

# ROMANS COLORING BIBLE Chapters 11-16 8x11 ENGLISH SD

## **ROMANS - Coloring Bible**

Every Verse Chpts 11 to 16

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## Israel Rejected? Romans 11:1-10

Has God become so frustrated with the unbelieving Jews that he has canceled all his promises to them? Paul says "No way!"

Background:





Both Elijah and Paul were examples of God giving his grace to Jews - See Acts Chapter 9.

Rom 11:2

God didn't reject his people, whom he foreknew.

Elijah was afraid that all the faithful Jewish followers of God were gone.

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Or don't you know what the Scripture says about Elijah? How he pleads with God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets."

Rom 11:3

"They have broken down your altars. I am left alone, and they seek my life."

But how does God answer him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

Ó 5 0 God still has plans for the Jews... Rom 11:5 Even so too at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. MrMacBible.com

None of us are "good enough" to get to God - but we all need His grace.

And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Rom 11:6



What then? That which Israel seeks for, that he didn't obtain, but the chosen ones obtained it, and the rest were hardened.

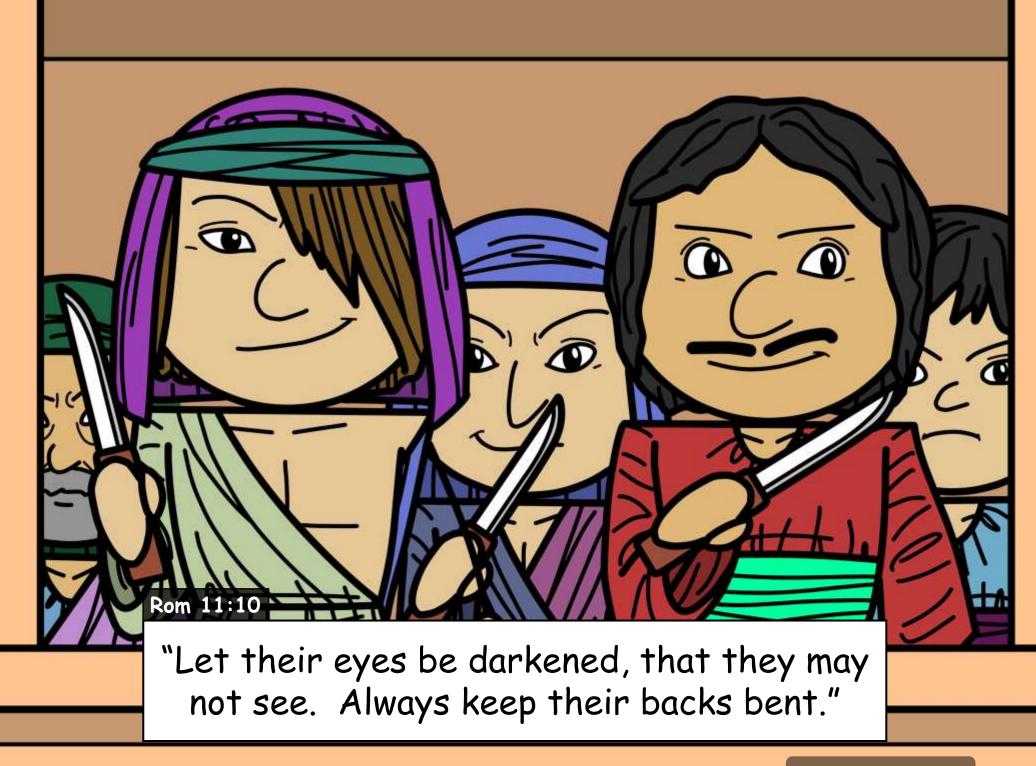
According as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, to this very day."

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David says, "Let their table be made a snare, a trap, a stumbling block, and a retribution to them."



## THINK ABOUT IT... What does it feel like when you try to be "good enough" for God to love you? Have you found His grace? Tell us your story:

### The Fullness Of The Gentiles Romans 11:11-36

Background:

Does it surprise you that so many Jews **don't** believe in their own Jewish Messiah (Christ)? How could God let that happen?

I ask then, did they stumble that they might fall? May it never be!

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But by their fall salvation has come to the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy.

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Now if their fall is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!





For if the rejection of them is the reconciling of the world, what would their acceptance be, but life from the dead?

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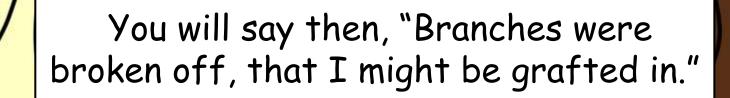
Think of the Jews as the original "**group of living branches**" ... and later God inserted us "non-Jews" into his Jewish branches to make us all one world-wide Church.

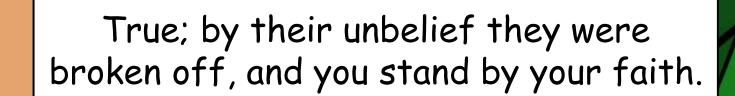
But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in amongst them and became partaker with them of the root and of the richness of the olive tree, don't boast over the branches.

Rom 11:17

But if you boast, remember that it is not you who support the root, but the root supports you.

Rom 11:18 Don't be so quick to kick the Jews out of God's plans. Remember that during the early years of the church all Christians were Jews... and later us "non-Jews" were invited in.





