

*Bible Study Through*  
**ROMANS**

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# TONIGHT'S PLAN

## CAPITVLVM II-III

- Quick review Rome in 57 vs. California in 2021
- Segue from 1:30-32 into Romans 2:1-16
- Basics about God's Wrath
- Quite the Sign
- Segue to Romans 3

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# OUTLINE

## Chaps 1-8

### FAITH

1-3 Recognize our sin

4-5 How is one saved

6-8 Process of sanctification

*1: Pagan Person*

*2: Moral Person*

*3: Religious Person*

**ALL FALL SHORT!**

## Chaps 9-11

**HOPE** Can God love us without rescinding His Holy nature?

9 Israel's past history

10 Israel's current situation

11 Israel's future

## Chaps 12-16

**LOVE** The *process of sanctification* in our lives.

12 Service to others

13 Respect government

14-15 One's conscience

16 Greetings/salutations

# ROME in 57 CALIFORNIA in 2021

**NOTHING** should surprise us. **CONCERNED, Yes! TROUBLING, Yes!**  
**STAND FOR TRUTH, Yes! BE LIGHT, Yes!**

**EXCHANGE God** for “Self” ideas, perspectives, decisions, actions, **PRIDE**.  
Original Face-to-face fellowship [Genesis] severed by disobedience

## Formerly

**FAR** from God

**SINNERS**

**ENEMIES** of God

**HEARERS** Only

**DEEDS** of the flesh

**DARKNESS**

## But Now

Brought **NEAR**

**RIGHTEOUS**

Children/**JOINT HEIRS**

**DOERS** of Word

**FRUIT** of God’s Spirit

Walk in **LIGHT**

*Eph. 2:13*

*Romans 5:8*

*Romans 5:10*

*James 1:22-25*

*Galatians 5*

*John 3:19*   *Isaiah 9:2*   *Colossians 1:13*   *2 Corin 4:4*   *1 Thess 5:5*   *1 Peter 2:9*

## ROMANS 2:1-8

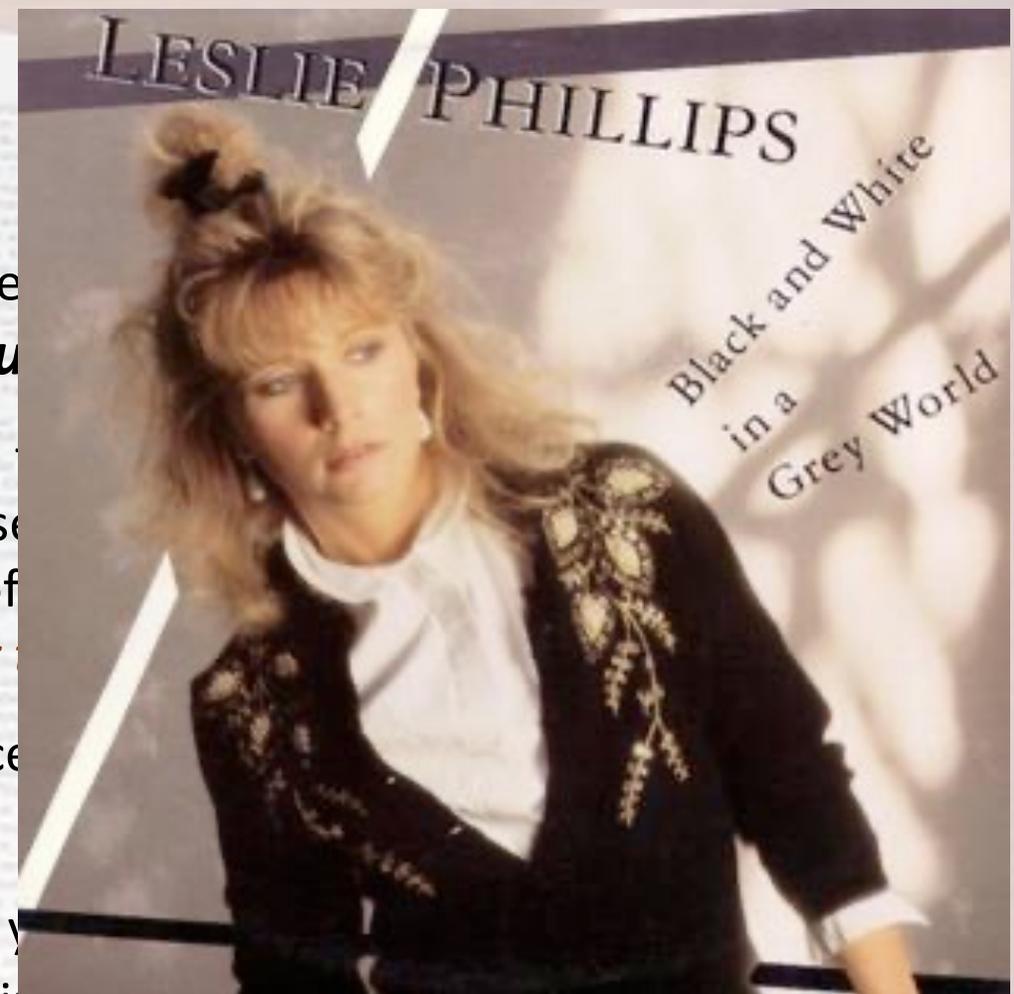
Therefore you have **no excuse** [everyone of you who passes judgment on another, ***you condemn yourself***. For ***you who judge***

