

BOOK TO THE ROMANS  
THE GOSPEL [GOOD NEWS] OF GOD  
SALVATION: THE DIVINE METHOD OF DELIVERANCE FROM SIN  
THE SECRET OF A VICTORIOUS HOLY LIFE.  
OLD RELATIONSHIP TO SIN, NEW RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.  
ROMANS 6:1 - 8:39

## 1. ILLUSTRATED BY MARRIAGE

- A. ROMANS 7:1 DO YOU NOT KNOW, BROTHERS--FOR I AM SPEAKING TO MEN WHO KNOW THE LAW--THAT THE LAW HAS AUTHORITY OVER A MAN ONLY AS LONG AS HE LIVES? [2] FOR EXAMPLE, BY LAW A MARRIED WOMAN IS BOUND TO HER HUSBAND AS LONG AS HE IS ALIVE, BUT IF HER HUSBAND DIES, SHE IS RELEASED FROM THE LAW OF MARRIAGE. [3] SO THEN, IF SHE MARRIES ANOTHER MAN WHILE HER HUSBAND IS STILL ALIVE, SHE IS CALLED AN ADULTERESS. BUT IF HER HUSBAND DIES, SHE IS RELEASED FROM THAT LAW AND IS NOT AN ADULTERESS, EVEN THOUGH SHE MARRIES ANOTHER MAN. [4] SO, MY BROTHERS, YOU ALSO DIED TO THE LAW THROUGH THE BODY OF CHRIST, THAT YOU MIGHT BELONG TO ANOTHER, TO HIM WHO WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT BEAR FRUIT TO GOD. [5] FOR WHEN WE WERE CONTROLLED BY THE SINFUL NATURE, THE SINFUL PASSIONS AROUSED BY THE LAW WERE AT WORK IN OUR BODIES, SO THAT WE BORE FRUIT FOR DEATH. [6] BUT NOW, BY DYING TO WHAT ONCE BOUND US, WE HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM THE LAW SO THAT WE SERVE IN THE NEW WAY OF THE SPIRIT, AND NOT IN THE OLD WAY OF THE WRITTEN CODE.
- I. IN THE SIXTH CHAPTER PAUL SHOWS THAT ALL MEN ARE OBLIGATED TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE.
- II. NOW IN THE SEVENTH CHAPTER HE WILL SHOW THAT THE JEW IS FREED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF THE LAW BECAUSE IT IS HELPLESS TO DELIVER ANY MANY FROM SIN AND DAMNATION.
- III. HER HUSBAND DIES, SHE IS RELEASED FROM THAT LAW
- (1) RELEASED FROM THE LAWS THAT BOUND HER TO HER HUSBAND.
- IV. SO A JEW IF HE TAKES ON A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS NO LONGER BOUND TO THE LAW BECAUSE JESUS FULL FILLED THE LAW.
- (1) THIS BECAUSE OF THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS
- (A) EPHESIANS. 1:23 WHICH IS HIS BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS EVERYTHING IN EVERY WAY.
- (B) COL. 1:18 AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH; HE IS THE BEGINNING AND THE FIRSTBORN FROM AMONG THE DEAD, SO THAT IN EVERYTHING HE MIGHT HAVE THE SUPREMACY.
- (C) COL. 1:24 NOW I REJOICE IN WHAT WAS SUFFERED FOR YOU, AND I FILL UP IN MY FLESH WHAT IS STILL LACKING IN REGARD TO CHRIST'S AFFLICTIONS, FOR THE SAKE OF HIS BODY, WHICH IS THE CHURCH
- (I) IT IS THE PHYSICAL BODY OF CHRIST THAT DOES THIS, NOT THE CHURCH.
- CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.
- V. LOOK AT THE FIFTH VERSE. UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS PRODUCED!
- (1) 2 COR. 1:5-7 FOR JUST AS THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST FLOW OVER INTO OUR LIVES, SO ALSO THROUGH CHRIST OUR COMFORT OVERFLOWS. [6] IF WE ARE DISTRESSED, IT IS FOR YOUR COMFORT AND SALVATION; IF WE ARE COMFORTED, IT IS FOR YOUR COMFORT, WHICH PRODUCES IN YOU PATIENT ENDURANCE OF THE SAME SUFFERINGS WE SUFFER. [7] AND OUR HOPE FOR YOU IS FIRM, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT JUST AS YOU SHARE IN OUR SUFFERINGS, SO ALSO YOU SHARE IN OUR COMFORT.
- (2) PHILIP. 3:10 I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING IN HIS SUFFERINGS, BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH,
- (3) COL. 1:24 NOW I REJOICE IN WHAT WAS SUFFERED FOR YOU, AND I FILL UP IN MY FLESH WHAT IS STILL LACKING IN REGARD TO CHRIST'S AFFLICTIONS, FOR THE SAKE OF HIS BODY, WHICH IS THE CHURCH.
- (4) HEBREWS 2:9-10 BUT WE SEE JESUS, WHO WAS MADE A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS, NOW CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR BECAUSE HE SUFFERED DEATH, SO THAT BY THE GRACE OF GOD HE MIGHT TASTE DEATH FOR EVERYONE. [10] IN BRINGING

