have sinned – come short
6. Vs 26 Discuss "Just and the justifier."
7. Vs 28 What is your conclusion?

## CHAPTER 5

### Vs 1 – 3

1. Three results of having been justified.
  - A. We have "Peace with God" What kind of peace is this.
  - B. We have "Access by faith into this grace." What does this mean? Is this now or in the future?
  - C. We "We rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Discuss
  - D. Vs 3 – 5 Lets look into these points
    - A. Tribulation
    - B. Patience (or endurance)
    - C. Experience
    - D. Hope
    - E. The effect of hope.
    - F. All this comes because of what?
  - E. Vs 6 – 10 Have I really realized what my condition was?
    - A. Without Strength
    - B. Ungodly – what was God's remedy for this?
    - C. Sinners
    - D. Enemies of God
  - F. Vs 10
    - A. What does it mean to be "reconciled to God"?
  - G. Vs 12 to 16 Great divide in Epistle – now dealing with SIN
    - A. By one man sin entered – Adams fall – Universal ruin
    - B. Grace of God / gift by grace by one man. Blessing under the headship of Christ to all that believe in Him!
    - C. "What Adam was to (all) his descendents, Christ is to all who are His by faith" – WK

## CHAPTER 6

What is baptism to you? Is it a historical event with little or no relevance to your daily life? Many spiritual battles are either won or lost in the lives of many Christians because of a proper understanding or Chapter 6 – or an improper understanding of the principles given here. For this reason we will spend a considerable amount of time here. We will first consider the teaching of vs 1-10.

1. What does baptism have to do with life?
2. Has baptism to do with heaven or earth?
3. Verse 3 - This is a fact that all believers should know about!
4. Verse 4 - This act explains what happened when we were baptized? What do we do with a “dead man”? Who is buried in this verse? What should be the result?
5. Who is this “old man” in vs 6 and how is he crucified and why?
6. What is the effect on this “dead man” in verse 7?
7. How can a “dead man” be “freed from sin”?
8. Look at the tremendous result in vs 9 – death hath “no more dominion over him”.
9. Vs 10 – Christ died literally! We do not Discuss
10. What does it mean for us to rekon yourselves to be dead?
11. Verses 12 -13 Discuss
  - A. Let not sin reign.
  - B. Neither yield ye your members.
  - C. Yield yourselves unto God.
  - D. Yield your members.
12. Vs 14 - What does it mean to be under grace?
13. Vs 16 Discuss the two choices of verse 16? Which choice describes your life prior to EBC this year?
14. We who were once “in bondage” have now become servants again Discuss.
15. What was the end of the pathway you were treading in vs 21?
16. Discuss the great change of verse 16.
17. Discuss the great gift of verse 17.

We come now to Chapter 7. This has proved to be a very difficult portion of scripture for many real believers. We have heard of only one mention of the Spirit of God thus far in this book. That was Chapter 5, vs 5 and there has been no exposition as to the work of the Spirit in us up to this point. Many believers attempt to have a holy walk by putting themselves under the principle of the law rather than allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us. While we may have some comments on the first part of Chapter 7, we are going to emphasize 14 through 28. The struggle many have in this chapter is given for our learning.

## Chapter 7

1. What do I learn from verse 14? The law is \_\_\_\_\_. I am \_\_\_\_\_. Discuss
2. Discuss the battle of vs 15! “That which I do, I allow not!” “What I hate, that do I.” Discuss.
3. Discuss the lesson of Vs 17 – “Sin dwelleth in me.”
4. Discuss the conflict of vs 18 – 23.
5. Who is this “inward man”? How does he feel about the principles of God? Why doesn’t he follow them?
6. How does he describe his condition in vs 24?
7. What does he need in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_?

## Chapter 8

What a wonderful thing to come from “O wretched man that I am” in Chapter 7 to the opening verse of Chapter 8 – “There is therefore no condemnation to them which are IN CHRIST JESUS?” He is no longer seen as “in the flesh” but “In Christ Jesus!” Discuss

1. I find then that it is “The principle of the Spirit of life in Christ that hath made me free from the law of sin & death.” Discuss
2. Who solved the whole problem in vs 3. Discuss
4. Look at the results seen in vs 4. Discuss
5. Discuss “after the flesh” and “after the Spirit” in vs 5.
6. Discuss the 2 minds of vs 6 & 7 & results of vs 8.
7. Discuss the 2 possibilities of vs 9.
8. For times sake, we are going to look at vs 26 – 39 and take them on a verse by verse basis, not going into great detail but seeing the overall principle of the Spirit’s for us and in us. As time permits we will look at vs 1 & 2 of Chapter 12.

