Romans Lesson 5

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INTRODUCTION

- The theme of the book of Romans is stated in Romans chapter 1 and verse 16, where the inspired writer says, I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. For it is the power of God unto salvation.
- The Bible doesn't teach that it's wrong to point out errors that others may be committing, but what it does teach in this particular chapter is that we need to be practicing what we preach.

1 You Make Your Boast of God

Deuteronomy 10:15; Romans 9:3–5; Luke 18:9–14

- Behold thou art called a Jew. And in those seventeen, you rest in the law, and you make your boast of God.
- Actually, it was not wrong to be a Jew. In fact, the Jew had an advantage.
- It wasn't an attitude of humility that God has blessed us and God has made great provisions for us, but rather it was look at who we are.
- Jesus wants us to be humble in approaching him. If we're saved, it is only by the grace of God.

2 A Hypocrite Likes to Boast of His Knowledge

James 1:22–25

- A hypocrite likes to boast of his knowledge.
- He knows what's right and what's wrong, and he's often heard to tell others what to do and what not to do.
- Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- Don't just know the word, practice the word, fulfill the word, obey the word of God.

3 Guide of the Blind: They Love to Teach Others

Matthew 15:14; Matthew 23:15

- You're confident that you're guide of the blind, the light of them which are in darkness.
- Well, they love to teach others. They love to tell others really what to do.
- While you compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when you do, you make him twofold more the child of hell than yourself.

4 The Name of God Is Blasphemed Because of You

Romans 2:21–27; Matthew 5:32; Matthew 15:7–9

- Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself. Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?
- The very things that you condemning in the Gentiles, you're practicing yourself.

- Sacrilege, which really means to abuse things that are sacred and are holy, by their substituting commandments of men.
- The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you. You see a hypocrite and he does more harm than good.

5 A Jew Which Is One Inwardly

Romans 2:28–29; Psalm 51:16–17

- He is a Jew which is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart in the spirit, and not in the letter, whose praise is not of men, but of God.
- The real difference in God's sight is not only what is outward, but really what is from the heart, what is inward.
- The child of God is not perfect. He commits faults. There are times where he sins, but he has sincere repentance from the heart.
- These sacrifices are worthless unless they come from a sincere heart that wants to obey God. Obedience must be from the heart.

6 Saving Faith Is an Obedient Faith

James 2:14–17; Romans 6:17–18; Colossians 2:11–12

- Faith without obedience, is a dead faith.
- The hypocrite can believe, but if he doesn't obey, it's of no value. God doesn't want just outward obedience.
- Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Saving faith is an obedient faith.
- It is a faith that obeys, a faith that does the will of God in God's way.
- By faith, man obeys even in baptism.

MY NOTES