

Romans Chapter 13

v.9 “Thou shalt **love** thy neighbour as thyself.” = Cp. Gal. 6:10; and love God by obeying Him (Matt. 22:37-40; John 14:15,23).

v.13 “Let us **walk** honestly.” = Cp. 8:1; 1 John 1:7. Doing right.

v.14 “But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.” = Cp. 6:3,4; Gal. 3:26,27.

Romans Chapter 14

v.12 “So then every one of us **shall give account of himself to God**.” = Judged according to our works, cp. 2:6; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25; Rev. 20:12,13; 22:12, etc. “Faith only” is of Satan! Not God.

Romans Chapter 15

v.18 “for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deed.” = Obedience is shown to be essential throughout the Bible.

Romans Chapter 16

v.19 “For your **obedience** is come abroad unto all *men*.”

v.26 “made known to all nations for the **obedience** of faith:” = Bible faith is a work: “Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent” (John 6:29). Faith which pleases God is faith which expresses itself in humble and **unquestioning obedience** to the will of the Lord (cp. Abraham Gen. 22; Heb. 11). Cp. “**the work of faith** with power:” (2 Thess. 1:11)

Conclusion: The faith which pleases God is a working, moving, obedient faith (cp. Heb. 11; Gal. 5:6, etc.); “righteousness which is by faith” (Heb. 11:7). Friend, never forget: “he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” (Acts 10:34,35) and that “all [His] commandments *are* righteousness” (Psa. 119:172).

It is extremely clear that “faith only” is a damnable system: “In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother”(1 John 3:10). “Faith only” says you are saved without obeying God, but God never says that!!! No man can get around these things; they will meet us in the Judgment (Rev. 20:12).

We hope and pray that you will have the kind of heart and the kind of faith God wants us to have and yes, requires us to have. If we do, we would not quibble about what God would have us to do. Rather, we would gladly accept His Word in all things: “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:...” (Acts 2:41). ♥



“Hold fast the form of sound words”

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(II Tim. 1:13 cp. Tit. 1:9; Jude 3)

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The Kind Of Faith God Requires (part 4)

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It is indeed strange how some use the book of Romans to try and find support for **man’s invented doctrine of “faith only.”** Of course, it is futile to try to use any part of the Bible to support such a doctrine. Let us look at Romans and see the kind of faith that is spoken of in that book from Him who gave us the whole Bible by inspiration (2 Tim. 3:16,17). Please read the context and know that many other verses could be used and a great many other verses in other books of the Bible. My brief comments are made after the = symbol and references to other books of the Bible on the same matter showing the great harmony of God’s Word – much more could be added.

Romans Chapter One

v.1 “Paul, a **servant**” = Faith moved him to obey (cp. Heb. 11).

v.5 “for **obedience to the faith** among all nations” = The faith is a system (Acts 24:24) to be obeyed, not simply believed. There are many examples of this: Acts 6:7; Mark 16:16 cp. 2 Thess. 1:8; Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9, etc.

v.8 “**your faith is spoken of** throughout the whole world.” = The Romans certainly did not have a dead faith, i.e., “faith only (FO).” Their faith could be seen! “For your **obedience** is come abroad unto all *men*” (Rom. 16:19). And to think that people go to Romans for FO.

v.9 “For God is my witness, whom I **serve**...” = Not believe only.

v.10 “**Making request**” = Paul’s faith moved him to pray.

v.16 “**gospel** of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation” = The gospel **must** be obeyed (Mark 16:15,16 cp. 2 Thess. 1:8).

v.17 “The just shall live by **faith**.” = Be alive, not dead faith.

v.18 “**truth**” = Is to be obeyed (1 Pet. 1:22,23; 2 Thess. 1:8; Heb. 5:9).

v.21 “**glorified**” = It takes an active faith to glorify God (Matt. 5:16).

Romans Chapter 2

v.6 “Who will render to every man according to his **deeds**.” = Cp. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25; Rev. 20:12,13; 22:12, etc.

v.7 “**continuance in well doing**” = God has much to say about doing His will and maintaining good works (Matt. 5:16; Eph. 2:10; 1 Tim. 2:10; 5:10; 6:18; 2 Tim. 3:17; Titus 2:7,14; 3:8,14).

v.8 “But unto them that are contentious, and **do not obey the truth**” = 2 Thess. 1:8 cp. Acts 6:7 “were obedient to the faith.”

v.10” But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that **worketh** good.”

v.13 “not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the **doers** of the law shall be justified.” = The same has been true in every system of God and is true under the Law of Christ which all people are under today (James 1:21-25; Rom. 8:1; 6:16-18; Matt. 7:21-23).

v.15 “Which shew the **work** of the law written in their **hearts**” = Is thy heart right with God? Note verses pertaining to the Christian Age: Luke 8:15; Matt. 12:35; Acts 2:37-41; Rom. 8:1; 6:16-18; Eph. 6:6).

Romans Chapter 3

v.12 “there is none that doeth good.” = It is most obvious throughout the Bible that God expects man to do good: “Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times” (Psa. 106:3); “My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness” (Psa. 119:172); “If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him” (1 John 2:29); “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous” (1 John 3:7).

v.24-26 “To declare, *I say*, at this time his [God’s] righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth **in** Jesus.” = There is only one way of entering **into** Christ: baptism (Rom. 6:3,4).

Romans Chapter 4

v.12 “who also **walk** in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham” = The Scripture show us that all who are of that true faith are obedient unto God (Heb. 11, etc.). Abraham certainly was obedient. Many claim to be saved and therefore of Abraham, but see what Jesus said to those of His time who made such claims: “They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were

Abraham’s children, ye would do the works of Abraham” (John 8:39), i.e., they would obey God out of pure love, faith, and trust.

Romans Chapter 5

v.1 “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” = One is only “justified by faith” when he obeys that faith (Rom. 1:5; 16:26; Acts 6:7; Heb. 5:9).

Romans Chapter 6

v.4 “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk** in newness of life.” Baptism is essential to our salvation and then we must walk according to God’s will (1 John 1:7).

v.17 “ye have **obeyed** from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. ¹⁸Being then made free from sin, ye became the **servants** of righteousness.” = This is how it must be for all who will be saved. That “form of doctrine” is a reference to baptism. Send for more information on this.

v. 22 “But now being made free from sin, and become **servants** to God, ye have your **fruit** unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.” = Fruit is born by doing, never by “faith only” (cp. John 15:1-15).

Romans Chapter 7

v.6 “But now we are delivered from the law [of Moses], that being dead wherein we were held; that we should **serve** in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter. = Cp. Eph. 6:6.

Romans Chapter 8

v.1 “no condemnation... **in** Christ” = There is only one way of entering **into** Christ: baptism (Rom. 6:3,4; Gal. 3:27; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

Romans Chapter 12

v.1 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a **living** sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable **service**.” = Not dead, i.e., “faith only.”

v.21 “Be not overcome of evil, but **overcome** evil with good.” = One must “overcome” evil and the world through Christ by doing His will in order to be saved eternally (1 John 2:13,14; 4:4; 5:4; Rev. 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21; 21:7). Friends, no one can overcome by “faith alone.”