And we know that the ***judgment of God rightly falls*** upon you. But do you suppose that when you pass judgment on those who do not obey the gospel, you will avoid the judgment of God? Do you do the same ***yourself***, that you will escape the judgment of God?

*[Remember PRACTICE develops proficiency over time]*

Do you ***think lightly*** of the riches of His kindness, tolerance and patience? ***of God leads you to repentance?*** [Leslie Phillips, 1985]

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you will be punished in ***the day of Wrath and Revelation*** of the righteous judgment of God, who **WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS** - to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for **glory** and **honor** and **immortality to eternal life**. But to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness – ***to Wrath and Indignation***.



# GOD'S WRATH

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2 VIEWS:



## I. CHRONICLES.

### H Y M N XLI.

*Faith's review and expectation.*

Chap. xvii. 16, 17.

**A** Mazing grace! (how sweet the sound)  
That fav'd a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

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*Hardness of Heart*

Romans 5:9

1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 5:9

Ephesians 2:8-9

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# ROMANS 2:9-16

There will be **tribulation and distress** for every soul of man **who does evil**, the Jew first and also of the Greek, but **glory and honor and peace** to everyone who **does good**, the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is **NO partiality with God**.

**For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law**  
It's not the **HEARERS** of the Law who are **JUST** before God, but the **DOERS** who will be **JUSTIFIED**.

For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, they who do not have the Law are then a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts - **their conscience bearing witness** and their **thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them**, on the day when, according to my gospel, **God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus**.

# ROMANS 2:17-26

**IF** you bear the name “Jew” and so rely upon the Law and boast in God and know *His* will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law, and are confident that you yourself are a ***guide to the blind, a light to those in darkness, a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,***

**THEN** you, who teach another, do you not also teach yourself? You preach one shall not steal, do you steal? You say do not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who boast in the Law, but by breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

For “THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU” [Ezekiel 36:20]  
***Circumcision is of value if you PRACTICE the Law.*** IF you are a transgressor of the Law, your ***circumcision has become uncircumcision.*** IF the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his ***uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?*** He who is physically ***uncircumcised,*** IF he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and ***circumcision*** are a transgressor of the Law? For he is NOT a Jew who is one **outwardly**, nor is ***circumcision*** simply **outward** in the flesh. He is a Jew who is one **inwardly** - ***circumcision*** is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter, so that his praise is not **OUTWARD** from men, but **INWARD** from God.

