

Scraps from the margins of my Bible.

ROMANS

with a little expansion
Phil Myers

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***bold** *underlined and **italicized*
i.e. **scattered**

pjm = my opinion

JUSTIFIED IN THE EYES OF GOD

Introduction,

a. Outline, H.A. Ironside [*I believe*]

- 1-3 Sin
- 4,5 Salvation
- 6-8 Sanctification
- 6-11 Sovereignty
- 12-14 Service
- 15,16 Salutation

b. anon

- Inexcusable, 2.1
- Justified, 5.1
- Uncondemned, 8.1
- Transformed, 12.1

c. Courtroom scene: the world on trial

chap 1 The Wicked Man Condemned

chap 2 The Moral Man Condemned

chap 2.17 & 3 The Religious Man Condemned

d. One of the most easily outlined epistles, a treatise

e. The second pillar of the reformation.

f. The thinking man's Gospel

g. From Paul's head rather than his heart

h. Themes & repeated words: sin, salvation, redemption, walk in Spirit, total depravity [3.9-18], covenant, service, free gift, spiritual gifts, reckon [*reckon, count*], law, God forbid, as it is written, death, life, Gospel, faith, believe, justify, sanctify, Holy Spirit, Old Nature/New Nature, not ashamed, grace

i. 5 "solos" all found in ch 3: **Only by:** Scripture, faith, grace, Christ, & glory to God

j. fund raising letter to send himself on to Spain

k. most elaborate outline [*Hebrews is 2nd*]

l. Notes about the city and region

* Rome founded 753 BC, on 7 hills, Roman Empire [27 BC—453 BC], Republic, 10% citizens,

* 50% slaves, million people

* Julius Caesar had Cleopatra for a mistress, had a baby, took Cleo back to Rome

* Paul witnessed to Nero face to face 64 AD [?]

* Myth of Peter's presence in Rome started in 3rd century

* Strong church existed in Rome but finally collapsed into ritualism

* Roman Catholic Church blossomed when Constantine made Christianity the official state religion [312 AD]

* Church in Rome may have been started by Diaspora [*the dispersion*] saints who were scattered [*Acts 8.1*] in obedience to Acts 1.8. everybody left town *except* the apostles.

J Vernon McGee's *adaptation*

1-3 sin
4,5 salvation
6 sanctification
7 struggle
8 security
8 Spirit-filling
9-11 sovereignty
12,13 service & sacrifice
14 separation
15,16 salutation

THE WICKED MAN CONDEMNED

- 1.5 **obedience of faith**, opens and closes the book, 16.26
- 1.16,17 key verses to the book ***I am not ashamed of the Gospel***
- 1.23,25,27 **exchanged the glory** = distort God's honor, *Dr. John Soden, professor, my adult class Sunday School teacher*
exchanged the truth
abandoned heterosexuality
- 1.24,26,28 **God gave them over. . . God gave them over. . . God gave them over**
- 1.27 **receiving due penalty** [of homosexuality], A.I.D.S., 1982
- 1.29-31 "The Terrible 21" sins
- 1.29 **whisperers**, gossip, secretly telling truth or lies, but in a harmful way.
- 1.32 the wicked **have pleasure in [others] that do [wickedly]** **hearty approval**, NASB
see also: Prov 4.16 6.14 Psa 36.4 II Cor 12.20
 Mic 2.1 "can't sleep unless they make others stumble."

THE MORAL MAN CONDEMNED

- 2.15 **Law written on their hearts**, some would call this the conscience, innate universal knowledge of wrong
 All societies discourage: theft, incest, murder, dishonesty, hatred, infidelity, pedophilia, etc. *even though they may practice them, no one feels it makes their society better or stronger.*
- 2.17 THE RELIGIOUS MAN CONDEMNED
- 2.19-22 **guide to the blind** hypocrisy