Don't be conceited, but fear; for if God didn't spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

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Rom 11:21

See then the goodness and severity of God. Towards those who fell, severity;

...but towards you, goodness, if you continue in his goodness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

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Rom 11:22

They also, if they don't continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

Rom 11:23

For if you were cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more will these, which are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

For I don't desire you to be ignorant, brothers, of this mystery, so that you won't be wise in your own conceits, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel,





Rom 11:27

This is my covenant with them, when I will take away their sins."

Concerning the Good News, they are enemies for your sake.

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Rom 11:28

But concerning the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake.

Rom 11:28



Since the Jews were disobedient, God turned his Gospel to you the Gentiles!

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For as you in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience,

Rom 11:30

...and by the mercy shone you, God is waking up the Jews to the Gospel.

...even so these also have now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they may also obtain mercy.

Rom 11:31

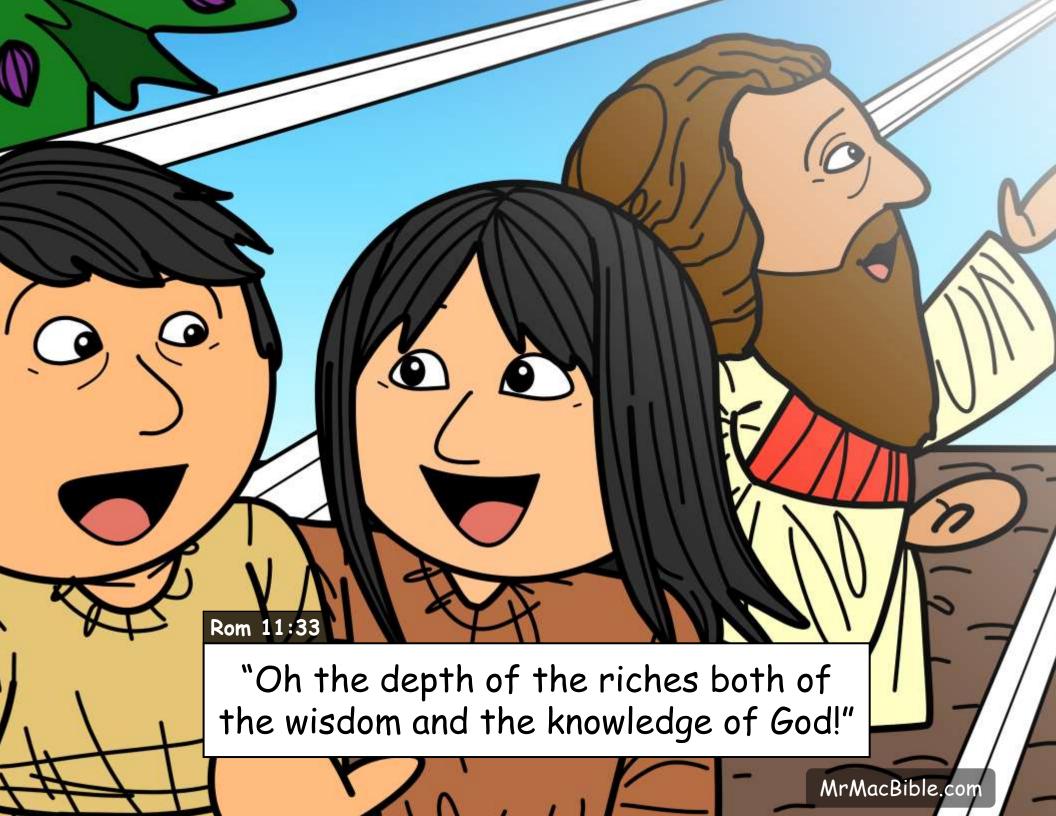
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God knows that no one can be "good enough" to get to God... so he's making his mercy available to all.

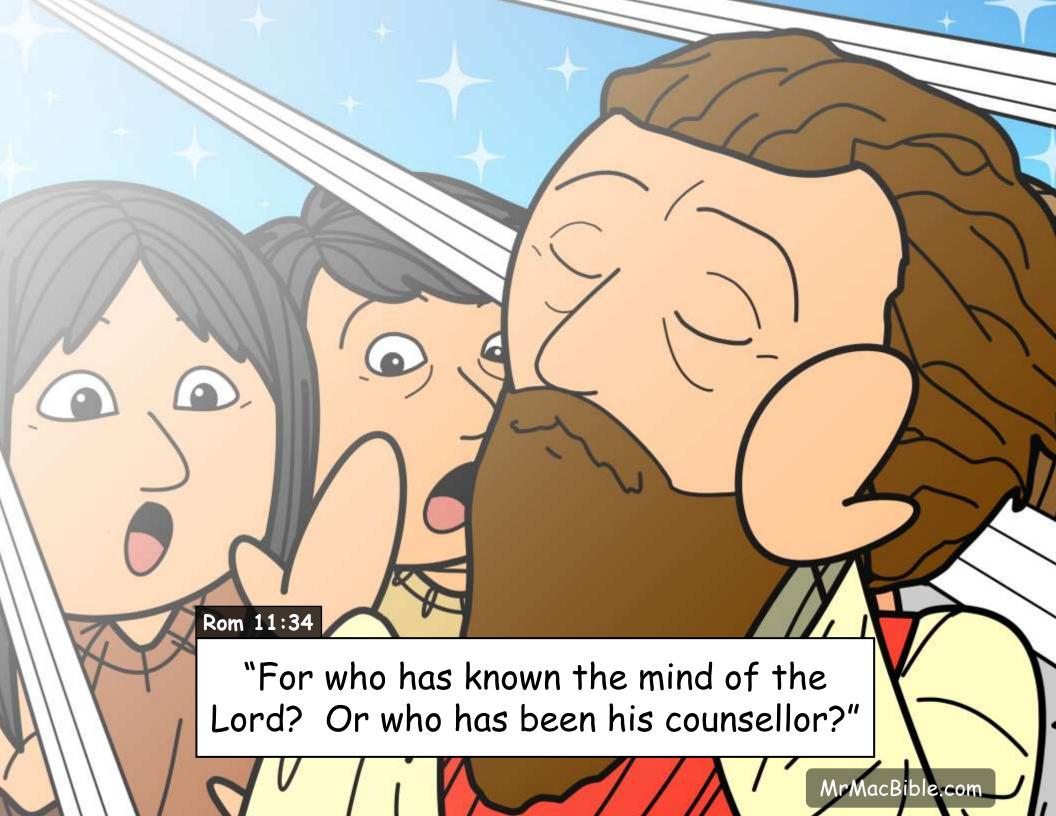
For God has bound all to disobedience, that he might have mercy on all.

