

## TROUBLING REVELATIONS

Romans holds many “**troubling revelations**”. Truths about who we are as human beings and of our standing before God. Below are just a few of such revelations.

**TR #1:** Everyone, no matter who you are, where you've come from, or what you have done or haven't done, everyone is \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 3:9-18

**TR #2:** Sin has only ONE destination...\_\_\_\_\_. Romans 6:23:

There are two kinds of death in Scripture: **physical** (separation of the **soul/spirit** from the body) and **spiritual** (separation of **soul/spirit/body** from God, under condemnation, forever).

In **TR #1** we discovered that **all humanity, in our natural state, are under sin**. If that is true, it means that **all humanity, in our natural state** are destined for DEATH... **Spiritual Death**.

**TR #3:** No amount of “good works,” *attempts to keep the Law of God*, can take away the condemnation of death that sin brings. Humanity is \_\_\_\_\_ to assuage God's wrath over sin. Romans 3:20:

This is the most troubling revelation of all! No matter how much “**good**” I do, I will never cross over from my natural position of condemnation to right standing in the sight of God.

**Helpless and Hopeless**

describe our natural condition before God.

## ENCOURAGING TRUTHS

Despite the grim reality ROMANS exposes us to, there are many “**encouraging truths**” to be discovered in ROMANS as well.

**ET #1:** Despite His hatred and condemnation of sin, **in love**, God purposed to \_\_\_\_\_. God's love is not theoretical, but a \_\_\_\_\_ of personal sacrifice. **Romans 5:8**

**In love**, God took the initiative to do for me what I cannot do for myself, acting on my behalf, at great personal sacrifice to Himself.

**ET #2:** No one is \_\_\_\_\_ from God's redemption. His call to saving grace goes out to the world, inviting \_\_\_\_\_ to receive His mercy. **Romans 10:13:**

**Everyone** is condemned under sin, but **Everyone** who will call upon the Lord, in **repentance** and **faith**, will be saved from sin's condemnation and become dearly loved children of God

**ET #3:** Those who receive God's merciful grace are \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ from sin's condemnation and power, able to live unto God. **Romans 6:5,6,11; Romans 8:1:**

## THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

The following are some **basic definitions** and **reference points** for each of the terms, representing the theological underpinnings of Romans..

**CONDEMNED** = to be \_\_\_\_\_ from God, living under His wrath for sin. **Romans 5:12,18a (scope)** **Romans 6:23a (consequence)**

## Romans: Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome

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**CALLED** = to be \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and embrace saving grace in Jesus Christ. Romans presents two types of "calling": **GENERAL** and **EFFECTUAL**

**General Call:** think of it like "seed" that is cast out on the ground, it all has potential to grow into a plant, but not all of it does.

**Romans 10:17-18**

**Effectual Call:** think of this like "seed" that gets special, focused attention... water, fertilizer, weeding... seed like that is destined to bring forth life. **Romans 8:30:**

**JUSTIFIED** = to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

**Romans 3:28: (process)**

**Romans 5:9: (relationship)** with God.

**SANCTIFIED** = to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the image of Christ. Making one's life actions \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**Romans 8:29: (goal)**

**Romans 12:1-2: (process)**

Sanctification is PROCESS that will never be completed in this life.

**GLORIFIED** = to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the image of Christ, body, soul, and spirit. This is God's ultimate plan for those He saves.

**Romans 10:30: (completion of redemption)**

**Philippians 3:20-21 (what it looks like)**

**Glorified:** the **full** and **complete** expression of the redemption Jesus purchased through His cross and resurrection.

**This is the destiny of Christ-Follower --- AMEN!**

## **APPROACH TO ROMANS**

**Expositional:** chapter by chapter, verse by verse. Not every verse will be fully dealt with, but every verse will be read and utilized to understand the sections and chapters in which they are found.

**Time Frame:** Dr. Barnhouse took **11 years** to preach through ROMANS. My goal will be to do it in \_\_\_\_\_ years. There will be breaks along the way as we will focus on things outside of ROMANS from time to time.

There is much to cover, much to learn, much to apply from this book. Next week we will begin with Chapter 1, verse 1... exploring the life of the author of ROMANS.

## **WRAP UP**