THE RELIGIOUS MAN CONDEMNED, cont'd

- 3.8 **we be slanderously reported** [that we believe in easy-believe-ism], Have I ever been accused of teaching the simplicity and ease of child-like faith? You betcha! Do I teach that a serial killer can be saved with the same message I deliver to elementary kids week after week in Junior Church? Yes.
see also Rom 6.7 "shall we continue in sin?"
Easy-believe-ism, but not Live-as-you-please-ism.
- * Anybody that adds "lifestyle" to salvation is adding works.
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- 3.10 **there is none righteous, no not one**, If you think you're as good as God wants you to be in order to enter his perfect heaven. . .you've set the bar too low. *see also: 5.12 6.23 Isa 64.6 Gal 3.22 Eccl 7.20*
- 3.11 **none seeks after God** until God reveals truth, Isa 55.6 "seek the Lord while He may be found"
 "He came to seek and save that which was lost" Luke 19.10 *Zacchaeus*
- 3.10-18 quotes from 7 Psalms, 141,53,5,140,10,59, & 36
- 3.18 **no fear of God before their eyes**, make a short list of your personal friends who camp out here.
[I did. Twenty "no fear" neighbors on my street. 6 others are saved, one's not livin' it.]
- 3.23 **come short**, nobody is even close, like swimming across the Atlantic
- 3.20 If the purpose of Moses' Law was to make us live Godly lives, it failed. Law is a mirror. It just shows us the dirt.
- 3.21-24 **BUT NOW**, [THE GREAT NEVERTHELESS], in spite of being bad. . . **all have sinned. . . come short. . . justified FREELY by His grace**
- NOT OF WORKS**, a JW handed me his Bible and said, "Where does it say we don't have to have works to be saved?"
 Nine times in 25 verses Paul says "not of works" [3 paragraphs]
 The context is. . .not of works.
- 3.20 "by works. . .no flesh justified"
- 3.21 "apart from the Law"
- 3.27 "of works? No, but by the law of faith"
- 3.28 "justified by faith apart from the works of the law"

- 4.2 "Abraham justified by works . . .but not before God"
 4.5 "one who does not work . . .but believes."
 4.6 "righteousness apart from works"
 4.11 "believe [without being circumcised, euphemism for keeping God's laws]"
 4.13 "heir. . .not through the Law. . .but. . .by faith"

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Not-of-Works Passage, the most powerful cluster of verses in the Bible

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- 3.28 **justified by faith**, "God's touchstone of the book of Romans." bro. Dean
 3.31 **we establish the law**, my Adventist friends get stuck here. At best, this is an unclear verse. Unclear verses must be explained by clear verses. Find the clear verses.
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Chap 4 = **imputed** [reckon, counted as = same meaning], Psalm 32.2

impute—4.6,8,11,22,23,24 counted as—4.3,5 reckon—4.4,9,9,10 = 12X

- 4.1-13 see "**Not of Works**" discussion at Rom 3.21, the repetitive theme
 4.11 equating **circumcision** as keeping the whole law.
 * I've met folks who seem to equate baptism or "first holy communion" or "confirmation" or infant baptism as a cleansing substitute for faith in Christ. Perhaps you've met them, too.
 4.19 Abraham thought about his birthday candles & her menopause, but **faith** was stronger
 * see booklet, "I Came to Faith in Christ Still a Skeptic." jp
 4.18-25 sermon outline:
 • Redemption from sin
 • Reconciliation for man
 • Propitiation toward God
 • Imputed righteousness forever anon
 4.21 the best 2 working definitions of faith in the Bible, [and by a husband-wife team]
"Being fully persuaded that what He had promised He was able also to perform!"
"Sara. . .judged Him faithful Who had promised!", Heb 11.11

- 5.6,8 **without strength. . .ungodly. . .while we were yet sinners**, the American opinion of salvation is that you "get saved" when you give up enough sin and stop being a sinner.
 5.10 **when [while] we were enemies we were reconciled**, enemies become friends
 5.15 **free gift**, a gift you earn is an oxymoron
gift, 7X, v.15 [2X], v.16 [2X], v.17 & 18 6.23
free, 10X 5.15,16,18 6.7,18,20,22 7.3 8.2,32
 5.20,21 purpose of the **law. . .offense might abound [increase]. . .even so might grace reign**, so Jesus could save us

6 life 10X death 16X slave 9X free 5X raised 3X

6.2 **dead to sin**, dead, died, death, crucified, 20X, many nuances trace them

6.6 **crucified with Him. . .might not serve sin**,

Old Man, I Cor 2.14 II Cor 5.17 Gal 5.16,17 Eph 2.15 4.22-24

Col 3.9-11 John 3.3-8 I John 3.4-6

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6.7 **freedom from sin**, see also vss. 18,20,22,23

7.1-3 marriage is a picture of our eternal security salvation, *married until death of a mate*.

7.2 **dead, died, death, crucified**, 12X

7.4 raised from the dead so that we can **bear fruit for God**,

7.14-23 **sin that dwelleth in me** = Old Nature [*which can never be reformed or fixed, must be born from above, John 3.3*]

8 Scripture is a diamond ring.

Romans is the setting.

Romans 8 is the diamond.

