

# The Book of Romans

## "A RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD!"

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**TEXT:**

### A Living Sacrifice

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### Gifts of Grace

**3** For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that **God** has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, **5** so we, though many, are **one body in Christ**, and individually members one of another. **6** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; **7** if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; **8** the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

### Marks of the True Christian

**9** Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. **10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve **the Lord**. **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

**14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to **the wrath of God**, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says **the Lord**." **20** To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **STUDY NOTES:**

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(**1 Cor 6:20; 2 Cor 10:2; Eph 5:17; Col 1:20; 1 Tim 5:4; 1 Jn 2:15; 1 Pet 1:14; 2:5**)

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(**1 Cor 12:1-31; Eph 4:11; 1 Pet 4:10,11; Acts 11:23; 20:17; 2 Cor 8:2; 9:5-13; 1 Tim 5:17**)

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(**Php 2:3; 1 Pet 1:3-9; 4:9; Lk 18:1; 1 Th 4:9; 5:17; Gal 6:10; Heb 10:32-36; 13:1,2**)

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(**Mt 5:9,39-45; Mk 9:50; Lk 6:27,28; 1 Th 5:15; 1 Pet 3:9; Prov 3:4; 20:22; 24:29; 1 Cor 8:21; 1 Tim 3:7**)

**LIFE APPLICATION:** 1. How can your body be a living sacrifice?

2. What daily effect will result when you are transformed by the renewal of your mind?
3. Where is your role in the body of Christ and what are your gifts for service?
4. When can be seen the proof of genuine love?
5. Who will notice when we bless rather than curse others?

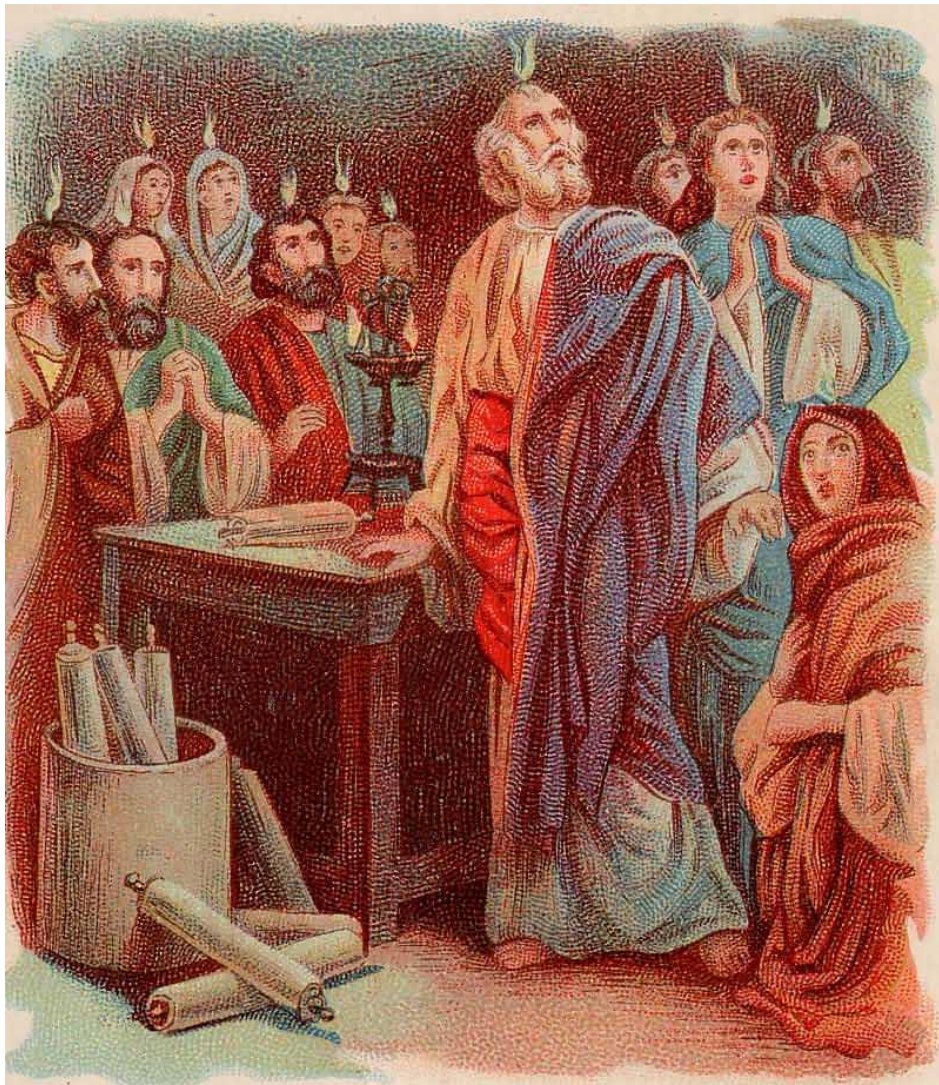


"I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church."  
—Rom. xvi. 1.