MANY SONS TO GLORY, IT WAS FITTING THAT GOD, FOR WHOM AND THROUGH WHOM EVERYTHING EXISTS, SHOULD MAKE THE AUTHOR OF THEIR SALVATION PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERING.

- (5) 1 PETER 1:11 TRYING TO FIND OUT THE TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES TO WHICH THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN THEM WAS POINTING WHEN HE PREDICTED THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST AND THE GLORIES THAT WOULD FOLLOW.
- (6) 1 PETER 4:13 BUT REJOICE THAT YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, SO THAT YOU MAY BE OVERJOYED WHEN HIS GLORY IS REVEALED.
- (7) 1 PETER 5:1 TO THE ELDERS AMONG YOU, I APPEAL AS A FELLOW ELDER, A WITNESS OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS AND ONE WHO ALSO WILL SHARE IN THE GLORY TO BE REVEALED:

#### VI. THE AFFLICTIONS

- (1) GALATIANS 5:24 THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS HAVE CRUCIFIED THE SINFUL NATURE WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES.
- (2) 2 TIM. 3:11 PERSECUTIONS, SUFFERINGS--WHAT KINDS OF THINGS HAPPENED TO ME IN ANTIOCH, ICONIUM AND LYSTRA, THE PERSECUTIONS I ENDURED. YET THE LORD RESCUED ME FROM ALL OF THEM.
- (3) HEBREWS 10:32 REMEMBER THOSE EARLIER DAYS AFTER YOU HAD RECEIVED THE LIGHT, WHEN YOU STOOD YOUR GROUND IN A GREAT CONTEST IN THE FACE OF SUFFERING.
- (4) 1 PETER 5:9 RESIST HIM, STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BROTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE UNDERGOING THE SAME KIND OF SUFFERINGS.

#### VII. THE OLD WAY, THE LAW

- (1) HAD NO PROVISION FOR PARDON.
- (2) AND GAVE NO POWER TO OVER COME
- (3) IT ONLY REVEALED SIN IN US.