Rom 11:32



"How unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past tracing out!"

Rom 11:33



"Or who has first given to him, and it will be repaid to him again?"

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Rom 11:35

Rom 11:36

"For of him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen."

AMEN!

## THINK ABOUT IT... Have you ever talked to a Jewish person about Jesus? Do you know how to "show" them who Jesus is from inside their own Old Testament Bible? Tell us what you're thinking:

After eleven chapters of teaching and explaining the Gospel to us, Paul calls us to put our Christianity into **ACTION!** Are you ready to use your faith openly to glorify God and make Him known?

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A Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1-21

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.

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Rom 12:1

Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.

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Rom 12:2

Rom 12:3

For I say through the grace that was given me, to everyone who is amongst you, not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think;

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Rom 12:3

...but to think reasonably, as God has apportioned to each person a measure of faith.

## Christians putting their faith into action:

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For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members don't have the same function,

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...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another,

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...having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us:

Rom 12:6

...if prophecy, let's prophesy according to the proportion of our faith;

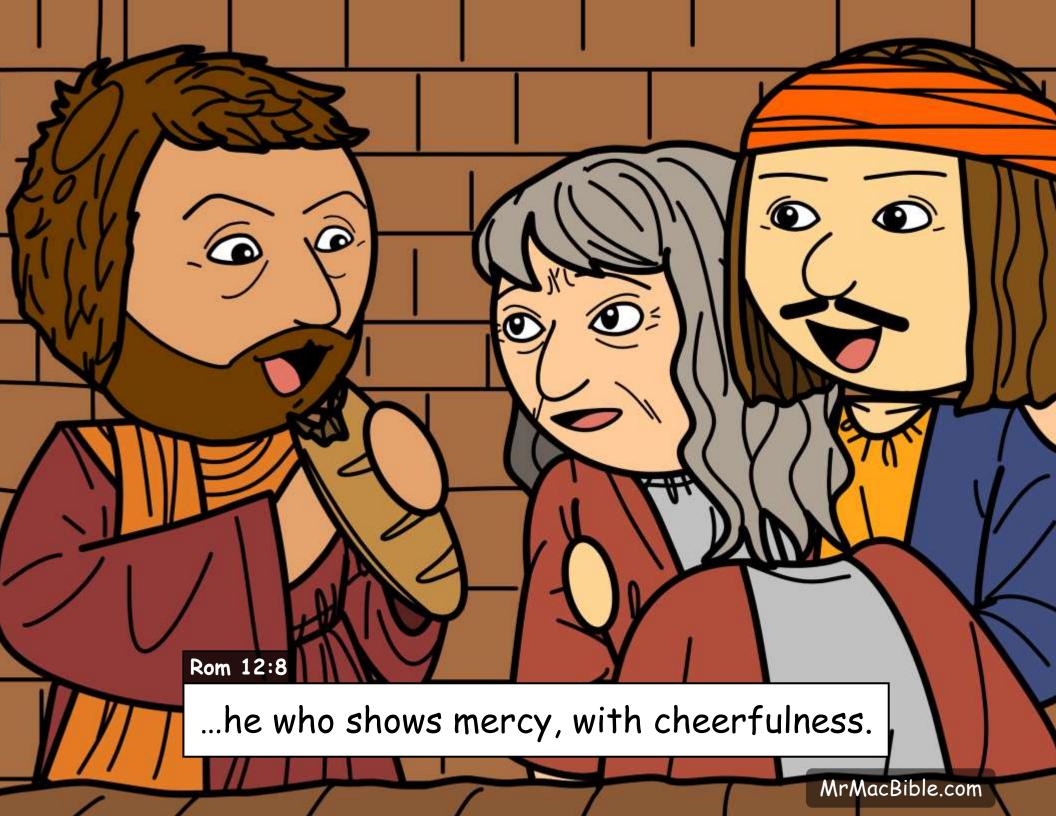
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...or service, let's give ourselves to service; or he who teaches, to his teaching; or he who exhorts, to his exhorting;

Rom 12:7

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.0 0 1 Rom 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil. Cling to that which is good. MrMacBible.com

Rom 12:10

In love of the brothers be tenderly affectionate to one another; in honour prefer one another,





...continuing steadfastly in prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, and given to hospitality.

