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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Romans

C5 Vss 1-21. We must love what a God had done. He's bought us into a place of privilege. We are so blessed we rejoice at our difficulties knowing they create eternal character (1-5).

Then the concept often missed. God has his own agape. His level of love is higher than any human form of love (6-9). We are saved because of the work of Jesus. He's our assurance of salvation (9-11).

Then Paul goes to work describing the traveling aspect of sin. Sin came from somewhere else and entered the world. Note sin was not counted as sin until the law was written. This show how just our God is. He provided a standard (12-13). But they were dying because of sin.

Then Paul gives the marvelous illustration of what seems to be so unfair and unfortunate. All die because of Adam's sin. His sin moves through human genetics contaminating everyone. Paul says he brought death to everyone (14-15a).

But thanks be to our glorious God. He knows how to remedy our guilt and death sentence. Jesus removes the guilt conviction and eternal death sentence to all who believe (15b-17).

To be sure we understand and that every Jew understands, Paul uses Hebrew parallelism to say the same thing in a different way to make sure all parties understand. Yes! Adam brings sin to all, but Jesus brings righteousness with God to all (18-19).

C6 Vss 1-23 Now Paul knows the human condition. There will be those who misused the knowledge to live with any kind of conduct, assuming this marvelous grace will be provided. Paul days heaven forbid. We are not slaves to sin to act in any kind of manner (1-11).

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Paul is very concerned in a pagan world that believers will let sin dominate their lives. We are not to let sin be a controlling factor. Don't let it leverage us (11-18).

Paul used the term slavery! Slavery means to be taken captive and brutally treated by something allowed to else over. It's a masterful use of terms. Who desires to be a slave? But when we cross the line, particularly to corporal sins they enslave us (19-23). Once freed we must not cross the line or we are recaptured.

C7 Vss 1- Paul continues to work different perspectives of the law. The law is in effect only when we are living (earthly lives). He uses marriages as an example. The marital covenant only applies while the two are living (.). Remember the Sadducees questioning Jesus about resurrection. They wanted to know which brother would a woman be married to who she married in succession after each died. Jesus responds that marriage will not exist in heaven (i.e. Marriage is not an eternal design), (1-4).

Likewise Paul is clear, the law does not apply after the earthly life. This is so important. Believers die to the power of the law. This means so much. Death is no longer our destination eternally, but also we don 't have to be ruled by our lower nature. We underscore, we don't have too. We choose to be dominated by our lower nature.

Paul is not saying we do not sin. He does an extraordinary and unforgettable analysis of the human condition that only he could disclose. It is almost as if he sits in front of a spiritual X-ray machine lying on a physical, psychiatric and soulish couch and dissects the human condition and depth of depravity.

According to Paul we have living within a diabolical self-inflicting obsession. It is ever present urging sin and debauchery. When it cannot be obvious and direct, it is insidious and coy. It includes subliminal fault deeply within and outright dark and lewd behavior. No matter how much the person desires to follow lawful commands and precepts or even good conscience, the darkness within is so overwhelming it trashes any good intent with foul actions and results. He is also clear that it is the law that makes this condition possible to see. This is the condition of --not only--every human being, but believers in particular. Paul concluding his analysis ask the question, who can deliver us from such a condition of gloom, he answers: Thank God! Jesus! (7-25).

C8 Vss 1- He makes one of the profound declarations of Scripture after painting such a dark portrait of the human condition. Because of Jesus we are not condemned, and it does not stop there (1-3).

We do not have to be dominated by the sin nature. We can allow the spiritual nature to dominate us. The results are present peace and eternal living (1-6). Peace we underscore. Believers who allow themselves to live as sinners are in a very dark place self-inflicting themselves and those around them. By the way all it takes is poor judgment and existing traps. One type of continuing sin can have dark impact on the believer. Paul emphasizes the need to live by the Spirit. Paul is clear that the body will die, but the body is not the final arbiter of life. Paul moves from the physical body to a body of immortality using

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Jesus as the example (4-11).

Believers need to understand the difference between fault-sins and premeditated-sin. Here Paul is speaking about corporal or pre-meditated sin. Later he will write to the Galatians about/fault-sins, which we all have (Galatians 6:1-3).

Paul declares that we can say Dad, or Daddy. We are so much like God this makes us His children. Remember this is foreign and forbidden in Jewish thinking. It demonstrates how Paul had been so revolutionized by Jesus (12-16).

Again, Paul takes another turn. Since we share in these glorious truths we must also share in Jesus' sufferings. However, he helps the fearful. Whatever the suffering is, it's nothing compared to what awaits us and the internal assurance within (18-23).

There are new bodies in our future and even now the Holy Spirit intercedes for us like an ambassador who knows what we need when we don't, and He communicates in perfection when we cannot (25-27).

Then Paul expresses something that can only be understood from viewing all of Scripture, and knowing the ultimate end of all things. Every event, experience, circumstance are ingredients in the hands of God, He fashions to work His plan of salvation. So whatever mistake, tragedy, death, misstep, fall, or even crime God produces ultimate good. We look no further than the cross as the ultimate example. And through these experience the result is that we are more like His Son (24-29).

Therefore, given this great reality there's nothing, nothing that can separate the believer from God's love (29-39).

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