PAUL'S EXPERIENCE BOUND BY SIN UNDER THE LAW ILLUSTRATES BONDAGE TO SIN AND THE LAW

- 1. THE LAW ITSELF IS NOT SINFUL, BUT PAUL IS
  - A. ROMANS 7: [7] WHAT SHALL WE SAY, THEN? IS THE LAW SIN? CERTAINLY NOT! INDEED I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN WHAT SIN WAS EXCEPT THROUGH THE LAW. FOR I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN WHAT COVETING REALLY WAS IF THE LAW HAD NOT SAID, "DO NOT COVET."
    - I. THE LAW IS NOT SINFUL, IT ONLY DEMANDS THAT WE LIVE RIGHT.
    - II. IT ALSO REVEALS TO US THE TRUE REALITY OF SIN, WHAT IT REALLY IS.
      - (1) ROMANS 3:20 THEREFORE NO ONE WILL BE DECLARED RIGHTEOUS IN HIS SIGHT BY OBSERVING THE LAW; RATHER, THROUGH THE LAW WE BECOME CONSCIOUS OF SIN.
      - (2) ROMANS 4:15 BECAUSE LAW BRINGS WRATH. AND WHERE THERE IS NO LAW THERE IS NO TRANSGRESSION.
      - (3) ROMANS 7:7 WHAT SHALL WE SAY, THEN? IS THE LAW SIN? CERTAINLY NOT! INDEED I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN WHAT SIN WAS EXCEPT THROUGH THE LAW. FOR I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN WHAT COVETING REALLY WAS IF THE LAW HAD NOT SAID, "DO NOT COVET."
      - (4) 1 JOHN 3:4 EVERYONE WHO SINS BREAKS THE LAW; IN FACT, SIN IS LAWLESSNESS.
- 2. SIN CONTROLLED ME BEFORE THE LAW CAME, BUT IT WAS INACTIVE
  - A. ROMANS 7:[8] BUT SIN, SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THE COMMANDMENT, PRODUCED IN ME EVERY KIND OF COVETOUS DESIRE. FOR APART FROM LAW, SIN IS DEAD.
    - I. VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE.
      - (1) IT IS A WORD PICTURE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO PAUL AND ALL MEN.
      - (2) SIN IS HERE PICTURED AS A SELF ACTING SPIRIT THAT DURING THE LIFE OF PAUL ACTED IN HIM AND CAUSED ALL MANNER OF SINFUL LUSTS. IT USED THE GIVING OF THE LAW TO SHOW HIM HOW MUCH IT CONTROLLED HIM. IT WAS NOT AN ACTIVE FORCE UNTIL THE LAW WAS GIVEN FOR IT HAD NO REASON TO ASSERT ITS POWER UNTIL THEN. BUT AS SOON AS THE COMMANDMENT CAME FORBIDDING CERTAIN THINGS, SIN CAME TO LIFE AND BY IT LUSTS MADE HIM BREAK THE LAW SO THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE DEATH PENALTY.
- 3. I WAS ALIVE BEFORE THE LAW CAME BUT THEN SIN THAT CONTROLLED ME WOULD NOT LET ME OBEY

THE LAW SO I INCURRED THE ITS PENALTY

- A. ROMANS 7:[9] ONCE I WAS ALIVE APART FROM LAW; BUT WHEN THE COMMANDMENT CAME, SIN SPRANG TO LIFE AND I DIED. [10] I FOUND THAT THE VERY COMMANDMENT THAT WAS INTENDED TO BRING LIFE ACTUALLY BROUGHT DEATH. [11] FOR SIN, SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THE COMMANDMENT, DECEIVED ME, AND THROUGH THE COMMANDMENT PUT ME TO DEATH.
- I. WHAT WAS MEANT FOR MY GOOD, CONDEMNED ME.
  - II. I HAD NO POWER OVER IT.
  - III. IT PUT ME TO DEATH.
4. THE LAW IS JUST IN IT'S DEMANDS BUT IT COULD NOT DELIVER ME FROM SIN SO I HAD TO PAY ITS PENALTY
- A. ROMANS 7: [12] SO THEN, THE LAW IS HOLY, AND THE COMMANDMENT IS HOLY, RIGHTEOUS AND GOOD. [13] DID THAT WHICH IS GOOD, THEN, BECOME DEATH TO ME? BY NO MEANS! BUT IN ORDER THAT SIN MIGHT BE RECOGNIZED AS SIN, IT PRODUCED DEATH IN ME THROUGH WHAT WAS GOOD, SO THAT THROUGH THE COMMANDMENT SIN MIGHT BECOME UTTERLY SINFUL. [14] WE KNOW THAT THE LAW IS SPIRITUAL; BUT I AM UNSPIRITUAL, SOLD AS A SLAVE TO SIN.
- I. SPIRITUAL THINGS