Rom 12:13

Bless those who persecute you; bless, and don't curse.

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Rom 12:15

Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind one towards another.

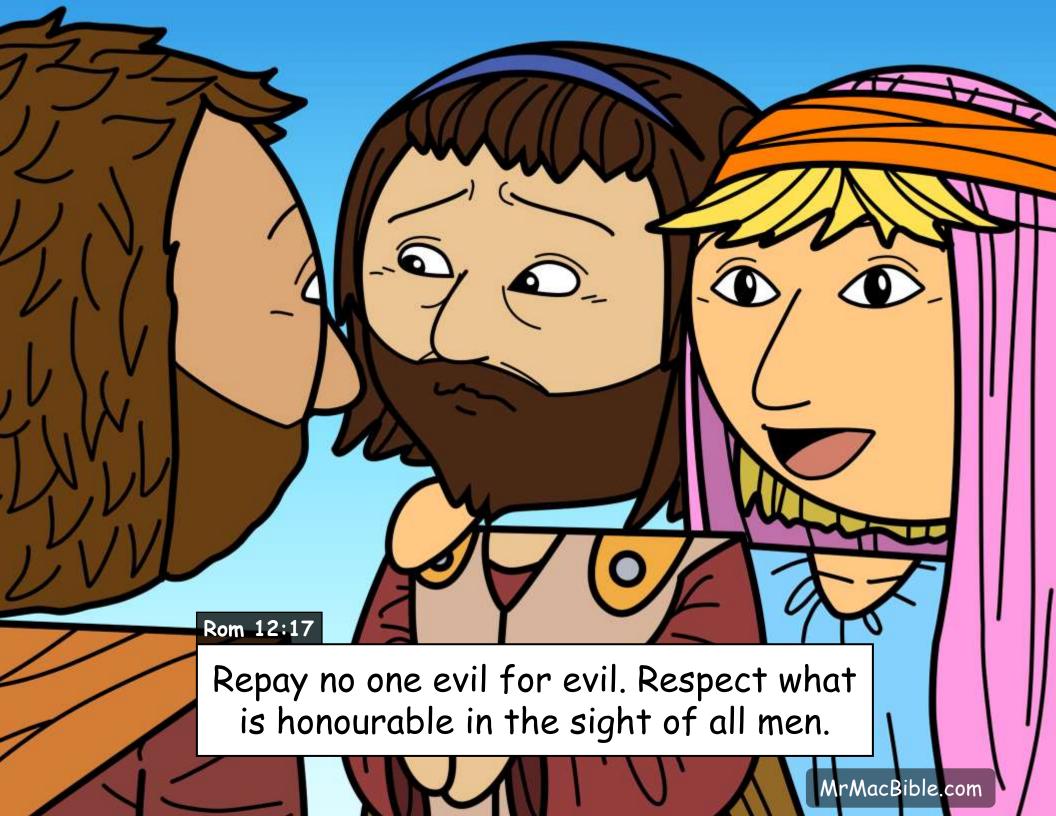
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Rom 12:16

Don't set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Don't be wise in your own conceits.



If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men.

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Rom 12:18





Rom 12:20

Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink;"

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# THINK ABOUT IT... What personal gift has the Lord given you that you can share with other believers in your life? Can you share an example?

### Love Your Neighbor As Yourself Romans 13:1-14

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During the time that Paul was writing this letter to the Romans, the evil Emperor Nero ruled the Roman world. Even with this type of evil government around them, Paul encourages everyone to be good and obedient citizens.

Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those who exist are ordained by God.

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Do you desire to have no fear of the authority? Do that which is good, and you will have praise from the authority, for he is a servant of God to you for good.

But if you do that which is evil, be afraid, for he doesn't bear the sword in vain; for he is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath to him who does evil.

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Therefore you need to be in subjection, not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience' sake.

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For this reason you also pay taxes, for they are servants of God's service, continually doing this very thing.

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Rom 13:6

Therefore give everyone what you owe: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if customs, then customs; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.

Rom 13:7

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law.

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For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder,"

"You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other commandments there are, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."



Do this, knowing the time, that it is already time for you to awaken out of sleep, for salvation is now nearer to us than when we first believed.

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Let's therefore throw off the deeds of darkness, and let's put on the armour of light.



But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.

Rom 13:14

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# THINK ABOUT IT... Do you struggle to obey your government authorities since many of them are dishonest and unfair? What are your thoughts?



Stumbling Blocks Romans 14:1-26

Background:

As Paul and his friends wake together in the courtyard, they break up into teams to shop for food and drink to start their day. Paul will discuss **"how to shop"** for food and drink with the Love Of Christ in your heart.

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Now accept one who is weak in faith, but not for disputes over opinions.

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Rom 14:3

Don't let him who eats despise him who doesn't eat. Don't let him who doesn't eat judge him who eats, for God has accepted him.

Rom 14:4

Who are you who judge another's servant? To his own lord he stands or falls.