Romans 8.32 is the sparkle on the diamond.

Chapter 8 There is perhaps enough material in this chapter for 25 sermons, but. . . spread it out

8.1-10 There are at least 6 parallels with Galatians 4.3-7

8.2,3 **law of the Spirit of life. . .law of sin & death**,

* airplanes use the "law of lift" to overcome the "law of gravity"

* believers use the laws of spiritual things to overcome laws of sin & death

8.5 **after the flesh. . .after the Spirit**, the believer chooses

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8.6 **carnally minded. . .spiritually minded** [*mind set on the Spirit, NASB*], "Lord, You know this is my heart's desire!

I have covenanted to You my life."

8.15 **Spirit of adoption**, Gal 4.5, see adoption 8.23

8.19,20 **earnest expectation. . .waiting. . .hoping**, [*tiptoe eagerness, maybe today*]

I Cor 1.7

Gal 5.5

Phil 3.20

Heb 4.28

I John 3.2

8.20-23 **redemption of our body**, new bodies at the Rapture

* Phil 3.21 "change our vile body. . .like unto His glorious body"

* I John 3.2 "we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is!"

- I'll never sin again.

* I Cor 15.42-54 II Cor 5.1-5 I Thes 4. 13-18

8.26 **Spirit intercedes. . .with groanings**, see also v. 34, *Jesus intercedes, too*

8.28 This is the "sparkle" in the diamond! **All things**. . .for our good

to them that love God, a conditional promise. This verse doesn't apply to the partially obedient.

John 14.15 "If you love Me. . .keep [*all*] My commandments," *all 600 found in the NT.*

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8.29 **predestinated to be conformed to image of [Jesus]**, so that Jesus could be called the "firstborn"

Friends of mine have incorporated 2 words which tend to confuse: antinomy & paradox [*look 'em up*]

Election is neither paradox nor antimony "tied above the ceiling of our understanding."

- By faith, the means of becoming elected, or selected, or chosen
- Predetermined [*means predestined*] to godliness
- All are drawn toward salvation, many resist, requires humility, John 6.44 12.3
 - * Read these verses as though they were written in plain English.
- We know there are some who "could have believed" if such-and-such had occurred, Matt 11.21
 - * Again, accept a literal interpretation.
 - * This kicks some false teachings in the head.
- Israel was "chosen" but not saved. Being chosen usually means "selected for a particular purpose."
- The grace to be saved has been given to all men, Tit 2.11.

* Once again, accept the simple and literal interpretation. If it takes 5 paragraphs to explain a fairly simple statement, be cautious. No Calvinist explains this simply.

* The idea of “efficacious grace” is not clearly spelled out in any commentary nor Scripture without a long explanation.

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Corporate Election: not Calvinism, not Arminianism, it's God's sovereign decision to use faith as the means of man's salvation

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8.38,39 **nothing...shall separate...love of God**, count them, Phil

Chapters 9-11 **“God is at work in history”**

- God chooses: nations, ethnic groups, individuals, time periods, plagues, kings, families, as well as faith as the vehicle to be saved.
 - 29 of Paul's 93 quotes *[in all of his epistles]* are used here in Romans.
 - God's knowledge does not make anything certain,
or His knowledge of my sin would be causal.
 - Chapter 9 - Israel's Past
Chapter 10 - Israel's Present
Chapter 11 - Israel's Future
- } *it's not too accurate, but it's cute*

9 = National sanctification *[context is not personal salvation]*

- 24 verses pertain to God's independence *[another Word meaning “sovereignty”]*
- God is not accountable to anyone, Isa 55.8,9
- It does not mean that “God always gets His own way.” We already know God's desire is that believers never sin. God's *[perfect will]* is not done. Everything, obviously is in “God's permissive will.”

9.1-3 Paul prays passionately for the salvation of his Jewish nation. see also: Rom 10.1,2, same passion

9.4 **What advantage...has the Jew?**, here are 6 perks

- Adoption
- Glory
- 6 Covenants: Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, New Covenant
 - * some add: priestly, Kingdom, & Palestinian
 - * some elements are bi-lateral, some are conditional upon obedience
- Law
- Temple
- Promises

9.11-13 boys **not yet born**, one chosen to serve the other. This is “biblical election.” Nothing to do with salvation.

* This occurs prior to birth. Both boys chosen. Genesis 27.40

* v.13 “Esau have I hated.” This written 1,500 years after the boys' death,
as commentary on their lives. *Mal 1.2,3*

9.16 **not of him that willeth** *[not depending on man who wills]*, God is actually talking to Moses

9.18 **mercy on whom He will**, for believers His mercy is only guaranteed for the obedient although He also blesses the unbelievers, too, *Matt 5.45*. He's not only a holy God, He's a nice God as well.

