

## ROMANS V.B.V. Part 9

**Rom 1:1-7** .....the salutation..... 7 verses covering exactly ONE sentence. (long winded Paul)

**Rom 1:8-17**..... some logistical information....Paul's TRYING to get to Rome.... WANTS to get to Rome....but hasn't been able to yet.

**ROM 1:18** .....The VERDICT.....For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

**THE EVIDENCE against the Defendant (mankind)**

**ROM 1:19** Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

**They knew the deal...** they knew what was expected.....they knew what God wanted.....and what did they do with it?? **What happens next?** We see what humanity did with their knowledge of God.... and we begin a history lesson which serves as the indictment of all mankind...

**ROM 1:20 IS KEY!!!!!!** It is the hinge point whereby one can have a SOLID understanding of the 1st 3 chapters of Romans.....or if you'll find yourself veering off into Doctrinal "La-La Land"

**Rom 1:20** For the invisible things of him **from the creation of the world** are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

the time element given to us. It gives us the "To Whom it is Said" answer when we see "What is Said."

It shows us WHERE ARE WE in the progressive revelation of God's plan throughout Human history.

**Verses 21 through 32** chronicle the "Stairway to Hell" culminating in all manner of debauched depravity.

Something that I've observed in my 32+ years on the planet about the way Fundamentalist Christianity handles homosexuality.

**ROM 1:26** For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: **27** And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

I talked about this particular STEP on the stairway to hell, the stairway of disobedience last time for a few minutes but I neglected to mention something about it.

**In Fundamentalism, homosexuality (in my view) is considered to be "The Unpardonable Sin"**

It is the 'straw man' that has "Most Favored Status" amongst the modern fundamental preaching corps. **Straw Men are quick, easy, and entertaining for the preachers**

to dispatch.

Why dontcha know that **LEV 18:22** says “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: **it is abomination.**”

ALL the while the preacher gets loud “AMENS” and “PREACH IT BROTHERS!” from his congregation!

Meanwhile, **what has he accomplished???** He’s gotten ‘ra-ras’ from people who already agree with him and hasn’t challenged ANYONE in an area of their life that needs attention. Paul states in **Acts 20:20** that he “kept back nothing that was profitable [unto you], but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly,”

It’s easy to KEEP BACK what’s PROFITABLE sometimes..... sometimes what’s **PROFITABLE** to address is very **UNcomfortable** to address.

So preachers often take the easy way out and attack the straw man instead of the 800lb. Gorilla in the room.

One of the adverse effects of this ‘unpardonable sin’ and ‘straw man’ preaching about this issue is that it engenders an attitude amongst believers that they shouldn’t EVEN BOTHER talking to that WICKED ABOMINABLE SINNER about their soul.

**LEV 11:13** And these are they which ye shall have **in abomination** among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, **they are an abomination**: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, **14** And the vulture, and the kite after his kind; **15** Every raven after his kind; **16** And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind, **17** And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl, **18** And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle, **19** And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

OK, so engaging in homosexual activity is an abomination.... and so is **eating an eagle?**

**WHAT’S MY POINT??**

It’s a **GOSPEL ISSUE.....**

**A Pastor who is preaching a Performance Prerequisite to salvation DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD and is teaching you an effective way to make sure your never-dying soul lands in HELL!**

**EPH 1:13** says you must **HEAR, BELIEVE, and TRUST** Christ’s finished work.....

The gospel of the Grace of God **DEMANDS** that you **abandon** any trust in YOUR OWN performance and put your faith and trust in the Performance of the Lord Jesus Christ....trusting HIS death, HIS burial, and HIS resurrection for your souls’ salvation.

**Question: Are a homosexuals’ VILE AFFECTIONS and ANTI-Natural affections what is keeping them out of heaven??**

**NO!!!** The homosexual, will miss heaven for the same reason that a murderer, a tax cheat, a wife-beater, an adulterer, a covetous extortioner, and every self-righteous, unsaved, pious church goer will miss heaven....

**They’ll land in HELL b/c they HAVE NOT TRUSTED THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD!!**

There isn’t a sin that is so bad, that God can’t save them from it.

Paul calls himself the chief of sinners (**1 Tim 1:15**) and was a MURDERER and quite possibly,

a great candidate to be an AntiChrist..... in [verse 16](#), we see the POWER of God's grace... I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, **for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.**"

.....From the pattern of evil and rebellion against God to the pattern of the BELIEVER  
Don't write anyone off.....([EPH 3:9](#)) make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery,

## **BEGIN ROMANS CHAPTER 2:**

**ROM 2:1** Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

**2** But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. **3** And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? **4** Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Thou that judgest..... **here we have a NEW player on our timeline?**...Who is 'thou that judgest'?? **Who is the NEW PLAYER?**

**GEN 12:1** Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, (get AWAY from these jerks... we're starting over) unto a land that I will shew thee: **2** And I will make **of thee a great nation**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: **3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall **all families of the earth** be blessed  
God decides to make a NEW NATION from this man Abram..... THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NATION ISRAEL.