One man esteems one day as more important. Another esteems every day alike. Let each man be fully assured in his own mind.

Rom 14:5

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He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it.

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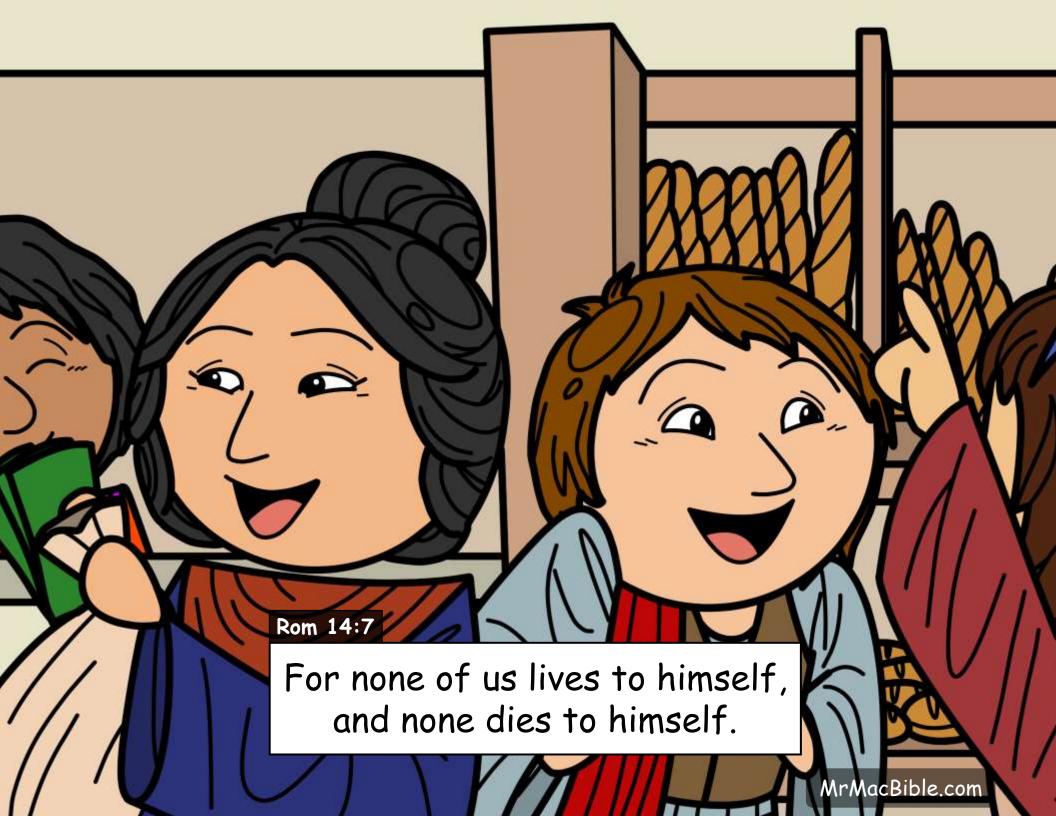
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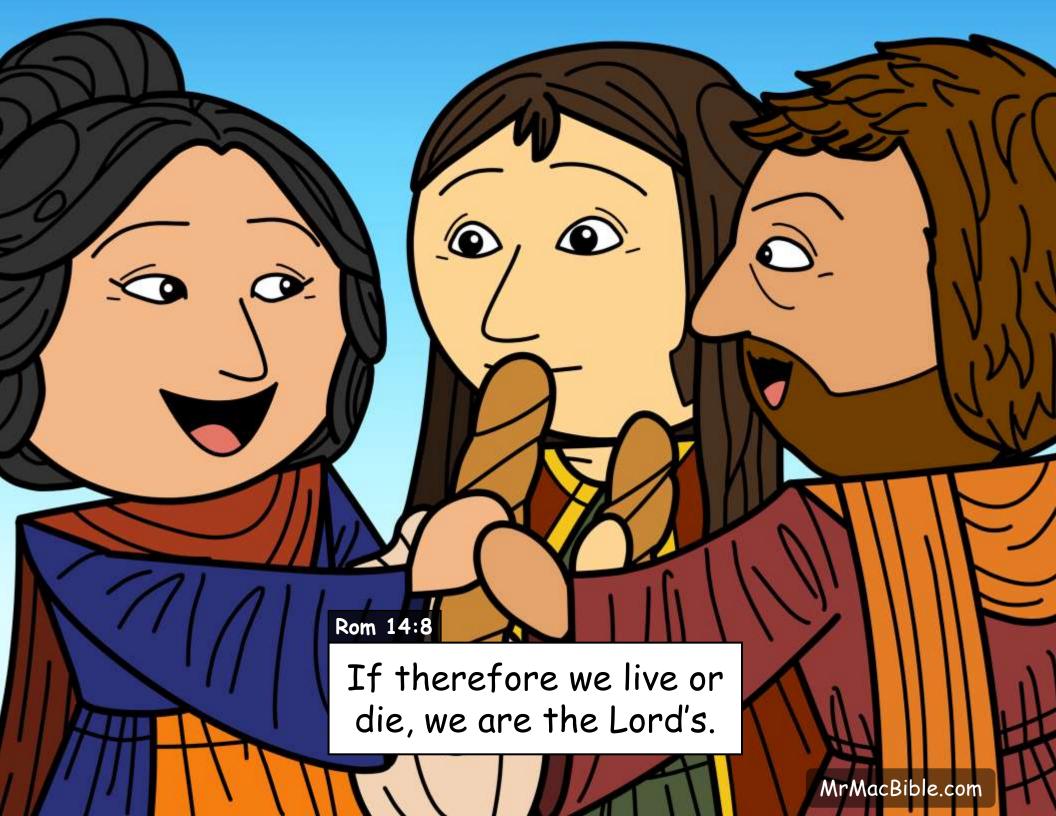


He who doesn't eat, to the Lord he doesn't eat, and gives God thanks.

