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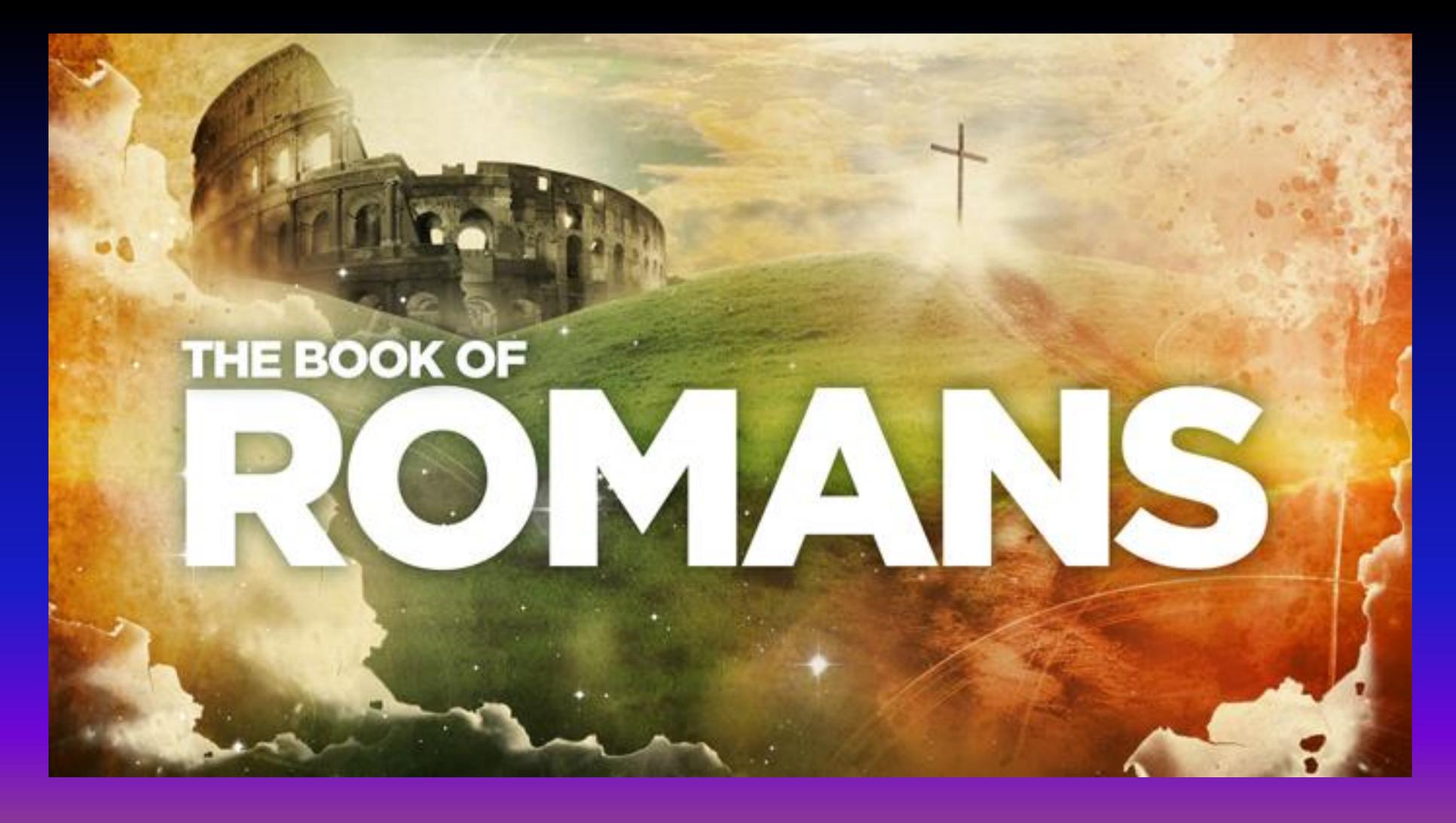


**Let's Prepare Our Hearts to Worship
our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**

Now let's Learn from God's Holy Word →



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THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

Our Mission Together

The Great Commission:

1⁸ Then Jesus came near and said to them, “All AUTHORITY has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 1⁹ GO, THEREFORE, [or “As you are Going”] and make disciples of ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the NAME of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 2⁰ teaching them to observe [obey] everything I have commanded you. And REMEMBER, I am with you ALWAYS, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20 [HCSB])

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [people groups]." - Jesus (Matthew 28:19). A people group is the largest group within which the Gospel can ... [read more](#)



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Romans 15:22-33

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²⁹ But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

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Our Mission Together - partnership for the Great Commission and Gospel-based Compassion

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We find the answer in the verses that preceded these verses (Romans 15:18-19):

¹⁸ For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has NOT accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient — ¹⁹ in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that **from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have **fully preached** the Gospel of Christ.**

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Paul was super busy with the Great Commission & God's Timing is central!