**God separates Israel from the rest of the nations....** **NUM 23:9** the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

There becomes a difference between what is now called JEWS and GENTILES. The Jews are **God's Chosen People**

**DEUT 7:6** For thou [art] an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that [are] upon the face of the earth.

**DEUT 14:2** For thou [art] an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that [are] upon the earth.

**So now we've got this people who has God's "Most Favored Nation" status.....and what do they do with God's favor??**

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**The Bible is VERY HARD on hypocrisy...**

**MAT 7:1** (**the shut-up verse**) **1** Judge not, that ye be not judged. 5 verses later..... **MAT 7:6** Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, (judgement) neither cast ye your pearls before

swine, (judgement)

Judgement (per se) is NOT the ISSUE here.... HYPOCRITICAL JUDGEMENT is the issue.

**MAT 7: 2** For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. **3** And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? **4** Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? **5** Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

The unsaved world is just as hard on hypocritical Christians as your Bible is..... When they see you preaching a HIGHER STANDARD..... and they evaluate what they see in YOUR LIFE..... to see if your actions match up with your words.....REMEMBER THIS.

**ROM 2:2** But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Remember from a couple lessons ago..... God is NOT the 'big meanie in the sky'.....His judgements are TRUE and RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER.....(why did you flood the earth?? - see Rom 1:20-32!!!!)

**GOD WILL NOT CUT A HYPOCRITE SLACK BECAUSE HE'S A PART OF ISRAEL!**

**3** And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, (HYPOCRITICAL SINNER) that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

We are in an OLD Testament dispensation.... a dispensation where NO ONE is aware of Justification and Salvation by Grace alone through faith alone in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ by Calvary's cross..... we know that NO ONE except the Godhead knew anything about this until Christ revealed it to our Apostle Paul (Rom 16:25)

**Self Righteous, Sanctimonious, Arrogant, and FaithLess Israel were risen up in PRIDE and boasted in their heritage and their father Abraham.....thinking NOTHING that they may be in danger of Judgement by YHWH.**

John's baptism of repentance in the River Jordan.... **MAT 3:7** But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8** Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: **9** And think not to say within yourselves, **We have Abraham to our father** :(arrogance., hypocrisy...FAITHLESS national, political, and religious pride) for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. **10** And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

WHAT??? We are the ELITE!? The Power Brokers of ALMIGHTY GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE!

**ROM 2: 3** And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? **4** Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth

thee to repentance?

**BEYOND HYPOCRICY: Now God's Chosen people (Deut 7:6) make a Choice: A choice to DESPISE God's Goodness and Forbearance and Longsuffering??**

What they chose to DESPISE: **Deut 28:1** And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: **2** And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. **3** Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field. **4** Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. **5** Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store. **6** Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

The Israelites actually HAD ACCESS to all the physical blessings that the charlatans, the thieves, the liars and the self-deluded Christians CLAIM for themselves in the year 2011!!! It's not God's **JUDGEMENT and God's WRATH** that leads to repentance.... but it's his goodness, longsuffering, and forbearance that shows you .....

**EX 19:16** And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. **17** And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. **18** And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. **19** And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. **20** And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. **21** And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

Next Chapter.... just after the 10 Commandments are given: **EX 20:18** And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off. **19** And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. **20** And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

**THE FEAR OF GOD was supposed to motivate these people NOT to sin (mountain on fire, thundering voices, earthquakes...trumpets**

Well, they DISOBEYED, and after many generations.... what now?? More thunder? More Fire? More Smoke?? NO!!!! Goodness.... Forbearance..... LONG-suffering.....toward

Israel.

**This kindness was designed to lead Israel (*God's chosen people*) to REPENTANCE!**

**Mat 9:12** But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. **13** But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Jesus talking to Nicodemus: **JOHN 3:7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

1st Birth: **EX 4:22** And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel [is] my son, [even] my firstborn: You've blown it.... YE MUST be BORN AGAIN.

In John 3: Nick is confused. He asks Jesus **9** How can these things be? **10** Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

God's offer of kindness (to lead Israel to repentance) **John 3:17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (Why didn't He come to condemn? Because it wasn't necessary) **18** He that believeth on him is **not condemned**: but he that believeth not is **condemned already**, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**How did Israel respond to this most kind and generous offer>> CRUCIFY HIM!!! KILL OUR MESSIAH!!!** **The Ultimate Example of Israel** **4** despising the riches of God's goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God should have led them to repentance?

**THE RESULT:** **5** But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;