# QUITE THE SIGN

**CIRCUMCISION** initiated in Genesis 17 with Abraham.  
**8<sup>th</sup> day** [highest vitamin-K for clotting]

**DAILY sign** to always remember.  
Jesus on **8<sup>th</sup> day** [Luke 2:21]  
Saul on **8<sup>th</sup> day** [Phil. 3:5]

Deut. 6:10      ***Circumcise your heart*** and be stiff necked no longer

Acts 7:51      “You men are ***stiff-necked and uncircumcised in your hearts.***”

Deut. 30:6      The Lord will ***Circumcise your heart*** to love Him with all your heart and soul

Leviticus 26:41      Israel’s ***uncircumcised hearts*** need to be humbled.

Jeremiah 4:3-5      Remove [***circumcise***] the fleshly foreskin ***of your heart.***

Ezekiel 44:7      Foreigners have ***uncircumcised hearts*** and bodies.

Jeremiah 9:25      The Lord will punish those who are ***circumcised***, yet are ***uncircumcised.***  
Other nations are ***uncircumcised***, yet Israel has ***uncircumcised heart.***

**NOT JUST PAUL’S TEACHING, ORIGINALLY IN TORAH and PROPHETS**

# QUITE THE SIGN

**TALMUD** Babylonia Talmud [older] Jerusalem Talmud [more recent]  
**1-Mishnah** [Rabbi's oral Torah] **2-Gemara** [commentary on Mishnah]

**MIDRASH** "Interpretation of Text" – inductive questions, extensions, elucidations

**Genesis Rabbah - Vayera 45:8 [5<sup>th</sup> Century AD]** *God swore to Abraham no one circumcised would be sent to hell, Abraham sits at gate of hell, never allows a circumcised Israelite to enter.*

## Colossians 2:9-14

**In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.** In Him you are made complete. He is the head over all rule and authority. In Him ***you were circumcised*** with ***a circumcision made without hands*** - in the ***removal in the body of the flesh*** by ***the circumcision of Christ***, buried with Him in baptism in which you were also raised with Him thru faith. When you were dead in your transgressions and the ***uncircumcision of your flesh***, He made you alive together with Him, canceling out our certificate of debt [CDs] consisting of decrees against us, that CD was hostile to us, and He has taken that out of the way, having **nailed it to the cross.**

# PAUL'S POSITION ON "LAW"

**Galatians 5:3** And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is then *under obligation to keep the whole Law*.

Paul's first mission trip 46-47

Paul in Syrian-Antioch 47-51

Jerusalem Council 50

Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> mission trip 51-54

Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> mission trip 54-57

*Tail end of 3<sup>rd</sup> trip - Corinth April 57 AD after Unleavened Bread*

*Paul writes to "all believers in Rome". **High Point** of positive Gospel results.*

*Then Troas, Assos, Miletus [Ephesian - farewell] Kos, Rhodes,*

*Tyre - Wants to be back in Jerusalem for Pentecost [late May 57].*

**PAUL 3 TIMES JERUSALEM:** Peter-James-John *right hand Apostle fellowship* [Gal. 2:9]

Peter-James [John?] *Jerusalem Council* [Acts 15:1]

Peter? James? John? *Paul's report/reputation* [Acts 21:15]