MAN WHO FOLLOWS THE HOLY SPIRIT	<p>HOSEA 9:7 THE DAYS OF PUNISHMENT ARE COMING, THE DAYS OF RECKONING ARE AT HAND. LET ISRAEL KNOW THIS. BECAUSE YOUR SINS ARE SO MANY AND YOUR HOSTILITY SO GREAT, THE PROPHET IS CONSIDERED A FOOL, THE INSPIRED MAN A MANIAC.</p> <p>1 COR. 2:15 THE SPIRITUAL MAN MAKES JUDGMENTS ABOUT ALL THINGS, BUT HE HIMSELF IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY MAN'S JUDGMENT:</p> <p>1 COR. 3:1 BROTHERS, I COULD NOT ADDRESS YOU AS SPIRITUAL BUT AS WORLDLY--MERE INFANTS IN CHRIST.</p> <p>1 COR. 14:37 IF ANYBODY THINKS HE IS A PROPHET OR SPIRITUALLY GIFTED, LET HIM ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WHAT I AM WRITING TO YOU IS THE LORD'S COMMAND.</p> <p>GALATIANS 6:1 BROTHERS, IF SOMEONE IS CAUGHT IN A SIN, YOU WHO ARE SPIRITUAL SHOULD RESTORE HIM GENTLY. BUT WATCH YOURSELF, OR YOU ALSO MAY BE TEMPTED.</p>
GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT	<p>ROMANS 1:11 I LONG TO SEE YOU SO THAT I MAY IMPART TO YOU SOME SPIRITUAL GIFT TO MAKE YOU STRONG--</p> <p>1 COR. 1:7 THEREFORE YOU DO NOT LACK ANY SPIRITUAL GIFT AS YOU EAGERLY WAIT FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO BE REVEALED.</p> <p>1 COR. 12:1 NOW ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS, BROTHERS, I DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE IGNORANT.</p> <p>1 COR. 14:1 FOLLOW THE WAY OF LOVE AND EAGERLY DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS, ESPECIALLY THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.</p>
THINGS	<p>1 COR. 2:13 THIS IS WHAT WE SPEAK, NOT IN WORDS TAUGHT US BY HUMAN WISDOM BUT IN WORDS TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT, EXPRESSING SPIRITUAL TRUTHS IN SPIRITUAL WORDS.</p> <p>1 COR. 9:11 IF WE HAVE SOWN SPIRITUAL SEED AMONG YOU, IS IT TOO MUCH IF WE REAP A MATERIAL HARVEST FROM YOU?</p> <p>1 COR. 15:27 FOR HE "HAS PUT EVERYTHING UNDER HIS FEET." NOW WHEN IT SAYS THAT "EVERYTHING" HAS BEEN PUT UNDER HIM, IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE GOD HIMSELF, WHO PUT EVERYTHING UNDER CHRIST.</p>
BLESSINGS	<p>EPHESIANS. 1:3 PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN CHRIST.</p>

SONGS	EPHESIANS. 5:19 SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER WITH PSALMS, HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS. SING AND MAKE MUSIC IN YOUR HEART TO THE LORD,
WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE	COL. 1:9 FOR THIS REASON, SINCE THE DAY WE HEARD ABOUT YOU, WE HAVE NOT STOPPED PRAYING FOR YOU AND ASKING GOD TO FILL YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL THROUGH ALL SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING.
HOUSE	1 PETER 2:5 YOU ALSO, LIKE LIVING STONES, ARE BEING BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, OFFERING SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.
SACRIFICES	ABOVE
LAW	ROMANS 7:14 WE KNOW THAT THE LAW IS SPIRITUAL; BUT I AM UNSPIRITUAL, SOLD AS A SLAVE TO SIN.
MEAT & DRANK	1 COR. 10:3-4 THEY ALL ATE THE SAME SPIRITUAL FOOD [4] AND DRANK THE SAME SPIRITUAL DRINK; FOR THEY DRANK FROM THE SPIRITUAL ROCK THAT ACCOMPANIED THEM, AND THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.
WICKEDNESS	JOHN 8:44 YOU BELONG TO YOUR FATHER, THE DEVIL, AND YOU WANT TO CARRY OUT YOUR FATHER'S DESIRE. HE WAS A MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING, NOT HOLDING TO THE TRUTH, FOR THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HIM. WHEN HE LIES, HE SPEAKS HIS NATIVE LANGUAGE, FOR HE IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF LIES.  EPHESIANS. 6:12 FOR OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST THE RULERS, AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES, AGAINST THE POWERS OF THIS DARK WORLD AND AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS.

