

EBC 2004

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDIES

ROMANS

“To the end ye may be established!”

CHAPTER I

In Romans 3, vs 28, Paul could say “Therefore we conclude”! It is our prayer and desire that you come to this same conclusion at the end of the 1st reading. Our purpose is not to take up the first three chapters on a verse by verse basis, but to take up selected portions of these three chapters with a view to finding out *who* the people are in chapters 1, 2 and 3 and what *their relationship is to “the Living God”* as we come to the end of the 3rd Chapter. With this in mind, we are asking you to read the first three chapters and to discuss them before our first reading on Monday morning – perhaps in your group devotions at night.

1. If I want to hear Paul preach, to what book do I go? _____ Where do I go to hear him teach the gospel? _____
2. Who does the Gospel center around?
2. What kind of testimony in this world did the Roman believers have?
3. Discuss - “To the end ye may be established”.
4. How many times had Paul visited Rome?
5. What two broad groups of people are mentioned in this book?
6. How have the “invisible things” of Him been shown to man?
To *what extent* are they able to be seen by man?
7. Who are those referred to in Chapter 1 – vs 21 – referred to there as “they”? Let’s look at the sevenfold historical description that is unfolded for us here of their response to these “invisible things.”
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____
 - e) _____
 - f) _____
 - g) _____
- 8) What is the threefold response of God to these men and women?
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____

CHAPTER II

Another group of men and women are seem to arise in Chapter II. They make up quite a large group as we consider the makeup of this world but are actually of the same grouping as the men and women of Chapter one.

- 1) These men are characterized in several ways in verses 1 and 3.
 - a) They are quick to _____ others.
 - b) How is their own behavior different from others?
 - c) What were their feelings as to the judgment of God as far as *they* were concerned?
 - d) Discuss:
 1. Goodness
 2. Forbearance
 3. Longsuffering
 4. Repentance
2. We then come to the second group of men and women in verse 17 of chapter II - The JEWS.
Discuss the 10 points depicted in verses 17 thru 20.
3. Verses 23 and 24 name two distinct charges that God brings against this people.
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____

CHAPTER III

1. Were there advantages in being a Jew? What in particular ?
2. Vs 9 - Who was better – the Jews or the Gentiles?
2. Three words in verse 9 describe both Jews & Gentiles – What are they?
3. Discuss verses 10 thru 19 - and the response of God toward both of these groups of men in verse 23. Have I come to the same conclusion that God has in Verse 23? Am I in the good of verse 24?
4. Two wonderful things are mentioned in verse 26 - Discuss
God will be 1) _____ 2) _____.

CHAPTER V - “A CHANGE OF STANDING”

1. What a wonderful change we have in this chapter. The man who was found “guilty before God” in Chapter 3 is now said to be _____.
2. He now has _____ with God and he has _____ by faith into this grace wherein we _____. Discuss
3. In exchange for despair and judgment he now has _____.
4. Refer to Chapter 4 – verse 25. Discuss the basis for all this.
5. Verses 3 – 4 & 5 all refer to what is needed for our new walk for Christ in this very world where he was crucified. Discuss
6. Vs 7 thru 11
 - a. Having seen the awful condition man was in - a new word comes before us in verses 10 and 11. Discuss
7. A new subject will now come before us in verse 12. Up until now, we have been discussing that which separated us from God – in short our _____. Now we will begin to discuss that which *produced* this terrible fruit and see what the disposition of God is toward the source of all this evil.
8. How did sin enter into this world? Discuss What was the result of sin entering – what came in with it? _____. How do I know that sin was in this world from the period of time starting with Adam and going on to the time when God gave the law to Moses - Verse 14.
8. Verse 14 - 21 Discuss - “The figure of Him who was to come”.
9. Who is the “*federal head*” of the first race? _____. Discuss the consequences of the fall in reference to Adam.
 1. Vs 15 - Many be _____
 2. Vs 16 - By one to _____.
 3. Vs 17 - By one man’s offence _____ reigned.
 4. Vs 18 - By the offence of one _____ came upon all men.
 5. Vs 19 - By one man’s disobedience, many were made _____.
 6. Vs 21 - As sin hath reigned unto _____.

Who is the “*federal head*” of this new race? Discuss the wonderful results of the head ship of this One.

- b) Who is the head of the “new” race - _____?
 1. Vs 15 – The gift by _____ hath abounded .
 2. Vs 16 - The free gift . . . unto _____.
 3. Vs 17 - The gift of _____ shall reign by one. . Jesus Christ.
 4. Vs 18 - The free gift . . . upon all – unto _____.
 5. Vs 19 - By the obedience of one shall many be made _____.
 6. Vs 21 - So might _____ reign . . . by Jesus Christ our Lord
10. The Law was given to Jews - for what reason? Discuss

CHAPTER VI

“A CHANGE OF MASTERS”

So how are we now to live in this world where our Lord was crucified. Are we to “continue in sin”? We all know the answer to this - but it is not enough to just know the answer and in Chapter 6 we learn the secret so to speak.

1. Vs 3 & 4 - How do I “put on Christ” in this world. Gal 3 – vs 27.

Verse 3 – gives us the fact as to baptism – a fact he assumes we _____.

Verse 4 – gives us the act and tells us what it means.

2. How have I thought of baptism up until now? Many would teach that it is the outward sign of an inward change? Others teach that it is the means by which I tell the world that I belong to Christ. What do I see in verse 4? What is the tense? _____ What is done - in figure – to this man? He is _____ How is it done? _____ What is it done unto?