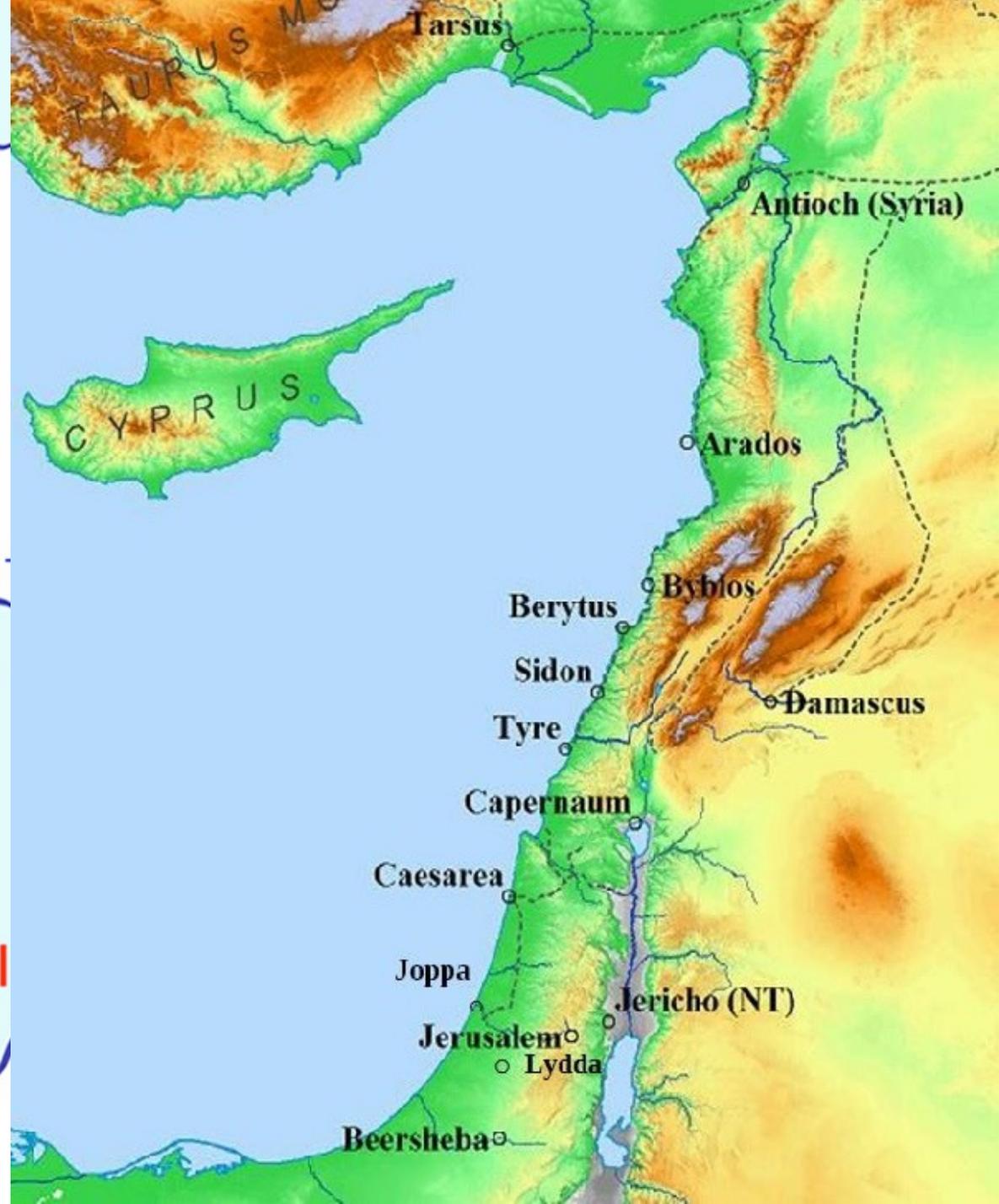
**Conspicuous**

# remember SAUL'S timeline

- 9 AD** Born in Tarsus of Cicilia
- 23** Jerusalem age 14, Gamaliel
- 29** Age 20 as Jesus starts ministry [Num 4:3, Luke 3:23]
- 32** Zealous Pharisee age 23 when Jesus crucified on Passover in April. No doubt in Jerusalem 7 weeks later for Pentecost when 3,000 believers baptized.
- 32-34** First few years after Jesus' resurrection, age 23-to-25 actively hostile toward new religious movement. Likely window of time when present at and approved stoning of Stephen [Acts 7:58].
- 34-36** Age 25-to-27 built reputation against The Way.
- 36** Age 27 to Damascus
- 36-39** Did NOT go to Jerusalem to meet Peter, James, John - but 3 yrs Arabia, Tarsus, Damascus, 'til age 30.
- 46-47** **Mission Trip #1** [Galatians 1:17] [1:19 "three years later"]
- 51-54** **Mission Trip #2**
- 54-57** **Mission Trip #3** in **57** was in Corinth [3 months] writes to Rome
- 61-67** *Prisoner in Rome*
- 64** *Rome fire, Nero blames Christians*
- 67** *Beheaded by Caesar Nero*

