

Transcript – Bible Study – Romans Chapter 1

And like we were saying with the Apostle Paul, you know we have to ask the questions, who is he writing to? Why is he writing? We went into this last week, I'm not going to rehash it so much when we were going over Romans 1 but you know really when you think about it, I think most Christians, I know when you come into the truth, even the idea of **bringing a Bible to service is not something that is normal in most churches**. There is one fellow who has a really big church in Texas and every time his service starts, he waves the Bible and says the Bible is my word and da-da-da and then he puts it down and never opens the Bible.

And they all sit in their seats like this, like, "Why did you bring that?"

Yeah, exactly but here it is we do bring our Bibles. So most of these sermons are basically 20-30 minutes sermons based on one scripture here, one scripture here. But it really is great when you can take something like **Romans and read it as a letter** because that's what it was. It was a letter; it wasn't broken down in verse 1, chapter 1 with all these things. It was a letter to people, you know, of something going on. So here it is, like we said, we look at this letter to Romans and Paul starts out. You know, *Paul a slave of Yahshua Messiah, called apostle*, da-da-da and then as he is going on here, he's telling them how much he appreciates them and look at verse 11.

Rom 1:11 *For I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to you ...* and they are always in his prayers and he heard about their faith. So the way this starts out is "Boy, I want to meet this Roman congregation!" You know, this **congregation is solid, they're believers**. We know from other things in here that many of them are Israelite. You know there are probably some Gentiles mixed in but clearly we know that many are Israelites, as we went into because he talks about this.

And then after he gives this great introduction, kind of from nowhere he starts talking about all of these people that the evolution part, you know in verse 22, **Rom 1:22-23** *Professing to be wise, they became as fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible Elohim into a likeness of an image of a corruptible man*. And then it just **gets worse** (homosexuality, all of these things, fornication, unrighteousness, malice, envy, murder, quarrels, deceit) and by the end of this first chapter, you're sitting here thinking. You know and then what does he say?

Rom 1:32 *who knowing the righteous judgment of YAHWEH, that those practicing such things He condemns to death, not only do they do them, but they also **associate with those who practice them** ...* So it's kind of like by the time you're done with chapter 1, you're seeing this really really good congregation, these solid believers, and then he's talking "Oh, you have to live among all of these evil people." But then when we start chapter 2, he says ... **Rom 2:1** *Therefore, O man, you are without excuse, everyone who judges, for in that in which you judge the other, **you condemn yourself**; for you, those judging, practice the same things*.

So wow, **what a turn in the letter!** You know, what a turn in the letter to start this letter; praising these people, saying he's heard of their faith, telling them he couldn't wait to get to them, then telling how bad the people are around them. Now over here, he's telling them, "You're judging those other people and you're worse because you do the same thing." So here is where we are starting to see the crux of the letter; we're seeing what the problem is. And what **the problem is is self-righteousness**. You know there's self-righteousness.

Now these people, like I said, the book does change as we get passed chapter 8, you know of Romans. But **the first 5 chapters is almost exclusively on justification through the blood of Yahshua**. So it tells you something. They didn't understand it; not that they didn't believe it but **they didn't understand it**. And then he goes into chapter 6 and chapter 7 and chapter 8 saying, "But now that you understand justification by the blood of Yahshua that doesn't mean it does away with the Torah. You know you have to put the two of them together equally because the Torah sanctifies you."

But 5 whole chapters now, he going to really be trying to every way he can show them that they're self-righteous, that they not ... not that they're not accepting but they are not fully grasping what that means to be justified only by the blood of Messiah.