He made us in His image. He laughs, enjoys pretty sunsets, enjoys celebrations, He hugs. I've asked Him to give me a great big “man hug” when I arrive in heaven. Find me later. I'll tell you how long He held me.

9.19 **who resists?** Phil resists. It's called sin.

9.24-26 **Jews...not My people...Sons of the living God**, group choice not made concerning their faith but their ethnicity

* chosen, but not all saved

9.27 **Remnant shall be saved**, these are the faithful Hebrews who return to the Promised Land in faith. Hasn't happened yet.

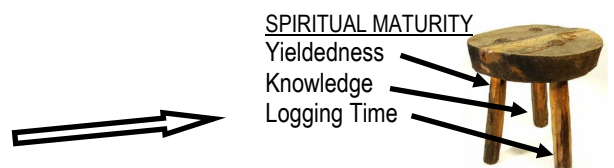
9.30-33 shift in venues, now dividing “people” by Jewish & Gentile. **righteousness which is of faith**, the major theme of the book of Romans.

* Faith makes us elect.

- 10.1,2 **my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel**, pray for the Knesset [*gov't of Israel since 1948*], Benjamin Netanyahu went to high school near my hometown in outskirts of Philly. I've prayed for him for years.
- 10.9 **confess with thy mouth**, confession does not save, praying to receive something does not save, public confession at the front of a church does not save—belief saves, plus nothing.
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 * If you believe Jesus died for your sin in your place—you are saved. If you pray, just thank Him.
 If you didn't do anything except believe—you are saved.
 If you were trusting in your good life to save you before you said those magic words, you are still lost in your sin.
 Praying may help you remember that Jesus saved you but the act of praying is nowhere found in the Bible. The closest wording says "confession is made unto salvation." That just means you told somebody. Rom 10.10 The mute cannot confess with the mouth. It's unnecessary.
 * "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom 10.13
 I was 5 yrs old. My dad led me to the Lord and never told me to call on Jesus.
- 10.15 **how shall they hear without a preacher**: email, internet, TV, radio, postcard, Gideon Bible
- 10.17 **faith comes through hearing**, a figure of speech. Most people believe after they hear the Gospel. Everyone already has placed his/her faith in something: religion, false teaching, philosophy, friend's opinion, mom's agnosticism, idolatry, misreading of the Scripture, persuasive speaker, good works.
 Now they change the object of their faith from good works an place it solely in Jesus Christ.
 * Nothing important about the faith. Object of faith is supremely important.
 * Don't let anybody convince you that God grants a special faith [*or grace*] to certain people.
 There are no clear verses in the Bible that say that.
- hearing by the Word of God**, if they don't hear what the Bible says—they cannot be saved. Nobody just "thinks" his way to God as Thomas a Kempis taught. God cannot save anyone through a dream or flash of light if he has never heard words from the Bible [*yes, maybe paraphrased*].

- 11.1,2 **cast away His [foreknown] people?**, no, God hasn't forsaken them, but most Jews remain unsaved. As an ethnic entity they have been chosen. But that doesn't mean they believe in Jesus.
- 11.12-24 11X **if**, what situation does each if refer to?
- 11.24 **re-grafting** is rather unusual
- 11.25 **blindness in part**, every living Jew has at least heard that some people believe Jesus is the Messiah.
 * Jews have a tremendous head start in coming to faith.
 * see the 6 perks every Jew has , notes at 9.4
- 11.27 **take away their sins**, a strange little figure of speech meaning:
 * Jesus took the punishment for my sin(s)
 * removed my transgressions as far as east is from west, Psa 103.12, infinitely
 * Isa 38.17 God "remembers no more" means "just as if I'd never sinned"
- 11.33 **how unsearchable**, patience, Phil, you'll have a billion years to study it.

- Chapt 12 over 30 exhortations to live holy lives
- 12.1,2 **transformed**, meta+morph = to change form, see also, *II Cor 3.18*
 Only long term commitment leads to spiritual maturity.
- 12.3 **not too think more highly of yourself, Phil**.
Phil 2.3 "esteem others"



- 12.6-8 count the **gifts** mentioned in each chap,
see the 4 other list of gifts: I Cor 12.8-10 12.28-30 Eph 4.11 I Pet 4.10,11
There is no conclusive list! There are 5 lists and none are the same.