Discuss

3. Vs 6 - 7 We begin again by “KNOWING THIS”.

We are to know that: a) “That our old man is _____ with him”

b) “that the body of sin might be _____,”

c) “that henceforth we should not _____”

d) “he that is dead is _____ from sin”.

4. Vs 9 & 10 - Again we begin with “knowing” the literal facts as to our Lord Jesus. He actually DIED.

5. Vs 11 - So who is buried in verse 4. Is this someone else?? A year or so back, a brother asked the young people – “Have you been to to your own funeral?” We should be able to say - YES, I HAVE! What does the word “rekon” mean? What are the two things that I am to rekon.

a. Dead unto _____.

b. Alive unto _____.

6. Vs 12 & 13 Our mortal body was once ruled by _____. Sin _____ in that body. I once _____ my members as instruments of unrighteousness. What a wonderful change! I now _____ myself unto God and my _____ as instruments of righteousness.

7. Vs 14 – Why is it that he can say – “Sin shall not have dominion over you.”

- 8 Vs 15 - What does it mean to be “under grace?”

- 9 Vs 16 - Begins with another “Know ye not” - This brings before us the great responsibility of the believer in the Lord Jesus to:

_____ himself as a _____ to God. We all know a great deal about this yielding process – from our past lives.

Discuss. The Apostle builds upon this in the latter part of Verse 19

10. Verses 20 and 22 – Discuss “For When” and “But now.”

CHAPTER 7

MARRIED TO ANOTHER

This chapter has been called the chapter of “The Miserable Man!!” The Spirit of God is going to use marriage to show us our relationship to the Law and our new relationship to Christ as saved men and women. You might say – “Well, I am not under the law – I am a Gentile” and you are right in saying that – but when we begin to try and live the Christian life in the strength of our own power, we are operating under the principal of the Law. VS 1 thru 14.

- 1) What do we learn about the first husband she was married to?
 - a) She is bound by the _____:
 - b) To _____:
 - c) How Long So _____:
 - d) What if he dies ? She is _____.
 - e) If she were to describe her relationship with this husband, I wonder if it might sound something like this.

“ I remember the day when I accepted his hand in marriage. I said that day - “All that thou sayest I will do”. You see, our marriage was not based on LOVE – but on my RESPONSIBILITY to do all that my husband required. He never told me that HE LOVED ME!! You know, he was always right in what he required, but he would never help me. He just told me when I was wrong!! And I had a lot of ideas that were different than his – but I learned these ideas from my parents and had been taught them from the time of my birth by practice and precept. We did learn to get along a little better when he would not press a point! I actually was proud of my relationship with him – but then I remember the day he told me that “I should not covet.” What a terrible time I had – I just could not please him no matter how hard I tried!! And until the day he died – all he could do was to point out where I had gone wrong – he could never help me. I am so thankful that I am no longer under his authority.”

But then she is married to another under quite different circumstances. Now she might say:

“ How I LOVE my husband and I am so sure of HIS LOVE TO ME! He SHOWS ME in so many ways - and he ACTUALLY HELPS me do what is pleasing to Him. I am so dependent upon Him. It is not bondage but I love to serve Him. When he has to “Press a Point”, He helps me to understand why and then He helps me to carry out His bidding.”

2. The first experience is that of a believer “under the law” or trying in his or her own strength to live for the Lord Jesus. It is nothing but BONDAGE – even though the person is SAVED!! But it and has been the experience of many of us.
3. The second experience is that of a believer who has realized that the One who had the _____ to save him is the only one who has the _____ to _____ him.
4. Vs 15 to 25.
Perhaps the computer example will help us again.
“I once had a very good computer with an operating system called OLD ORIGINAL. It would have lasted forever but it was infected with a virus called SIN. This destroyed the effectiveness of the operating system and it would not work correctly after that. I was so thankful for the introduction of a new system called NEW CREATION. This new system uses the very same files, but without the effects of SIN being seen. But you know, I never have been able to get rid of the OLD ORIGINAL system and I have to be very careful when I use the computer as it is quite easy to start up and carelessly use the OLD ORIGINAL operating system instead of the NEW CREATION system.”
5. Isn’t this what was happening with the man in this chapter? He can say “That which I do, I allow not: for what I would, that do I not, but what I hate, that do I.” As long as he DENIES the existence of the OLD ORIGINAL system, he will have trouble. It is a very wonderful day in his life when he comes to verse 18 and ACKNOWLEDGES the the PRESENCE of this old system and cries for DELIVERANCE from one OUTSIDE OF HIMSELF – from the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 8

POWER

1. The believer is now reminded of his new _____.
2. He is reminded of the new _____.
3. He is reminded of the new _____.
4. He is reminded (Vs 5 – 13) of the never ending _____.
5. We see the activity of the Spirit of God in Vs 13 in _____ the deeds of the body.
6. The Spirit _____ those whom he owns as _____. (14)
7. He is the Spirit of _____ whereby we cry Abba Father (15)
8. He bears witness that we are _____ in verse 16. Discuss
9. Vs 18 – 25 we learn of a suffering creation and the manifestation of the Sons of God.

- 10. Vs 26 – Infirmities - “We know not”**
- 11. Vs 27 - “He knoweth” – “He maketh intercession”**
- 12. Vs 28 - 39 Discuss**