Rom 2:1-3 *Therefore, O man, you are without excuse, everyone who judges, for in that in which you judge the other, you condemn yourself; for you, those judging, practice the same things. But we know that the judgment of Elohim is according to truth on those that practice such things. And, O man, the one judging those practicing such things, and doing them, **do you think that you will escape the judgment of Elohim?** ... You know, **Mat 5** as you judge, you will be judged ... So he's telling them, "You think that you are going to be judging them and you are doing this and you will escape Yahweh's judgement?"*

Rom 2:4 *Or do you abuse the riches of His kindness and forbearance, and the opportunity He has given you, not knowing that **the kindness of YAHWEH leads you to repentance?** ... And what do we say? Grace is simply ... it's not allowing the person to continue in sin; that's not grace because there is never forgiveness without repentance but grace is that Yahweh has all the time in the universe and He gives you time to repent of your sins. He doesn't immediately just zap you every time you do something wrong. And that's what His grace is. **His grace is the time given to repent but forgiveness still needs repentance.***

Rom 2:5-8 *But, because of the hardness of your unrepentant heart, you are treasuring up a store of wrath against the day of wrath, and against the revelation of the righteous judgment of Elohim ... So now he's really hitting up on these people ... **He will give to each according to his deeds:** ... And we'll talk about that more a little bit later ... *everlasting life truly to those who with patience in good work seeking glory and honor and immortality; but to the ones who are stubborn, and do not obey the truth but obey iniquity, He will render anger and wrath.**

Romans 6:23 *... the wages of sin is death, but the gift of YAHWEH is everlasting life ... So interesting enough, **the wages of sin are death**, that is New Testament. What is sin? ... **1 John 3:4 sin is the transgression of the Torah** ... So how can the Torah be done away with? Because if the Torah is done away with that means sin is done away with and if sin is done away with then why do I need a Messiah, right? It's just illogical.*

Rom 2:9 *trouble and pain on every soul of man that works out evil, both of Jew first, and also of Gentile ... So now we are seeing he is saying, you know like I said these are primarily Israelites here and **they are thinking they are better than other people who are Gentiles.***

Rom 2:9-11 *trouble and pain on every soul of man that works out evil, both of Jew first, and also of Gentile. But **glory and honor and peace will be to everyone working out good**, both to the Jew first, and to the Gentile. For there is no respect of persons with YAHWEH ... We saw that in Act 10:34.*

Act 10:34-35 *And opening his mouth, Peter said, Truly I see that **YAHWEH is not a respecter of faces** ... This is with Cornelius, remember? ... *but in every nation the one fearing Him and working righteousness is acceptable to Him* ... And that's what Yahweh is looking for.*

Rom 2:9-12 *... So ... trouble and pain on every soul of man that works out evil, both of Jew first, and also of Gentile. But **glory and honor and peace will be to everyone working out good** ... For there is no respect of persons with YAHWEH. For as many as have **sinned without the Torah will also perish without the Torah**. And as many as **sinned within the Torah will be judged through the Torah** ... So here we are, we have the Torah and we are being judged through it because we understand it but like he says the ones who *have sinned without the Torah will also perish without the Torah*. So the bottom line is **whether you're a believer or non-believer, sin still brings death**, either way. And that's why I say, don't worry so much of your unconverted relatives that are good people, if they are righteous and they are honest and they*

are keeping the commandments, don't worry so much. It doesn't mean you can't try to witness to them but don't worry for them so much as we are going to see here. Worry for the evil ones; worry for the ones that are liars and thieves and murderers because they are going to go to the Lake of Fire. There is no second chance as we will see here in few minutes.

Rom 2:12-13 *For as many as have sinned without the Torah will perish without the Torah and as many as sinned within the Torah will be judged through the Torah. For not the hearers of the Torah are righteous with Elohim, but **the doers of the Torah shall be justified** ...* So how on earth is it done away with? It doesn't make any sense.

Rom 2:14-16 *For when pagans not having the Torah do by nature the things contained in the Torah, they not having the Torah are a law unto themselves, who show the **work of the Torah written in their hearts**, their conscience witnessing with them, and their **thoughts either accusing or even excusing** one another in a day when Elohim judges the hidden actions of men, as my good news teaches, through Yahshua Messiah ...* So very clearly, what is he saying here? He's saying that each person is going to be **judged according to what they do**. There is a judgement for the first fruits when Yahshua returns and there is a judgement for everyone else after the 1,000 years. So he is saying their good works

Rom 2:15-16 *who show the work of the Torah written in their hearts, their conscience witnessing with them, and their thoughts either accusing or even excusing one another in **a day when Elohim judges the hidden actions of men** ...* When is that? **2 Corinthians 5:10**

2Co 5:10 *For we all must **appear before the judgment seat of Messiah**, so that each one may receive the things done through the body, according to what he did, whether good or bad.*

Heb 9:27 *And as it is **reserved to men once to die, and after this, Judgment**, And as it is reserved to men once to die, and after this, Judgment ...* So what is he talking about when he says they are going to be judged *in a day when Elohim judges the hidden actions of men as my good news teaches, through Yahshua Messiah?* He's talking about the White Throne Judgement. So let's go there.

Rev 20:11-15 *And I saw a **Great White Throne, and the One sitting on it**, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled; and a place was not found for them. And I saw the **dead, the small and the great**, standing before YAHWEH. And books were opened. And another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And **the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works**... Just like we read here in Romans 2; these are Gentiles, **these are non-believers** ... And the sea gave up the dead in it. And death and the grave gave up the dead in them. And **they were each judged according to their works**. And death and the grave were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And if anyone was **not found having been written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire**.*

So, it's very clear that **Yahweh is not a respecter of person**. And the organization I came from, they used to teach that there is this hundred year period after the Millennium and everybody that ever lived will be given a second chance and I don't see it. I don't see it anywhere in scripture and it was the worst doctrine they could ever have preached because they had an 80% rate, or higher, of second generation believers (their children) falling away. And you know what they used to say? They said, "Ah, I don't care if I'm a first fruit. I'll, in the hundred years then I'll be okay." Somebody's going to pay because you have thousands upon thousands of these kids that are going to the Lake of Fire.

It's very clear, **the White Throne judgement comes, the books are open and the people are judged according to what they did**. Just like we read. And what did he say in Romans 2 to the Gentile who keeps the Torah without even knowing? It's become a law unto himself. I give my Dad as a perfect example; he's a pagan, he's a Gentile, he doesn't know the Torah. He was faithful to my mother 51 years, he loves his neighbor as himself, he doesn't lie, he doesn't steal; so is he going to go into the Lake of Fire because Yahweh didn't call him in this world? Of course not, their judgement is different

and you don't judge somebody in kindergarten the way you judge somebody who is in college. So in the White Throne judgement, **Yahweh is looking in their hearts and He's judging.** It's not based on anything but the 10 commandments, the basic law.

Jewel? How does the blood of Yahshua apply to them then?

Well, most of these people are Christians. **They already have the blood of Yahshua;** they already believe it. So they have the blood of Yahshua, the vast majority of them. **The ones who don't, they're told.** Believe me, I think when Yahshua returns or if you are in this resurrection and you were generally a good person without even knowing Yahweh and now here it is, Yahshua is before him, explaining who He is, who is going to deny Him at that point? So of course, it is a pre-requisite. **There is no way to salvation without accepting Yahshua** but very clearly, Romans 2 tells us that these people, **they don't have the Torah;** they're Gentiles and they are going to be rewarded in this day in the White Throne Judgement. And that's what the White Throne tells us, **these are not believers. Everyone that ever lived is resurrected and they are judged by their works.** What's so hard to understand that?

What's so hard to understand? The only thing hard is if you came from an organization that created this 100 years that you never find in scripture and you had kids that are evil and you want them in the kingdom and now you don't know what to do but unfortunately, try to get them to repent. But the key is they change from *this is **the day of salvation*** to this is **a day of salvation** and, no, it's *this is the day of salvation*. There is no second chance. Yahweh is not going to go through this ever again and *we reap what we sow and it's appointed once to all men to die and then the judgement. Every man will stand before the judgement seat of Messiah and give an account for what he did.* There's so many scriptures you can go into clearly showing there is a judgement but to say that everyone, 99% of people that ever lived are not going to be accountable for their actions then Hitler will get 100 years ... Yahweh forbid! ... to prove himself. I think he proved himself. I think he proved himself of killing 6 million Jews. **Now is the time to prove yourself** and that's why he says whether you're a Gentile or whether you're a believer, makes no difference. Back to Romans 2:12

Rom 2:11-12 *For there is **no respect of persons with YAHWEH.** For as many as have sinned without the Torah will also perish without the Torah and as many as sinned within the Torah will be judged through the Torah.*

One of the problems was in my former organization, is they **didn't understand the Torah.** They didn't understand the Torah and they keep saying they thought *the commandments, the commandments, the commandments* but Torah is all the 5 books. So why would they be preaching one thing like clean and unclean meats but they are not teaching you have to wear the tsetse which is in the same book. So by not understanding that, it's very clear that like he is saying here *For as many as have sinned without the Torah will also perish without the Torah; as many as sinned within the Torah will be judged through the Torah.*

So one way or the other, you are going to be judged. It's just like we said, to the world who doesn't know any better, the judgement is little, the judgement is little ... *To much is given, much is expected; the more is given the more is required* so **we have a much greater responsibility before Yahweh because we know so much more.** To these people, the responsibility is small; Yahweh looks in their heart and He sees "Without My Spirit, with nothing, on your own in this evil world you chose to go against the world and stand for your principles, like the Rechabites." So now Yahweh knows, "I could work with this person." With us, He has given us His Spirit, He's opened our mind; **we have His Spirit, we know right from wrong. So what excuse do we have?** What excuse do we have? None, there's a greater accountability. Like it says in the book of Luke that somebody that does wrong and knew better will get many stripes but somebody that does the same exact thing and doesn't know any better will get few stripes. So that's basically what it comes down to.

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with them, and their thoughts either accusing or even excusing one another... So like I said, either they are doing the wrong thing and it's accusing them or it's excusing them by their character and when will they be rewarded?

Rom 2:16 *in a day when YAHWEH judges the hidden actions of men, as my good news teaches, through Yahshua Messiah ... We just went over that. Now he gets back to*

Rom 2:17-21 *Behold, you who are called a Jew ... So now he's getting back to the believers ... and trust in the Torah, and boast in Elohim, and because **you know His will, and the things that must be observed**, being instructed out of the Torah, and you have confidence in yourself that you are a guide of blind ones, and a light to those in darkness, an instructor of foolish ones, a teacher of children, you are the pattern of knowledge and of the truth as embodied in the Torah. Now you teach others, but you fail to teach yourself?*

And I look at this, this is really in the organization I came out of, this fits perfectly because that was an organization that believed they were the only true right people. You know, there is nobody else; they're the only right ones. And yet it was filled from the top all the way to the bottom with graft, with robbery, with adultery, stealing; all kinds of bad stuff going on, you know. So **we are held to a higher accountability and we have to realize it.** So he is saying here, you know if we are going to boast in the Torah and we are going to tell all these people the Torah stands, you better be keeping it because if you are a hypocrite, Yahweh is going to make you pay.

Rom 2:21-23 *Now you teach others, but you fail to teach yourself? You preach that men should not steal, yet you steal. You preach that men should not commit adultery, and you commit adultery. You despise idols, and yet you rob temples? **You are proud of the Torah, yet you dishonor Elohim through the breaking of the Torah.***

And this is an interesting scripture for our brother Judah ... **Rom 2:24** *For the **name of YAHWEH is blasphemed among the nations through you, even as it has been written ...** Like we were talking about today, the reason why Christianity has no name for their deity is because our brother Judah stopped using it. Face it, **Jews know the name of Yahweh, they just don't use it.** They have a name for their deity, they just don't use it. Christianity is the only religion that I heard of on earth that doesn't have a name for their deity. They call it just by a generic title which actually is a personal name of a Babylonian deity but they don't know that. So here it is.*

Rom 2:24-25 *For the name of YAHWEH is blasphemed among the nations **through ... Judah ... even as it has been written: For circumcision is only profitable if you fulfill the Torah, but if you are a transgressor of Torah, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.***

That's what we were talking about ... **Deut 27:26** *Cursed is he who does not do **every law of the Torah** and the people said Amen ...* So that's what we said, if you're circumcised, if you go out and circumcise yourself, you're joining the first covenant which is cause and effect. And if you keep every law of the Torah, it's going to be great, there's a lot of blessings, but if you break the laws of the Torah, you're going to be cursed by it. In the New Covenant, right, that's what it says *Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life.* The New Covenant says *I will be there Elohim and they will be My people and I'll remember their sins no more.* You don't find that in the first covenant, you find it in the New Covenant. So he says **if you're circumcised, it only profits you if you keep all the Torah but if you're breaking the Torah and you're circumcised, you're putting yourself under a covenant of death.** *If then,* now he goes on the other side of it.

Rom 2:26 *If then, the uncircumcision keeps the statutes of the Torah, will not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? ...* So now he's almost shaming them. He's saying the people that are Gentiles or pagans, like he was saying before, if they are keeping all of the things (if they are not lying or stealing or murdering, if they are not committing adultery and they don't even know any better) doesn't their uncircumcision count for circumcision?

Rom 2:27-29 *And the uncircumcision, which from its nature fulfills the Torah naturally, will judge you; who, with the scripture, and with circumcision, transgresses against the Torah. For it is not the one who is outwardly a Jew that is the real Jew, nor is circumcision that which is seen in the flesh; but he is a Jew that is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart, in spirit, not literally; of whom the praise is not from men, but from Elohim.*

Now how do you misinterpret that? Above with Galatians 5, you know, that people try to say that Paul is teaching you need to be circumcised. No. Children on the 8th day of life, yes he's teaching; it's the law of clean and unclean but for people, grown men to join the covenant, absolutely not because you are putting yourself in the first covenant not the New Covenant. Deut 10, Deut 10:12 because this concept is not a New Testament concept, we see it in the Torah.

Deu 10:12-13 *And now, Israel, what has YAHWEH your Elohim asked of you, except to fear YAHWEH your Elohim, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve YAHWEH your Elohim **with all your heart**, and with all your soul; to keep the commandments of YAHWEH, and His statutes which I am commanding you today, for your good ... So the Torah is only for our good.*

Deu 10:14-16 *Behold, the heavens and the Heaven of the heavens, the earth and all in it, belong to YAHWEH your Elohim. Only, YAHWEH has delighted in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their seed after them, on you out of all the peoples, as it is today. And you shall **circumcise the foreskin of your heart** ... This is from the Torah ... and you shall not harden your neck any more.*

Deu 10:17-21 *For YAHWEH your Elohim, He is the Elohim of Elohim, and the Master of Masters; the great, the mighty, the fearful Elohim who does not lift up faces, nor take a bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, to give to him food and clothing. And you shall love the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall **fear YAHWEH your Elohim; you shall serve Him; and you shall cleave to Him**; and you shall swear by His name. He shall be your praise, and He shall be your Elohim, who has done for you these great and fearful things which your eyes have seen ... So very clearly here we see circumcision of the heart is not something that's new but something that Yahweh said all along.*

Then the very next verse here we will be stopping but he says ... **Rom 3:1** *What then is the superiority of the Jew?* ... So if it really makes no difference, right? Whether you're a Jew or a Gentile or an Israelite or a Gentile because at this point, now remember he's started the letter to them. Now this is a letter, you know you're getting this letter, you're reading in front of the congregation and it's not like we're doing, dissecting it for a Bible Study. **This is the congregation getting it that it's being talked about.** So it's starting out, "Hey, we got a letter from Paul. Oh, wow, You know, he's telling us how faithful we are" and this and that. And the next thing is bom-bom-bom, he's beating them over the head! And they're probably at this point going, "What's going on?" So now he wants to at least build them up a little bit and we will get into that the next time.

But like I said, you can clearly see from chapter 2 it ties in what the problem is; how he's equating that for these people that was, like I said, mostly an Israelite congregation. Maybe they were still thinking that the Gentiles were less than them in the faith. I mean this is **58 AD so you're still around a good 15 years after Gentiles started coming into the truth** but sometimes old habits are hard to die by. So what a heavy chapter that he gives to them and explains to them, basically showing them their own hypocrisy is what he was trying to do.

And a good lesson for all of us, any way you look at it and many small things in their doctrinal-wise like we said, as far as Yahweh not being a respecter of person; Yahweh judging everybody or let's say rewarding every one by their works, the White Throne judgement and then circumcision being of the heart and not in the flesh. So I will stop there tonight and I will open up if anyone has any questions or comments.