- II. THE LAW IS SPIRITUAL, PAUL IS CARNAL, HE COULD NOT OBEY THE LAW.
- III. HE DID NOT APPROVE OF HIS SLAVERY TO SIN.
- 5. I CONSENTED TO THE LAW BUT I COULD NOT OBEY IT BECAUSE SIN WAS MY LAVE-MASTER
  - A. ROMANS 7: [15] I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I DO. FOR WHAT I WANT TO DO I DO NOT DO, BUT WHAT I HATE I DO. [16] AND IF I DO WHAT I DO NOT WANT TO DO, I AGREE THAT THE LAW IS GOOD. [17] AS IT IS, IT IS NO LONGER I MYSELF WHO DO IT, BUT IT IS SIN LIVING IN ME. [18] I KNOW THAT NOTHING GOOD LIVES IN ME, THAT IS, IN MY SINFUL NATURE. FOR I HAVE THE DESIRE TO DO WHAT IS GOOD, BUT I CANNOT CARRY IT OUT. [19] FOR WHAT I DO IS NOT THE GOOD I WANT TO DO; NO, THE EVIL I DO NOT WANT TO DO--THIS I KEEP ON DOING. [20] NOW IF I DO WHAT I DO NOT WANT TO DO, IT IS NO LONGER I WHO DO IT, BUT IT IS SIN LIVING IN ME THAT DOES IT.
    - I. SIN IS MORE POWERFUL THAN MAN.
    - II. WHAT HE WANTED TO DO, HE COULD NOT. HE WAS NOT A WILLING PARTAKER OF SIN.
    - III. VERSES 16 - 20
      - (1) IF I AM FORCED TO DO WHAT I DO NOT WANT TO DO, THEN IT IS NOT ME, BUT THE POWER THAT IS WITHIN ME. SO MY PROBLEM IS THE INDWELLING EVIL THAT IS WITH IN ME.
    - IV. I HAVE A WILL, BUT, MY WILL CAN NOT DO WHAT IT WANTS TO DO.
    - V. MY PASSION IS STRONGER THAN MY REASON.
    - VI. MY WILL, REASON, UNDERSTANDING, AND MY CONSCIENCE ARE ON GOD'S SIDE AND CONSENT TO HIS WILL AND LAW, BUT MY SLAVE-MASTER WILL NOT CONSENT FOR ME TO SERVE GOD OR HIS LAW.
- 6. I WAS NOT A WILLING SLAVE.
  - A. ROMANS 7: [21] SO I FIND THIS LAW AT WORK: WHEN I WANT TO DO GOOD, EVIL IS RIGHT THERE WITH ME. [22] FOR IN MY INNER BEING I DELIGHT IN GOD'S LAW; [23] BUT I SEE ANOTHER LAW AT WORK IN THE MEMBERS OF MY BODY, WAGING WAR AGAINST THE LAW OF MY MIND AND

MAKING ME A PRISONER OF THE LAW OF SIN AT WORK WITHIN MY MEMBERS.

I. THIS LAW AT WORK: WHEN I WANT TO DO GOOD

(1) THIS IS THE LAW OF THE MIND, WHICH CONSENTS TO THE LAW OF GOD

(A) VERSES 16, 21, AND 23

II. I DELIGHT IN GOD'S LAW;

(1) THIS IS THE LAW GIVEN BY MOSES, VERSES 1 TO 16

III. IN MY INNER BEING

(1) THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF MAN

KNOWS	1 COR. 2:11 FOR WHO AMONG MEN KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF A MAN EXCEPT THE MAN'S SPIRIT WITHIN HIM? IN THE SAME WAY NO ONE KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF GOD EXCEPT THE SPIRIT OF GOD. 2 COR. 4:16 THEREFORE WE DO NOT LOSE HEART. THOUGH OUTWARDLY WE ARE WASTING AWAY, YET INWARDLY WE ARE BEING RENEWED DAY BY DAY. EPHESIANS. 3:16 I PRAY THAT OUT OF HIS GLORIOUS RICHES HE MAY STRENGTHEN YOU WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR INNER BEING,
IMMORTAL	1 PETER 3:4 INSTEAD, IT SHOULD BE THAT OF YOUR INNER SELF, THE UNFADING BEAUTY OF A GENTLE AND QUIET SPIRIT, WHICH IS OF GREAT WORTH IN GOD'S SIGHT.
IT HAS FEELINGS, EMOTIONS & DESIRES	VERSE 22 PSALM 1:2 BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND ON HIS LAW HE MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT.

7. I WAS A WRETCHED SLAVE, UNTIL I FOUND A NEW SLAVE MASTER

A. ROMANS 7: [24] WHAT A WRETCHED MAN I AM! WHO WILL RESCUE ME FROM THIS BODY OF DEATH? [25] THANKS BE TO GOD--THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD! SO THEN, I MYSELF IN MY MIND AM A SLAVE TO GOD'S LAW, BUT IN THE SINFUL NATURE A SLAVE TO THE LAW OF SIN.