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Rom 14:8 For if we live, we live to the Lord. Or if we die, we die to the Lord. MrMacBible.com



For to this end Christ died, rose, and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

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But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you despise your brother?



For it is written, "'As I live,' says the Lord, 'to me every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess to God.' "

Rom 14:11

So then each one of us will give account of himself to God.

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Rom 14:12

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Therefore let's not judge one another any more, but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block in his brother's way, or an occasion for falling.

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I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean of itself;

...except that to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

Rom 14:14



Rom 14:15 Don't destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. MrMacBible.com

Then don't let your good be slandered, for God's Kingdom is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

Rom 14:18

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So then, let's follow after things which make for peace, and things by which we may build one another up.

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Don't overthrow God's work for food's sake. All things indeed are clean, however it is evil for that man who creates a stumbling block by eating.

## It is good to not eat meat, drink wine, nor do anything by which your brother stumbles, is offended, or is made weak.

Rom 14:21





But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because it isn't of faith; and whatever is not of faith is sin.

Rom 14:23

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Now to him who is able to establish you according to my Good News and the preaching of Jesus Christ,

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Rom 14:24

...according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret through long ages, but now is revealed,

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...and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known...

Rom 14:25

...made known for obedience of faith to all the nations; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

# THINK ABOUT IT... Have you ever met another Christian who thinks it's a sin to do something that "you" think is ok? Tell us about it:



## Accept One Another Romans 15:1-21

### Background:



Paul encourages us not to "major on the minors" of Christian practice, but to focus everything on encouraging each other and giving out the story of Jesus!

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Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

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Rom 15:1

Let each one of us please his neighbour for that which is good, to be building him up.

Rom 15:2

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...or even Christ didn't please himself. But, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

Rom 15:3

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that through perseverance and through encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

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Rom 15:5

Now the God of perseverance and of encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,

Rom 15:6

...that with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore accept one another, even as Christ also accepted you, to the glory of God.

Rom 15:7

Now I say that Christ has been made a servant of the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm the promises given to the fathers,



As it is written, "Therefore I will give praise to you amongst the Gentiles and sing to your name."

Rom 15:9





Again, Isaiah says, "There will be the root of Jesse, he who arises to rule over the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles will hope."

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Rom 15:12

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Rom 15:13

I myself am also persuaded about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish others.

But I write the more boldly to you in part as reminding you, because of the grace that was given to me by God, that I should be a servant of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles,

...serving as a priest of the Good News of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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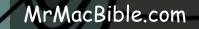
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I have therefore my boasting in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God.

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For I will not dare to speak of any things except those which Christ worked through me for the obedience of the Gentiles,





...so that from Jerusalem and around as far as to Illyricum, I have fully preached the Good News of Christ;

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...yes, making it my aim to preach the Good News, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build on another's foundation.

Rom 15:20

But, as it is written, "They will see, to whom no news of him came. They who haven't heard will understand."

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Rom 15:21

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# THINK ABOUT IT ...

Since you've been following the Lord, can you think of a time that God used y<u>ou</u> to help or encourage someone? Tell us y<u>our</u> story:

I will come to you. Romans 15:22-33

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called To be an apostle, set apart for the Good News of God, which he promised before through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, Who was born of the offspring of David according to the flesh, who was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

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It's late and Paul is sitting at the desk in Lydia's spare room. He's writing to the believers in Rome...

Therefore also I was hindered these many times from coming to you,

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...but now, no longer having any place in these regions, and having these many years a longing to come to you, whenever I travel to Spain, I will come to you.



Rom 15:25 But now, I say, I am going to Jerusalem, serving the saints.

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For it has been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor amongst the saints who are at Jerusalem.



For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, they owe it to them also to serve them in material things.

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Paul would later head toward Spain as a prisoner of Rome!

Rom 15:28

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When therefore I have accomplished this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will go on by way of you to Spain.

I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of the Good News of Christ.

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Rom 15:29

Now I beg you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

Rom 15:30

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...that I may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea,

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...and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

Rom 15:31

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...that I may come to you in joy through the will of God, and together with you, find rest.

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## THINK ABOUT IT ...

If you could travel with your family and have a "great adventure" serving the Lord together with your gifts, where would you want to go?

## God Will Crush Satan Romans 16:1-24

Background:

Paul will close his letter to the church in Rome by recommending Phoebe to them, since she will be delivering the copies of the Book of Romans to the church.

I commend to you Phoebe, our sister, who is a servant of the assembly that is at Cenchreae, that you receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints,

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Rom 16:1

...and that you assist her in whatever matter she may need from you, for she herself also has been a helper of many, and of my own self.

Rom 16:2

Rom 16:3-4

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Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the assemblies of the Gentiles.

