

“Grace & Peace to You”

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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ROMANS- Lesson 7: Pt 1 - THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH-1

We naturally tie the idea of “*obedience*” to rules, laws, orders. And that IS how it is generally used. But in the NEW TESTAMENT, “*obedience*” is more closely connected with the idea of “*faith*.”

Yes, **THE LAW** made requirements... absolutes. BUT it was “*faith*” that was the essential element in obedience, even during the period of time we know as **THE LAW**. to use a common way of saying things today, “**DOING THE LAW**” was NOT acceptable unless it was accompanied by “**FAITH**.”

SO NOW... it is **THE GOSPEL** that has replaced **THE LAW**. And “*the obedience of faith*” is the ONLY proper response to the **GOSPEL**.

GRACE AND APOSTLESHIP

ROM 1:5A “...*through whom we have received grace and apostleship...*”

Paul was well-aware of the responsibility God had given him as an Apostle. And he makes this clear numerous times throughout this Letter.

But here in his introduction, he wants to **establish the value he has placed upon this “call”** and the way he wants them to understand his position.

SO... attached directly to the Gospel is HIS responsibility to IT.

- “*Set apart unto THE GOSPEL...*” -
- Of which, “*JESUS CHRIST our LORD*” IS the subject...
- “...*through WHOM we have received grace [EVEN] Apostleship...*”

The **Grace** and **Apostleship** are in reference to the same thing... just different aspects

A) Paul’s Letter is *not just a friendly chat...*

ROM 15:14-16 *I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.* ¹⁵ *But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God* ¹⁶ *to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

B) It Comes with Official Authority...

1 TIM 1:12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service...

EPH 3:2-8 "...assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

C) It is HIS Obligation to Deliver it...

ROM 12:3-6A "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:

D) It is Their Obligation to Receive it...

ROM 15:25-26 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith

ROMANS- Lesson 7: Pt 2 - THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH-1

THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

ROM 1:5B "...to bring about the obedience of faith..."

- Obedience – "Hupakouo" – to "be under what is heard" – requires "hearing" THEN "responding – obedience"
- OUR responsibility when we "sit-under" the Word of God is "FAITH" – That is HOW we OBEY
- The "GOSPEL" demands a response... -
- You BELIEVE (have Faith) -
- Or You Reject –

ISA 7:5 "If you will not believe... surely you shall not be established."

COL 1:5 *Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, THE GOSPEL,⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant.*

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN "FAITH"

Adam / Eve – Do... Do NOT...

Noah – By FAITH Noah Prepared...

Abraham – A Promise of Nations... Begins with a Son...

Moses – “I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob...” –

God: Saw... Heard... Knew... He Came to Deliver... BY PROMISE!

THE LAW

ACTS 13:39 “...and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

GAL 3:11 *Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

GAL 3:27-28 *Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*

ONLY THROUGH FAITH

ROM 1:5C-6 “...for the sake of his name among all the nations, 6 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ...”

God has established ONE way in which ALL will come to salvation: THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

ROM 15:8-12 *For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,*

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

¹⁰ *And again it is said,*

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹ *And again,*

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹² *And again Isaiah says,*

“The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

EPH 2:11-18 *Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

¹³ *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

¹⁴ *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity*

¹⁷ *And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.*

ALL men EVERYWHERE...

ACTS 17:30-31 *Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”*

ACTS 2:36-39 *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”*

³⁷ *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”*

³⁸ *Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”*

ACTS 13:44-47 *On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.⁴*

⁶ *Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us:*

*“I have set you as a light to the Gentiles,
That you should be for [bring] salvation to the ends of the earth.*