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Phil's Official List of 45 Spiritual Gifts NOT MENTIONED in the Bible

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n.b. in this list there are no "sign" or miraculous gifts. Romans was written shortly after I Corinthians.

- 12.7 **wait on our minstering**, like "waiting tables"
- 12.8 **show mercy**, "It may be harder than humility or righteousness." Dave King
- 12.9-21 **let love. . .**, 29 exhortations [commands?], Circle all the verbs.
after the 2 lists in I Cor there is a whole chapter on how to use your spiritual gifts with LOVE.
- 12.9 **abhor that which is evil**, work at it, Phil. I Pet 3.11
- 12.13 **hospitality** = not entertaining or parties. It is just opening your home to strangers, neighbors, dll.
hospitality, **philoxenian φιλοξενιαν** = love strangers, aliens, visitors
- 12.16 **not haughty**, watch out, Phil Myers. You've been confronted with this one.
- 12.17 **no man evil for evil**, I Thes 5.15 "but seek after that which is good"
- 12.19 **revenge not**, but sometimes it feels sooo good. Don't get back or get even.
- 12.21 **overcome evil with good**, not like David toward Nabal, but like Abigail, I Sam 25

- 13.1,2 **whoever resisteth the power** [his own government], It seems this would include England, 1776.
* The Church was not sent to straighten out flawed governments.
* For 300 years not one Christian writer ever supported any military. Why?
- 13.3,4 **rulers** [of one's own gov't], context is not international military.
* The **sword** was the policeman's weapon.
* Context must not be forced to incorporate international aggression, or we'd have to extrapolate this to include vigilantes and "avengers of blood."
* I Pet 2.13, obey your local, state, federal gov'ts
- 13.8-10 **owe no man. . . love**, do I owe any debts of love?
- 13.13 **walk. . . not in. . .**, 6 sins, have I ever dabbled?
- 13.14 **make no provision**, none at all? I Thes 5.22 "abstain from all appearance of evil"

- 14.2 **weak**, omnivores = strong? Vegetarians = weak? Hm-m-m.
- 14.3,4 **despise. . . judge**, doesn't matter who is weak or strong.
- 14.6,7,8 beware of spiteful pride, we belong to each other. Disunity is a sin. We are a Body.
- 14.10 **Judgment Seat of Christ**, II Cor 5.10, These evidently are distributed in heaven.

judgment **bema βεμα** = judges seat, Roman period

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Crowns & Rewards, 5 kinds of crowns

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Acts 18.14 Gallio's
Judge's [bema] seat,
at Corinth



Rom 14.10

These are 18 easiest-to-recognize letters
in the 24-letter Greek alphabet.

α β δ ε γ ι κ λ μ ν ο ω π ρ σ τ υ ς
a b d e g i k l m n o o p r s t u s

Read these letters 3 times.

3 "crutches"

Letter "l" **has** a crutch on its left side

Letter N looks like a "V." It **needs** a crutch on left side to look like an N.

Letter R looks like a "P." **Needs** a crutch on its right side to look like an R.

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14. **whatever is not of faith is sin**, that does not mean that everything you think is right is automatically okay.
I remember doing something and later finding out I shouldn't have. It was a sin.
I Cor 3.12 II Cor 5.10
- 14.21 "When in doubt—cut it out!"
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- 15.1 The burden of love falls on the back of the strong.
- 15.2 **please his neighbor for his good**, Phil 3.2 "esteem others"
Gal 6.1, carry somebody today. I've had people carry me through deep waters on prayers many times.
Thank You, Lord.
- 15.19 **unto Illyricum [Albania] I have preached the Gospel**, Paul evidently made a side trip to Albania.
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- 15.24 **Spain** = 3,000 miles probably on foot
and to be helped on my way there [to Spain], KJV "*to be brought on my way thitherward by you*"
* This part of the letter is the "fund raising" part. Yes, it is okay for those who "live of the Gospel" to expect churches to support them financially. But this was the most explicit comment in 2,342 verses he wrote.
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- 16.5,14,15 = 3 churches Paul had visited in the area around Rome:
aquila & priscilla's house church
S+A+P+H+P+H and the brethren with them
P+J+N+S+O and all the saints with them
- 16.7 **Mark them which cause divisions**, this is no fun
Only 3 reasons for excommunication:
- Heresy
 - Immorality
 - Divisiveness
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- 16 Paul had never been to Rome but he identifies 29 people [26 he knew by name], and says something personal about most of them. None of the names are Jewish. All seem to be Roman Gentiles.