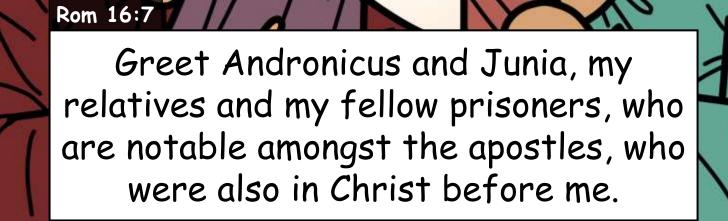
Greet the assembly that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first fruits of Achaia to Christ.

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0 Rom 16:6 Greet Mary, who laboured much for us. MrMacBible.com







Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodion, my kinsman.

Rom 16:10

Greet them of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord.

Rom 16:12

Greet Persis, the beloved, who laboured much in the Lord. Greet Rufus, the chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

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Rom 16:13

Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them.

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Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

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Greet one another with a holy kiss. The assemblies of Christ greet you.

Now I beg you, brothers, look out for those who are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which you learnt, and turn away from them.

For those who are such don't serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly;

Rom 16:18

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For your obedience has become known to all. I rejoice therefore over you.

Rom 16:19

But I desire to have you wise in that which is good, but innocent in that which is evil.

Rom 16:19



The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you, as do Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives.

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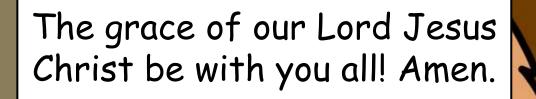
I, Tertius, who write the letter, greet you in the Lord. Gaius, my host and host of the whole assembly, greets you.

Rom 16:22

Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, as does Quartus, the brother.

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Rom 16:23



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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Romans 11:1-14** I ask then, did God reject his people? May it never be! For I also am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God didn't reject his people, whom he foreknew. Or don't you know what the Scripture says about Elijah? How he pleads with God against Israel:

3 "Lord, they have killed your prophets. They have broken down your altars. I am left alone, and they seek my life."

4 But how does God answer him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

5 Even so too at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

7 What then? That which Israel seeks for, that he didn't obtain, but the chosen

... ones obtained it, and the rest were hardened.

8 According as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, to this very day."

9 David says, "Let their table be made a snare, a trap, a stumbling block, and a retribution to them.

10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see. Always keep their backs bent."

11 I ask then, did they stumble that they might fall? May it never be! But by their fall salvation has come to the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy.

12 Now if their fall is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

13 For I speak to you who are Gentiles. Since then as I am an apostle to Gentiles, I glorify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh, and may save some of them. **Rom 11:15-28** 15 For if the rejection of them is the reconciling of the world, what would their acceptance be, but life from the dead?

16 If the first fruit is holy, so is the lump. If the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in amongst them and became partaker with them of the root and of the richness of the olive tree, 18 don't boast over the branches. But if you boast, remember that it is not you who support the root, but the root supports you.

19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in."

20 True; by their unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by your faith. Don't be conceited, but fear;

21 for if God didn't spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

22 See then the goodness and severity of God. Towards those who fell, severity; ...but towards you, goodness, if you continue in his goodness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

23 They also, if they don't continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more will these, which are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I don't desire you to be ignorant, brothers, of this mystery, so that you won't be wise in your own conceits, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in, 26 and so all Israel will be saved. Even as it is written,

"There will come out of Zion the Deliverer, and he will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

27 This is my covenant with them, when I will take away their sins."

28 Concerning the Good News, they are enemies for your sake.

**Rom 11:28-12:6** But concerning the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake.

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

30 For as you in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they may also obtain mercy.

32 For God has bound all to disobedience, that he might have mercy on all.

33 Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past tracing out!

34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?"

35 "Or who has first given to him, and it will be repaid to him again?"

36 For of him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen. **12:1** Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.

2 Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.

3 For I say through the grace that was given me, to everyone who is amongst you, not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think; but to think reasonably, as God has apportioned to each person a measure of faith.

4 For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members don't have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another,

6 ...having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us: if prophecy, let's prophesy according to the proportion of our faith; **Rom 12:7-13:2** ... or service, let's give ourselves to service; or he who teaches, to his teaching;

8 or he who exhorts, to his exhorting; he who gives, let him do it with generosity; he who rules, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil. Cling to that which is good.

10 In love of the brothers be tenderly affectionate to one another; in honour prefer one another, 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord,

12 ...rejoicing in hope, enduring in troubles, continuing steadfastly in prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, and given to hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless, and don't curse.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep.

16 Be of the same mind one towards another. Don't set your mind on high

...things, but associate with the humble. Don't be wise in your own conceits.

17 Repay no one evil for evil. Respect what is honourable in the sight of all men.

18 If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men.

19 Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord."

20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in doing so, you will heap coals of fire on his head."

21 Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**13:1** Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those who exist are ordained by God.

2 Therefore he who resists the authority withstands the ordinance of God; and those who withstand will receive to themselves judgement. **Rom 13:3-14:1** For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. Do you desire to have no fear of the authority? Do that which is good, and you will have praise from the authority,

4 for he is a servant of God to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, be afraid, for he doesn't bear the sword in vain; for he is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath to him who does evil.