# FOCUS in on timeline

- 32 AD** Jesus' death on Passover. First Fruits. 40 days. Pentecost
- 46-47** 1<sup>st</sup> missionary venture [14-15 years after Jesus]
- 47-51** Active in Syrian-Antioch church [it's been 15-19 years]
- 50** Paul and Barnabas at Jerusalem Council [it's been 18 years]
- 51-54** 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary venture [it's been 19-22 years]
- 54-57** 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary venture [it's been 22-25 years]  
Finishes up Macedonia, **Corinth of Achaia** [writes Romans], back to Troas, Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Miletus [farewell Ephesians] Kos, Rhodes, Patara, Tyre [Phoenicia], Ptolemais, Caesarea-Maritima [Philip *evangelist*, one of the 7 *diakonos*, Agabus]
- May 57** 25 YEARS since Peter's sermon in Jerusalem at Pentecost.  
Paul enters on **high-note**. Quickly turns as Jews from everywhere have heard of Paul and his teachings re: Mosaic Law.
- NOTE:** *Paul age 48. Peter-James-John age 55-60* **WHY NO MENTION?**



# *segue to* **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

## **FIVE TIMES in Romans 3**

**3:5** Our unrighteousness demonstrates **God's Righteousness**

**3:21** **God's righteousness** manifested apart from the Law

**3:22** **God's righteousness** thru faith in Jesus to all who believe

**3:25** **God's righteousness** demonstrated in Jesus' public display

**3:26** **God's righteousness** demonstrates He is entirely just

**3:25-26** *In God's merciful restraint He allowed all previous sin committed to go unpunished - **NO WRATH** – in order to demonstrate the **Righteousness of God** at THIS present time that God is 100% JUST as the one who JUSTIFIES all who have faith in Jesus the Christ.*

# Romans 3:1-8

**Then what advantage has the Jew?** Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

**Great in every respect.** First, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? May it never be!

Rather, let God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar, as it is written, "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

IF ***our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God***, what shall we say?

The God who inflicts **WRATH** is not unrighteous, is He? [speaking in human terms]

May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world?

But if thru my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? And why not *say* [as we are slanderously reported and some claim we say],

**"Let us do evil that good may come"?** Their condemnation is just.

# Romans 3:1-8

**Consider the Inverse Ratio:** Our Unrighteousness ----- God's Righteousness  
**Isaiah 64:6** *Our best effort at being holy is "filthy rags"*

How bad can our unrighteousness get that it would further accentuate the opposite end of the continuum of ***How much greater then is God's righteousness***

## CAVEAT

*We are NOT to sin as much as possible so that God's grace can abound even more.*

**God's Law** was not intended to be KEPT by mankind.

***Instead, His Law exposes our sin.***



**Like Strategic GAP Analysis for Organizations.**

When you overlay yourself against the Law, you immediately see GAPS between what's required to be holy, compared to who we are in our inherent sin-nature.

# Summary

Paul was concerned about same thing we have today.

If thru my lie [sin] the truth of God will abound to His glory why then would I also still be judged as a sinner? Why not say [*as we are slanderously reported, some claim we say*],  
**“Let us do evil that good may come”?**

*“Don’t judge me, I’m saved and under God’s grace.”*

**PRACTICE** Galatians 5

**PRACTICE** Ephesians 5

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Romans 6:1-2** What shall we say then? Are we to *continue in sin* so grace may increase?  
**May it never be!** How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

*Next Monday  
July 5th*

# ROMANS CAPITVLVM III

*Complete 3:9-31*