

New Testament

ROMANS

Greek Exegesis

Lesson 30
Romans 8:5-11

I The Introduction Romans 1:1-17

II The Doctrine of the Christian Faith Romans 1:18 - 11:36

Romans 1:18 - 3:20

The Indictment: The Doctrine of Condemnation

Romans 3:21 - 5:21

The Imputation: The Doctrine of Justification

Romans 6:1 - 8:39

The Impartation: The Doctrine of Sanctification

The Four Spiritual Laws of the Believer

Law One

Romans 6:1 - 7:12 The Law of God

It's purpose: Not meant to produce life but to make sin known

Laws Two and Three

Romans 7:13-25 The Law of Sin

The Law of the Mind

Law Four

Romans 8:1-39 The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus

Understanding
the Phases
of Christian Growth

PHASE I

**The characteristic of this first phase
is carnality or fleshiness.**

I Corinthians 3:1

And I, brothers, was not able to speak to you as to spiritual *ones*,
but as to fleshy *ones*, as to babes in Christ.

Some of the theological, or belief, systems are known as:

Baptist

Methodist

Presbyterian

Lutheran

Fundamentalist

Pentecostal

Charismatic

Calvinism

Arminianism

Independent

I Corinthians 1:12-13

12) Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," and "I *am* of Apollos," and "I *am* of Cephas," and "I *am* of Christ."

13) Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified on behalf of you was he? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul?

I Corinthians 3:1-4

- 1) And I, brothers, was not able to speak to you as to spiritual *ones*, but as to fleshy *ones*, as to babes in Christ.
- 2) I gave you milk to drink, and not solid food, for you were not yet able, but neither yet now are you able.
- 3) For you are yet fleshly. For where among you *is* jealousy, and strife, and divisions, are you not fleshly and *are you not* walking according to man?
- 4) For whenever anyone should say, "I indeed am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos;" are you not fleshly?

Hebrews 6:1-3

- 1) On account of which, after having left the word of the beginning of Christ, we should be carried on to maturity, not laying down again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith upon God,
- 2) of baptisms, of doctrine, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of dead *ones*, and of eternal judgment.
- 3) And this we will do, if indeed God should permit.

PHASE II

**The characteristic of this second phase
is awareness.**

I Corinthians 2:7-14

7) But we speak *the* wisdom of God which has been hidden in a mystery, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory,

8) which not one of the rulers of this age has known. For if they knew, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

9) but according as it has been written, “What things *an* eye did not see, and *an* ear did not hear,” and did not come up upon *the* heart of man, which *things* God prepared for the *ones* loving Him.

10) But God revealed *them* to us through His Spirit, for the Spirit is searching all things, even the depths of God.

11) For who of men knows the things of the man, except the spirit of the man which is in him? In this way also the things of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God.

I Corinthians 2:7-14 (continued)

12) But we ourselves did not receive the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from out of God, in order that we might know the things having been graced to us by God.

13) Which things we are also speaking, not in words taught of human wisdom, but in *words* taught of *the* Holy Spirit, comparing spiritual *things* by spiritual *words*.

14) Now *a* natural man does not receive the things of *the* Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to know *them*, because they are being spiritually discerned.

This phase is characterized by the awareness that the Bible is teaching two things:

the ability and glory of the Lord

the inability and corruption of man

Even though a believer will eventually see and know this from the Bible, the implications of these truths are not realized until Phase III.

Phase II believers constantly commit what is called *crossover*.

Crossover takes place when a believer confesses and admits to the total ability of God's Spirit to do God's work but then continues to believe and promote that man must do the things of God by his own human effort.

PHASE III

**The characteristic of this third phase
is breakthrough.**

**In this phase - by the revelation of God's Spirit -
a breakthrough takes place when the whole truth
about God's ability and man's ability is fully realized.**















Remember, there are two primary teachings in the Bible.

**The Bible presents and promotes the ability and glory of God
and it presents and promotes the inability and corruption of man.**

John 3:6

That which has been produced from out of the flesh is flesh,
and that which has been produced from out of the Spirit is spirit.

Paul understood this when he said in Romans 7:18,

"For I know that in me, that is in my flesh, is dwelling no good *thing*. For to will is present with me, to fully work out that *which is* right, I do not find."

The second key to understanding the Commission and commands of the Lord is found in Ezekiel 36:24-27.

The Lord promised his people:

Ezekiel 36:24-27

24) And I will have taken you from the nations and I will have gathered you from all the countries and will have brought you to your land.

25) And I will have sprinkled upon you clean water, and you shall become clean. and you will have become clean from all your uncleanness and I will cleanse you from all your idols.

26) And I will have given to you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will have removed the heart of stone from out of your flesh, and I will given to you a heart of flesh.

27) And I will put My Spirit within you and I will have caused you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do *them*.

All of this goes back to the basic teaching by Jesus for those who desire to follow Him. Jesus said,

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone is desiring to come after Me, let him deny himself, and let him take up his cross, and let him follow Me."

Man's response to the command of the Lord should be to say with Paul, "I desire to obey but I do not find in my human ability the way to obey, since I can only produce flesh and not Spirit."

A Christian cannot be a true representative of the truth of God's Word until he or she has reached a point when these two primary teachings of Scripture are realized and applied to every verse and teaching in the Bible.

Again, the two primary teachings in the Bible are:

The Bible presents and promotes the ability and glory of God and it presents and promotes the inability and corruption of man.

THE CONCEPT

I John 4:7-8

7 Beloved, we should love one another, because the love is from out of God, and every one loving has been born from out of God, and is knowing God.

8 The one not loving did not know God, because God is love.

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith,

Romans 5:5

And the hope does not make ashamed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through *the* Holy Spirit, who has been given to us;

THE COMMAND

Matthew 22:37-39

37) And Jesus said to him, "You shall love *the* Lord your God in all your heart, and in all your soul, and in all your mind."

38) This is the first and great commandment.

39) And the second *is* like to it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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