Do we have Gospel-centric insatiable desires? If not, why not?

It is an indicator of how deeply intimate our relationship with Christ really is.

Question: What is the most important Goal Christ has, right now, in His heart?

Answer: The Church Fulfilling the Great Commission ... and thus, it should be ours, individually and corporately. Everything in our lives needs to Conform to Our Mission of the Gospel.

→ Are our lives in conformity to God's Mission for us?

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2. Paul included the church of Rome in on his New Mission: SPAIN and BEYOND for the Gospel: Partnership in the Great Commission – the book of Romans is a Missionary Support Letter.

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Paul encouraged them, started the conversation with them, about partnering for the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Each Church needs to be a Going, Sending and Supporting Missional Church Each local church family must cooperate, support, and partner with Biblical Gospel Missionaries . .

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2. Partnership in the Great Commission:

Going, Sending and Supporting:

1 Cor. 9:14: Even so the LORD has **COMMANDED** that those who preach the Gospel should live from the Gospel.
(i.e.: getting their living from Gospel Ministry support)

Galatians 6:6-8: Let him who is **TAUGHT** the **WORD SHARE** in all good things with him who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

These are **Commands** of financial support for each local church family regarding the **support and partnership** for the Gospel for **Missionaries** and for their own local church **pastoral elders**, etc.

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2. Partnership in the Great Commission:

EXAMPLE: we know that the churches in the Lystra and Derbe area were able to **send Timothy to GO along with Paul the Apostle** on his missionary journeys. They were **GOING, SENDING and SUPPORTING** churches (Acts 13-14)

Partnering and Supporting the Gospel is what the book of Philippians is all about. That church in Macedonia supported Paul in whatever he needed so that Paul would be freed up to minister with the Gospel instead of having to work a full-time secular job all the time.

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3. Gospel-based Humanitarian Assistance to Victims of Disasters, etc. This, also, is a part of Our Mission Together: Collaborations of Churches to help with Humanitarian Disasters, etc.

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It was the Gentile churches' duty to help Israel, since Israel gave them the Gospel (Gen. 12:3)

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3. Gospel-based Humanitarian Assistance

Paul's organizing support and help for the Christian Famine victims in Jerusalem becomes the basis for the principle of Christian Humanitarian Aid ... but who are the Poor Saints in Jerusalem?

Paul is referring to a 'one-time' famine that hit the Roman Empire. This was predicted by the prophet Agabus in Acts 11:27-30 – which occurred during Claudius' reign (41-54 A.D.) The Famine in the Jerusalem area lasted for about 1 to 2 years (46 – 47 A.D.)

[Winter, Bruce W. "Acts and Food Shortages," in *The Book of Acts in its Graeco-Roman Setting*, ed. David W. J. Gill and Conrad Gempf, 59-78. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994.]

Passages that refer to this one-time famine: Acts 11:27-30; 24:17; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. chptrs 8 & 9; Romans 15:25-28;30-31; Galatians 2:10.

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Paul refers to churches in Macedonia and Achaia that are helping, financially with this disaster:

Macedonia → example – Philippi (Philippians) they helped with Paul's Missionary work and this disaster willingly (even begging him to help) (a very poor, financially, church, but they help in their poverty)

Achaia → example – Corinth (Corinthians) they helped Paul, reluctantly with this disaster – Paul had to beg them and almost shame and remind them about their pledges (1 Cor. 16; 2 Cor. 8 & 9) Corinth was a very Rich church, with many wealthy people ... yet they hardly ever supported Paul's Missionary work. Kind of amazing, huh?

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3. Gospel-based Humanitarian Assistance

Doing Good and Acts of Kindness toward others *can* or *might* open up hearts to receive the Gospel:

Matthew 5:16: Let your light shine in such a way that people will see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (i.e.: God)

Heb. 13:16: But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Galatians 6:9-10: And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to ALL, ESPECIALLY to those who are of the household of faith. (what does he mean by “ESPECIALLY”?) ???

Is there a Priority & should there be special focus on helping fellow Christians?

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Collaboration/Partnership for the Great Commission includes

1. Spreading the Gospel
2. Gospel-based Humanitarian Assistance (to Christians as a priority)
3. Prayerful Support
4. Financial Support

Other Examples

Eph. 6:18-20 & Colossians 4:2-4 – Paul asking other churches to pray for his Gospel Mission

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

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