



THE ROMANS ROAD

Long ago, when the Roman Empire was at the height of its glory, a common saying was "All roads lead to Rome." Back then this city was so rich and influential that the only important roads were those leading to and from Rome. But there is one road that leads to an even more magnificent place than Rome ever was! This road, which Christians refer to as the "Romans Road," is actually a set of instructions written to all the citizens of Rome. If they believed and acted upon the instructions written to them, the Roman people could come to know their Creator God and live with Him forever in heaven!

The author of the "Romans Road" is the apostle Paul, a disciple of Jesus Christ. Paul's instructions for salvation are not only for the Romans, they are spiritual truths sent by a loving God to all people. This booklet will present these truths of scripture to you and guide you along your personal journey of the "Romans Road."

BELIEVE, GOD'S BOOK!

As your guide, I must warn you that the philosophies of this world lead to a dead end. The world would have you believe that there is no absolute truth, that one person's belief is just as good as another, or that two different things can both be right. But these philosophies go contrary to Scripture. Instead of answering life's greatest questions, they only create more! Unless you accept that the Holy Bible is the perfect and true Word of God, you will get lost in a maze of opinions and never arrive at the truth.

"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes."
Psalms 19:7-8



THE WAGES OF SIN

The apostle Paul wrote of a serious problem that all of us have. He tells of this problem in his letters to the Romans and the Galatians:

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" Romans 3:10

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:19-21

REPENTANCE

Now is the time to turn from your sin and embrace God. The act of turning away from sin is called "repentance." This word implies an inward decision to follow and obey God's will instead of your self-serving sins. It means changing your mind about sin and seeing it as something that grieves God. The Bible says that God waits patiently for all people to make this decision:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise... but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

BY GRACE NOT WORKS

At this point we encounter a wonderful truth- one that seems to run contrary to our normal way of thinking. God rejects any attempt to earn our own salvation. Only God's own righteousness is acceptable to Him, and He wants to clothe us in it. Paul writes:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any many should boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9

"Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness....Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." Romans 4:4-5, 7-8

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Many people simply cannot believe that salvation is so easy, and furthermore that it is free. Without a guide, many people take the wrong turn of trying to pay for their salvation with good works. Trying to get to Heaven with an "I can do it myself" attitude is not only unacceptable, it is also a serious offense against God!

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags..."
Isaiah 64:6



BLOOD REDEMPTION

At this point you might be thinking: "I still can't believe that eternal life is free. How can I obtain something so wonderful for free? There's no such thing as *free*!" If you feel this way, you are right! The truth is, eternal life does cost something, but it is so valuable that no person could ever afford it on their own. That is why God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to the earth:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

Because Jesus is God's Son, His death alone is powerful enough to pay for the sins of the entire human race and satisfy God's wrath against sinners. This is great news for sinners! That is why Christians often speak of the "Gospel of Jesus Christ." The word gospel means "good news."

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“...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”
John 3:36

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“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”
Romans 5:1



IT'S YOUR DECISION

Let's review what we've learned from God's Word (the Bible). As you review these truths, make mental check marks beside the statements you agree with.

I admit to myself, and to God, that I am sinful and unable to please God by my own righteousness.

I acknowledge that Jesus Christ is God's perfect and righteous Son, and by His death on the cross all my sins have been paid for.

I accept Jesus Christ's righteousness so that I can stand blameless in God's sight and be worthy to enter the kingdom of Heaven after I die.

I repent of my sins. I realize that sin is something that God hates and I no longer want to hold onto sinful habits in my life.

Even though we are saved by faith in Christ and not by our good deeds, it is necessary to repent of our sins. As we separate from sin, we show gratitude to God for our free salvation, and we show those around us that a wonderful change has occurred in our lives!



You have come to the place in your life where you must make a decision. If you choose to accept the payment made by the Lord Jesus Christ for your sin, then you simply need to bow your head and pray. Tell Jesus, in your own words, that you are sorry for your sins and that you no longer want to remain spiritually separated from God. Ask Jesus to forgive you and save you from death and eternal punishment. Tell Him you are willing to receive Him as your Lord and Savior. Let Him know you want to accept His gift of eternal life. And remember, Jesus Christ won't turn anyone away, no matter who you are or what you've done. He died so that **you** could know God as your heavenly Father.

"...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2



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Please let us know about your decision. We would like to help you learn more about the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word.

- I am already a Christian, saved by the grace of God!
- I read this booklet and by faith received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- I have not yet trusted Jesus as Savior but would like to learn more about Him and the gospel message.
- Please send me a free New Testament.
- Please send additional Bible study material.

Comments or special requests:

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