I. HERE TO THIS POINT PAUL HAS DRAWN A PICTURE OF HIMSELF BEFORE CHRIST.

II. HE WILL BE DELIVERED FROM THIS STATE AFTER THREE DAYS OF BLINDNESS.

(1) ACTS 9:17-18 THEN ANANIAS WENT TO THE HOUSE AND ENTERED IT. PLACING HIS HANDS ON SAUL, HE SAID, "BROTHER SAUL, THE LORD--JESUS, WHO APPEARED TO YOU ON THE ROAD AS YOU WERE COMING HERE--HAS SENT ME SO THAT YOU MAY SEE AGAIN AND BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." [18] IMMEDIATELY, SOMETHING LIKE SCALES FELL FROM SAUL'S EYES, AND HE COULD SEE AGAIN. HE GOT UP AND WAS BAPTIZED,

III. HEAR HIS STATEMENT AFTER THIS.

(1) ACTS 23:1 PAUL LOOKED STRAIGHT AT THE SANHEDRIN AND SAID, "MY BROTHERS, I HAVE FULFILLED MY DUTY TO GOD IN ALL GOOD CONSCIENCE TO THIS DAY."

(2) GALATIANS 1:13-15 FOR YOU HAVE HEARD OF MY PREVIOUS WAY OF LIFE IN JUDAISM, HOW INTENSELY I PERSECUTED THE CHURCH OF GOD AND TRIED TO DESTROY IT. [14] I WAS ADVANCING IN JUDAISM BEYOND MANY JEWS OF MY OWN AGE AND WAS EXTREMELY ZEALOUS FOR THE TRADITIONS OF MY FATHERS. [15] BUT WHEN GOD, WHO SET ME APART FROM BIRTH AND CALLED ME BY HIS GRACE, WAS PLEASED

IV. PAUL WILL ANSWER HIS QUESTION, WHO WILL RESCUE ME FROM THIS BODY OF DEATH?

(1) JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

(A) ROMANS 1:16 I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, BECAUSE IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR THE SALVATION OF EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES: FIRST FOR THE JEW, THEN FOR THE GENTILE.

(B) ROMANS 10:9-10 THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH, "JESUS IS LORD," AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED. [10] FOR IT IS WITH YOUR HEART THAT YOU BELIEVE AND ARE JUSTIFIED, AND IT IS WITH

YOUR MOUTH THAT YOU CONFESS AND ARE SAVED.

- (C) 1 JOHN 1:9 IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND PURIFY US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

V. BEFORE CHRIST, WITH HIS MIND HE SERVED GOD, BUT HIS BODY SERVED SIN. HE HAD NO VICTORY.

(1) BUT AFTER CHRIST, HE HAS COMPLETE VICTORY.

- (A) ROMANS 1:16-18 I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, BECAUSE IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR THE SALVATION OF EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES: FIRST FOR THE JEW, THEN FOR THE GENTILE. [17] FOR IN THE GOSPEL A RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD IS REVEALED, A RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS BY FAITH FROM FIRST TO LAST, JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN: "THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH." [18] THE WRATH OF GOD IS BEING REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL THE GODLESSNESS AND WICKEDNESS OF MEN WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH BY THEIR WICKEDNESS,

- (B) ROMANS 2:8-11 BUT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SELF-SEEKING AND WHO REJECT THE TRUTH AND FOLLOW EVIL, THERE WILL BE WRATH AND ANGER. [9] THERE WILL BE TROUBLE AND DISTRESS FOR EVERY HUMAN BEING WHO DOES EVIL: FIRST FOR THE JEW, THEN FOR THE GENTILE; [10] BUT GLORY, HONOR AND PEACE FOR EVERYONE WHO DOES GOOD: FIRST FOR THE JEW, THEN FOR THE GENTILE. [11] FOR GOD DOES NOT SHOW FAVORITISM.

- (C) ROMANS 3:5-8 BUT IF OUR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS BRINGS OUT GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS MORE CLEARLY, WHAT SHALL WE SAY? THAT GOD IS UNJUST IN BRINGING HIS WRATH ON US? (I AM USING A HUMAN ARGUMENT.) [6] CERTAINLY NOT! IF THAT WERE SO, HOW COULD GOD JUDGE THE WORLD? [7] SOMEONE MIGHT ARGUE, "IF MY FALSEHOOD ENHANCES GOD'S TRUTHFULNESS AND SO INCREASES HIS GLORY, WHY AM I STILL CONDEMNED AS A SINNER?" [8] WHY NOT SAY--AS WE ARE BEING SLANDEROUSLY REPORTED AS SAYING AND AS SOME CLAIM THAT WE SAY--"LET US DO EVIL THAT GOOD MAY RESULT"? THEIR CONDEMNATION IS DESERVED.

- (D) AND THE 8<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER.