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God's Word will Transform You from Worldliness to Holiness

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Romans 9-16 Summation

In Romans 9, Paul had unceasing grief in his heart for his fellow Jews, who were separated from Christ. God's word did not fail, for the children of the promise are the descendants of Abraham and not children of the flesh. God is not unjust for choosing Jacob over Esau, or for showing mercy on some and hardening the hearts of others like Pharaoh. God, as the Potter, has a right over the clay to make one for honorable use and the other for common use. The Gentiles attained righteousness by faith while the Jews did not, by instead pursuing the works of the Law.

In Romans 10, Paul prayed fervently for his fellow Jews to be saved in Christ. They weren't forgiven of their sins because they were zealous to establish their own righteousness, not God's. Paul was preaching the word of faith (which came by hearing God's word). If they confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and believed that God raised Him from the dead, they would be saved. But they did not all obey the gospel, even though the Lord stretched out His hand to them.

In Romans 11, Paul pointed out that God has not rejected His people. When Elijah was concerned about being the only servant of God, he was told that there were 7,000 people who hadn't bowed down to Baal. There is a remnant of His people by His gracious choice. Because of the Jewish nation rejecting Christ, salvation came to the Gentiles to make them jealous. The Jews were rejected because of their unbelief, but the Gentiles needed to fear (instead of being conceited), lest they be cut off also. There is still hope for the Jews to receive mercy, when they saw it shown toward the Gentiles.

In Romans 12, Paul taught the brethren that their bodies are to be a living sacrifice, because of God's mercy, and not be like the world. Those who are transformed by God's word, demonstrate it by their holy lives. So, be humble and not haughty. Use the gifts that God has given you to His glory (serving, teaching, exhorting, giving, or leading). Love what is good and hate evil. Love one another, be fervent in spirit, rejoice, persevere, pray, practice hospitality, bless others instead of cursing them, don't seek revenge, be at peace with others if possible, and overcome evil with good.

In Romans 13, Paul admonished Christians to obey the government (pay taxes, honor them) because of wrath and for conscience' sake. Love your neighbor as yourself. Since our salvation is nearer than when we first believed, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness (carousing, drunkenness, sensuality, sexual immorality, strife, and jealousy), and put on the armor of light.

Woodmont church of Christ

Sunday Morning

Bible Classes for all ages at 9:30
Worship Assembly at 10:30

Sunday Afternoon

Worship Assembly at 5:00

Wednesday Evening

Bible Classes for all ages at 7:30

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Welcome visitors!

You are our honored guest. Please take a moment to complete a visitor's card and let us know if there is anything we can do for you in a spiritual way. We would love to study the Bible further with you or talk about the church here at Woodmont if you are new to the area or would like to become a member.

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In Romans 14, Paul taught that we are not to judge so as to condemn one another in matters of indifference to God (eating of meats or vegetables only, observing of days), as we will all have to give an account before God. You don't have the right to use this chapter to justify inherently sinful behavior (adultery, fornication, homosexuality, drinking alcohol, dancing, immodesty, abortion, etc.). Instead of judging one another (about these matters of indifference to God), let us determine to pursue the things which make for peace, and not be a stumbling block to our brethren. Do not violate your conscience.

In Romans 15, Paul taught that if we are strong (who can eat all things, observe days), we must bear with those who are weak (who can't eat certain meats, don't observe days), so that we can edify them, have unity, and glorify God together. We learn sacrifice, perseverance, and encouragement from the Scriptures and from Christ's example, so that we might have hope. Paul desired to see the brethren at Rome on his way to Spain, but at this time was going to Jerusalem to bring the funds from Macedonia and Achaia to help the needy saints there. Paul asked the brethren for prayers for deliverance from the Jews in Judea, and that his service to the saints would be acceptable.

In Romans 16, Paul asked the brethren at Rome to greet one another (with many listed in the text) and all the churches of Christ greeted them. However, they were to mark and avoid those who cause division and hindrances contrary to the doctrine of Christ. Paul was rejoicing about the report of their obedience and desired that they be innocent in what is evil and wise in what was good. God was able to establish them according to the Scriptures and of God's command, which was made known to all nations leading to the obedience of faith.

Noteworthy News

-**Bill Moore** has had a bad week (disoriented -possible UTI)
June Moore is home but had fallen & has to get more covid testing to be able to have her platelets.

-Good news, **Kenneth Starnes**, who had the heart transplant, was able to ride a bike this past week!

-Recovering from surgeries: **Bruce Tilley** (his back went out Wed), **Joy Narmore, Gary & Gayle Webster, Julie Perkins**

-Several facilities are in lockdown. This affects the **Moores & Evelyn Anderson, Ron (Bonnie's brother)**.

Remember- **Julie Perkins, Tom & Shirley Thompson, Andrew & Jennifer Locklair, David & Robert Jones, Brett's mom, Barbara Johnson, Dottie Burns, June Moore, Kevin & Cassie Williams, Dennis Scroggins, Gaylon Brown, Bruce Tilley, Bonnie Gary, Marie Bolton, Ron Daley, Jan King, Lonell Plyler, Melissa Simpson, Jan Gay, Dora Frisbee, Jenny Hardwick, Donna Lewis, Paul Simpson, Melodie Smith, Chip Foster, Terry Jordan, Auree Noll, Elaine Locklair, Mitzi Diven** (breast cancer)

- **The elders** announced that we will be postponing our gospel meeting until later in the summer. We will continue a short service at the building at 10:30 to partake of the Lord's supper, sing a few hymns, with a short exhortation. At 5 PM we will study together on WebEx. On Wednesday at 7:30 PM we will study Daniel 9 on WebEx.



Prayer Requests

Sick/Shut-In:

- **Ada Scott**
- **Bill and June Moore**
- **Jan Gay**
- **Gary & Gayle Webster**
- **Dennis Scroggins**
- **Katy Jones**
- **Kevin Williams, Sr.**
- **Joy Narmore**

Our Elders

- **Bruce Tilley**
- **Brett Narmore**

Our Deacons

- **Jeff Gary**
- **Gary Webster**
- **Kyle Austin**

Calendar

Men We Support

- **Dennis Scroggins**