READING THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS TO THE EARLY CHRISTIANS AT ROME.—*Rom. i.*





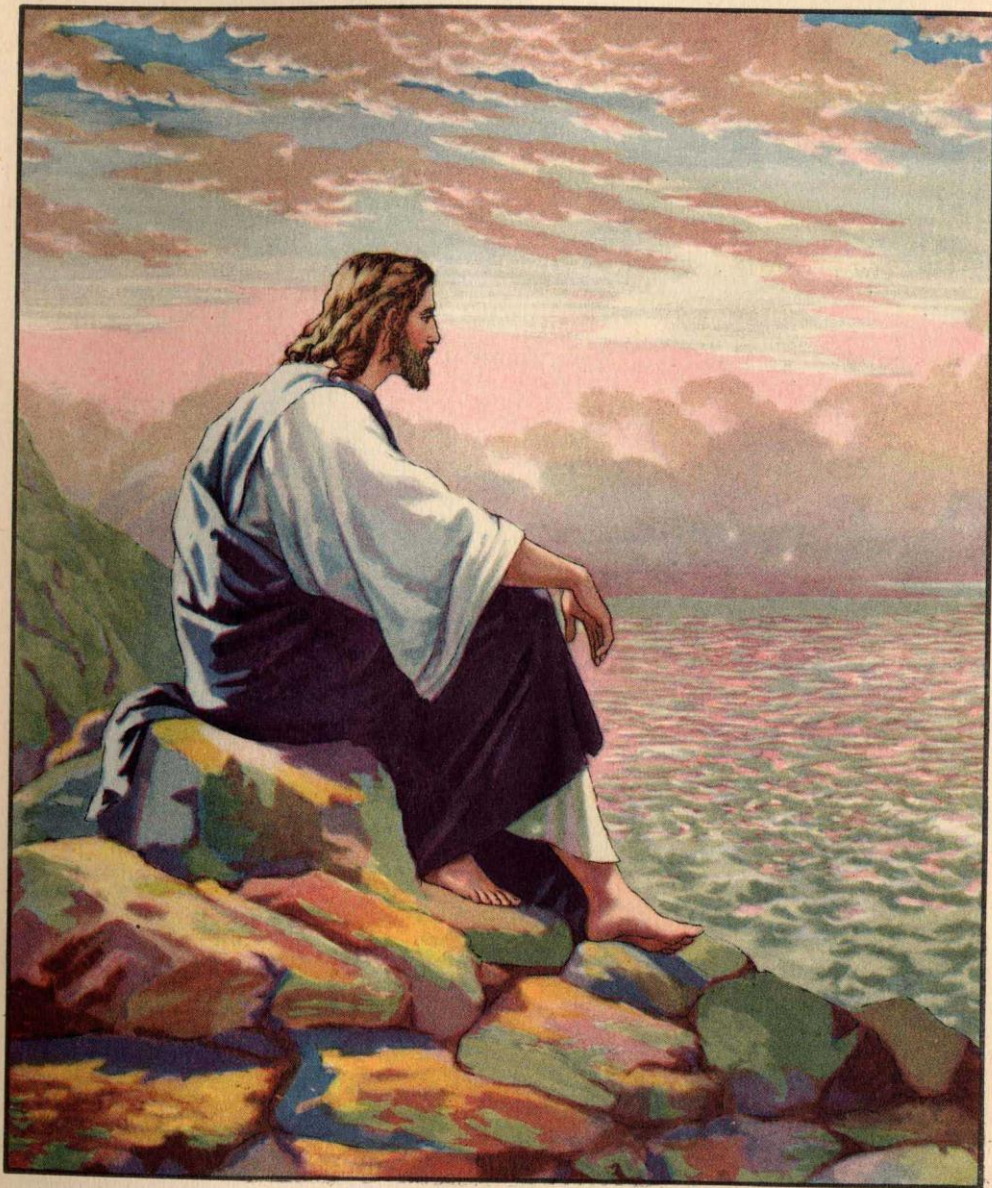
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## THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN.

Acts 2: 1-13.

THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

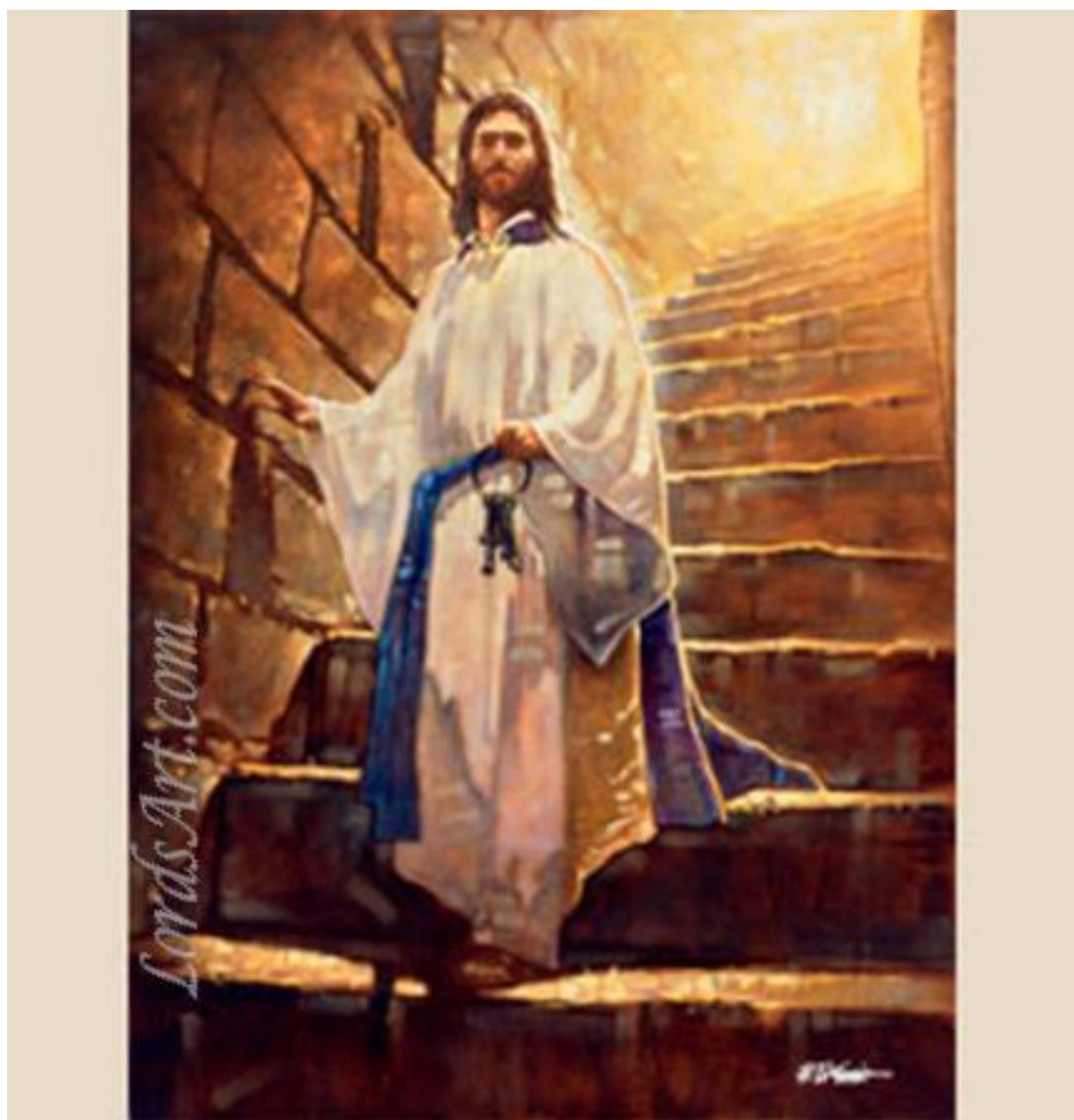




GENTLE JESUS, MEEK AND MILD

















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