5 Therefore you need to be in subjection, not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience' sake.

6 For this reason you also pay taxes, for they are servants of God's service, continually doing this very thing.

7 Therefore give everyone what you owe: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if customs, then customs; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law.

9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other commandments there are, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

10 Love doesn't harm a neighbour. Love therefore is the fulfilment of the law.

11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already time for you to awaken out of sleep, for salvation is now nearer to us than when we first believed.

12 The night is far gone, and the day is near. Let's therefore throw off the deeds of darkness, and let's put on the armour of light.

13 Let's walk properly, as in the day; not in revelling and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and lustful acts, and not in strife and jealousy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.

**14:1** Now accept one who is weak in faith, but not for disputes over opinions.

Rom 14:2-14 One man has faith to eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

3 Don't let him who eats despise him who doesn't eat. Don't let him who doesn't eat judge him who eats, for God has accepted him.

4 Who are you who judge another's servant? To his own lord he stands or falls. Yes, he will be made to stand, for God has power to make him stand.

5 One man esteems one day as more important. Another esteems every day alike. Let each man be fully assured in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks. He who doesn't eat, to the Lord he doesn't eat, and gives God thanks.

7 For none of us lives to himself, and none dies to himself.

8 For if we live, we live to the Lord.

...Or if we die, we die to the Lord. If therefore we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ died, rose, and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, " 'As I live,' says the Lord, 'to me every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess to God.' "

12 So then each one of us will give account of himself to God.

13 Therefore let's not judge one another any more, but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block in his brother's way, or an occasion for falling.

14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean of itself; except that to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. **Rom 14:15-15:3** Yet if because of food your brother is grieved, you walk no longer in love. Don't destroy with your food him for whom Christ died.

16 Then don't let your good be slandered, 17 for God's Kingdom is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

19 So then, let's follow after things which make for peace, and things by which we may build one another up.

20 Don't overthrow God's work for food's sake. All things indeed are clean, however it is evil for that man who creates a stumbling block by eating.

21 It is good to not eat meat, drink wine, nor do anything by which your brother stumbles, is offended, or is made weak.

22 Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who doesn't judge himself in that which he approves. 23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because it isn't of faith; and whatever is not of faith is sin.

24 Now to him who is able to establish you according to my Good News and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret through long ages,

25 but now is revealed, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known for obedience of faith to all the nations;

26 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

15:1 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let each one of us please his neighbour for that which is good, to be building him up.

3 For even Christ didn't please himself. But, as it is written, **Rom 15:3–16** "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that through perseverance and through encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

5 Now the God of perseverance and of encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, 6 that with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Therefore accept one another, even as Christ also accepted you, to the glory of God.

8 Now I say that Christ has been made a servant of the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm the promises given to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will give praise to you amongst the Gentiles and sing to your name." 10 Again he says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

11 Again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Let all the peoples praise him."

12 Again, Isaiah says, "There will be the root of Jesse, he who arises to rule over the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles will hope."

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

14 I myself am also persuaded about you, my brothers,† that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish others.

15 But I write the more boldly to you in part as reminding you, because of the grace that was given to me by God,

16 that I should be a servant of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, serving as a priest of the Good News of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. **Rom 15:17-29** 17 I have therefore my boasting in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any things except those which Christ worked through me for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deed,

19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of God's Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and around as far as to Illyricum, I have fully preached the Good News of Christ;

20 yes, making it my aim to preach the Good News, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build on another's foundation.

21 But, as it is written, "They will see, to whom no news of him came. They who haven't heard will understand."

22 Therefore also I was hindered these many times from coming to you,

23 but now, no longer having any place in these regions, and having these many years a longing to come to you, 24 whenever I travel to Spain, I will come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.

25 But now, I say, I am going to Jerusalem, serving the saints.

26 For it has been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor amongst the saints who are at Jerusalem.

27 Yes, it has been their good pleasure, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, they owe it to them also to serve them in material things.

28 When therefore I have accomplished this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will go on by way of you to Spain.

29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of the Good News of Christ. **Rom 15:30-16:13** Now I beg you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, 31 that I may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

32 that I may come to you in joy through the will of God, and together with you, find rest.

33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

**16:1** I commend to you Phoebe, our sister, who is a servant of the assembly that is at Cenchreae,

2 that you receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and that you assist her in whatever matter she may need from you, for she herself also has been a helper of many, and of my own self.

3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not ...only I give thanks, but also all the assemblies of the Gentiles.

5 Greet the assembly that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first fruits of Achaia to Christ.

6 Greet Mary, who laboured much for us. 7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and my fellow prisoners, who are notable amongst the apostles, who were also in Christ before me.

8 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

10 Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

11 Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet them of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.

12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Greet Persis, the beloved, who laboured much in the Lord.

13 Greet Rufus, the chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

**Rom 16:14-24** 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers† who are with them.

15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. The assemblies of Christ greet you.

17 Now I beg you, brothers, look out for those who are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which you learnt, and turn away from them.

18 For those who are such don't serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the innocent.

19 For your obedience has become known to all. I rejoice therefore over you. But I desire to have you wise in that which is good, but innocent in that which is evil.

20 And the God of peace will quickly crush Satan under your feet.

...The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

21 Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you, as do Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives.

22 I, Tertius, who write the letter, greet you in the Lord.

23 Gaius, my host and host of the whole assembly, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, as does Quartus, the brother.

24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

Amen.