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PAUL CONTINUED IS MISSIONARY JOURNEY

CORINTH

MACEDONIA

TROAS

MILETUS

CAESAREA → Met with the Elders of Ephesians church

JERUSALEM → Arrested by the Jews

CAESAREA → The Jews plotted to kill him

ROME → Extradited to Rome

MARTIN LUTHER AND THE BOOK OF ROMANS

- “This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes”. ~*Martin Luther*~
- *He began what we call the protestant reformation in the 15th century from his concise understanding of the book of Romans*
- From his understanding of the book of Romans, he wrote and submitted a document called “ Disputation on the power of Indulgences” and invited Roman Catholic scholars for debate.

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MARTIN LUTHER AND THE BOOK OF ROMANS

- The opening of the eyes of Luther from the book of Romans was the liberation for reformers like John Calvin in France and Huldrych Zwingli in Switzerland.

NOTE:

I recommend you read this book:

“The Just shall live by Faith: The conversion of Martin Luther”

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

- Paul wrote the book of Romans. (Rom. 1 : 1)
 - In all his epistles, he has an introductory pattern which scholars sees as his signature.
 - Example: 1 Cor. 1:1, Philipians 1:1
- Paul was presently in Corinth when he wrote the Book of Romans and gave them his itinerary
 - Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you (Rom. 15:24)
 - Now I go to Jerusalem to minister unto the saints (Rom 15:25-26)
 - I have desired to visit you “these many years” (Rom. 15:23)

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THE BOOK OF ROMANS

- Take note that Paul had never visited Rome by the time he was written to them
 - This shows he wasn't the one who planted this Church
- From the day he heard about them, he started praying for open doors to visit them (Rom. 1 : 8 – 15).

Example of that prayer is in **Acts 19:21**

God's answer to that prayer is in Acts 23:11. BUT MUST be through INCARCERATION .

NOTE:

Sometimes, we lack explanation to the things we go through, but we must resolve in our heart that He know the way through the wilderness.

WHO PLANTED THE CHURCH IN ROME?

How the church in Rome started is unclear; certainly not Paul nor other Apostles.

SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

The Roman church had been established by:

- Believers who had been in Jerusalem during Pentecost Acts 2:10
- Travelers who had heard the good news in other places brought it back to Rome.

None of these two schools of thought has any salvation virtue. The truth is that, Paul wrote to already existing church in Rome

THE PURPOSE OF WRITING

- The book of Romans is different from other epistles we have studied, in that those other letters were written to settle issues.
 - The book of Galatians: Firstly, Doctrinal Issues
 - The book Thessalonians: Firstly, answering questions about the return of Christ
 - The book of Corinthians: Firstly, division among the brethren
- The book of Romans is the explanation of the TRANSITION FROM LAW TO GRACE
 - To present the position of mankind before Christ came
 - To present the complete Christian faith to them
 - To encourage the believers there
 - To introduce himself before his proposed visit to Rome via Spain.
Romans 15:23-28

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THE PURPOSE OF WRITING

- The book of Romans is the explanation of the TRANSITION FROM LAW TO GRACE
 - To present the position of Israel and the Gentiles as “concerning the gospel” Rom. 11:25-28
 - TO PRESENT ISRAEL’S PAST, PRESENT AND THEIR FUTURE
 - PAST: The law era down to when they rejected the gospel (Rom. 1:16 , Acts 13:46)
 - PRESENT: As of the time of this writing Israel was already BLIND to the gospel (Rom. 11:25)
 - FUTURE: By covenant and according to Election, their “Deliverer shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob” (Rom. 11 : 25 - 27)

THE FIRST ADAM AND HIS CHILDREN

Vs

THE LAST ADAM AND HIS CHILDREN

Ruined by his act (Rom. 5:9)

Rescued by his act (Rom. 5:8)

Sin entered the world by his act (Rom. 5:12, 15,21)

Righteousness was imputed by his act (Rom. 5:18)

Death by his act
(Rom. 5:12,16,21)

Eternal life by his act
(Rom. 5:17,21)

Separation from God by his act (Rom. 5:18)

Relationship with God by his act (Rom. 5:11,19)

Became disobedience by his act
(Rom. 5:12,19)

Became obedience by his act
(Rom. 5:19)

CRUCIAL CONCEPTS IN THE BOOK ROMANS

- **Election:** God's choice of an individual specific purpose (Rom. 9 : 10 – 13)
- **Justification:** Gods acts of declaring us "not guilty" for our sins (Rom. 4 : 25, 5 : 18)
- **Propitiation:** the removal of Gods punishment for sin through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Rom. 3 : 25)
- **Redemption:** Jesus Christ had paid the price so we can go free (Rom. 3:24,8:23)
- **Sanctification:** becoming more and more like Christ through the work of the holy ghost (Rom. 5:2.15:16)
- **Glorification:** The final state of the believer (Rom. 8:18,19,30)

THE BOOK OF ROMANS CONVERTED THE MONK; MARTIN LUTHER

“I was a good monk, and I kept the rule of my order so strictly that I may say that if ever a monk got to heaven by his mockery it was I. All my brothers in the monastery who knew me will bear me out. If I had kept on any longer, I should have killed myself with vigils, prayers, reading, and other work”.

➤ Luther lectured in the book of Romans from 1515 to 1516. Very soon came to these words in the first chapter:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith'” . **Romans 1:16-17**

He left the large room where the monks socialised and went up into his study room in the monastery tower to ponder the meaning of these words



THE MOMENT OF HIS REBORN AFTER CONSIDERING THE ABOVE SCRIPTURE

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➤ This understanding was Luther's breakthrough! Listen to how Luther describes his conversion:

"I greatly longed to understand Paul's Epistle to the Romans and nothing stood in the way but that one expression, "the justice of God," because I took it to mean that justice whereby God is just and deals justly in punishing the unjust. My situation was that, although an impeccable monk, I stood before God as a sinner troubled in conscience, and I had no confidence that my merit would assuage him. Therefore I did not love a just and angry God, but rather hated and murmured against him. Yet I clung to the dear Paul and had a great yearning to know what he meant.

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Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that “the just shall live by his faith.” Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning, and whereas before the “justice of God” had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressibly sweet in greater love. This passage of Paul became to me a gate to heaven”.

- LUTHER WAS SUMMONED TO STAND BEFORE THE MOST POWERFUL PERSON IN THE WORLD: CHARLES V, THE HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR
- **The Summary of the meeting**

The next day before the great of the world and the church he stood and stated in boldest terms:

- “Unless I can be instructed and convinced with evidence from the Holy Scriptures or with open, clear, and distinct grounds and reasoning – and my conscience is captive to the Word of God – then I cannot and will not recant, because it is neither safe nor wise to act against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me! Amen”.

PAUL'S GOSPEL AS PRESENTED IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

- The gospel shows God's righteousness (Romans 1:1-17)
- God's wrath against sin is just (Romans 1:18-3:20)
- God has a plan of salvation (Romans 3:21-4:25)
- Our faith brings hope (Romans 5:1-8:39)
- God provides for Israel and the Gentiles (Rom. 9:1-11:36)
- Paul gives instructions for everyday living (Romans 12:1-15:13)
- Paul tells his plan to spread the gospel (Romans 15:14-16:23)
- The closing sums up the gospel (Romans 16:25-27)

WE WILL CONTINUE HIS THIRD MISSIONARY
JOURNEY NEXT WEEK.

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