

Apostolic Brotherhood International

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Too often our Bible study is hit and miss, based on a few scriptures here and there. We need to get into real Bible Study where we look at entire books and let them speak to us. Sometimes those great nuggets are taken out of context, and we only get part of the meaning. If we just look at the chapter, or the book we see so much more and the nugget becomes even more than just a proof text. When I begin study of a book, I want to read the whole thing through, preferably in one setting, and then maybe in a couple of different translations. Then I read the book through again, this time making a basic outline of what the author was saying. Then I go back and look at each section trying to go into as much depth as possible. Looking at every word I don't understand, at each phrase and trying to understand the meaning. Only then will I look at the commentaries to see what they say, realizing that most were written by Trinitarians that did not claim the Holy Ghost. Ask questions of others, especially ministers you trust. Check the Strong's meanings of all the words. Meditate, or ruminate on passages for a while.

After all that I sometimes change the outline where I think there is reason. With the epistles remember these were letters that were meant to convey what the people had already heard. There are strong "proof" texts, but try to take nothing out of order, or out of context. Then I begin to write, filling in each outline section. When all that is done, the last thing to write is the introduction, summarizing all that has been written.

In doing all of this on the book of Romans I wrote a tract that centered on the outline I had made. I have had many look at it over the years, and have added things, and shortened it at their advice. If anyone finds this useful you can feel free to use it. If you make big changes please let me know, I might want to change mine. You can find this Bible Study at the end of the newsletter. If you would like a separate copy of this Bible Study please contact Brother Adams or myself.

God bless your study of His word, and I hope you find this useful.

Brother Ernie Fowler, ABI Minister & Author of "The Acts of the Apostles: God's only New Testament Salvation

Up Coming Events:

ABI Camp Meeting & General Conference 2015: Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar so you can be with us this year. The 2015 Camp Meeting & General Conference will take place in Hot Springs Arkansas. The dates are July 14th through the 17th (Starting Tuesday Night, Services for the remaining days will be each morning & each evening. Camp will end Friday Night). There will be National Youth Camp taking place at the same time. The Host Church is New Life Apostolic Lighthouse Church located at 635 4th St Hot Springs AR 71913. Exact service times, speakers & time of Conference Meeting will be announced in the coming months.

Arkansas Fellowship Meeting: To be announced. Please see our Facebook page for event information once the date & location has been determined.

Prayer Request: Please be in prayer for Brother Kevin Moss, an ABI Pastor in Wisconsin. He has suffered a broken leg and is suffering from pain & undergoing physical therapy.

Grow The ABI With Us: Do you know a fellow minister looking for Fellowship? We are always eager to find ministers of like, precious faith who are looking for a place of healing, belonging, and fellowship. We believe that through this network of ministers we each help to make the other stronger and more effective in God's Kingdom. You can obtain a copy of the application for License/Ordination for the ABI by going to our website,

apostolicbrotherhood.org. If you know someone needing a paper copy please contact Brother Adams for a paper copy.

ABI Evangelists: Please let Brother Adams know when and where you will be preaching. Whether you are preaching one service or a Multi-Day/Night Revival we would like to help get the word out. We want to do everything we can to help make your ministry a success. We will be happy to promote the Revival you are preaching on our FaceBook page, Twitter & in our Newsletter.

Revivals & Church Events: If you have any events that you would like to include in the monthly newsletter please contact Brother Adams by the 25th of the month to insure it is published in upcoming following issue. If you have an event you would like announced on our FaceBook page or Twitter please contact Brother Adams as well

ABI Website: Our Webpage has been updated and will now have a link to Newsletters. Also our Webpage has been updated to add information for Camp Meeting & other events going on around the ABI. Please stop by and take a look at the page & see all the wonderful things the ABI is doing.

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The ^ Romans Road

We have all heard of the Romans road to salvation. Romans shows so very clearly the plan of salvation. The book of Romans was written to a church that was very mature for the time. We don't know just when it was started or by whom. Persecution had started there fairly early. We know that Aquilla and Pricilla had been there and were driven out with the persecution. It appears that the early church in Rome had a very distinct Jewish flavor, and by being at the crossroads of the known world was an important city to reach in evangelizing the empire. Paul was very interested in going to Rome as soon as the Lord opened the doors to him, and he wrote the book to declare the gospel that he preached. This was not written to lead them to salvation, but to prepare them for the coming and the preaching of Paul, and to declare the basic doctrine of the salvation they already enjoyed. Some things are neatly seen in one verse, some require looking a bit differently. The true Romans road is most clearly seen when we look at the outline of Paul's epistle. Here is an outline of the book.

Romans can be divided into three distinct divisions:

- I. Chapters 1-8 Systematic presentation of the gospel
 - A. 1-3 Universality of sin (2:12, 3:10, 3:23)
 - B. 4-5 Faith (4:21-5:2)
 - C. 6 Baptism Commitment to righteousness (6:4)

- D. 7-8 The Holy Ghost (8:9-14 not just filled, but led)
- II. Chapters 9-11 God's Plan (10:1-4, 17 Israel was divided several times. The Jews brought us the law, but salvation is only of Jesus.)
- III. Chapters 12-16 Instruction in practical living (Holiness)
 - A. 12 A living sacrifice (12:6-9)
 - B. 13 Human governments (13:1)
 - C. 14-15 Walk in strength (14:5-6, 17) Know what you believe. We are all God's servants.
 - D. 16 Salutations and final exhortations – relationships, we are not going to heaven alone

Just as Acts 2:38 show the gospel in a single verse, the outline of the book of Romans show forth the plan of salvation. First there is the knowledge of sin. Then comes faith, or repentance; both are saying the same thing. Faith is not passive, but is actively seeking to obey God. Repentance is a change from sin to faith. With faith comes submitting to the will of God, which is shown first in submission to baptism. Baptism is not a ritual, but a commitment to holiness.

After we have done all that we can do, then God must answer in filling us with the Holy Ghost. That is not the end, it is just the beginning. It is not an infilling that Paul stresses, but a leading. Walking in the Spirit that God fills us with. From there we enter into a life of holiness, walking with God. Salvation is not a single act, but a relationship. There is no plan of salvation that allows us to do whatever we want. Any action that does not lead to a continuing relationship with God, or help us to live Holy in this present world, is not salvation.

Holiness includes presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice, but does not end there. It includes subjection to human governments, both in the church and in our country. It involves our attitude, walking in strength and not apologetically. It also involves our relationships with each other. Paul salutes many fellow workers and honors them for the work they do. No man will make it to heaven alone.

Full Bible salvation is found only in all 16 chapters. You can't stop at chapter 3,5,6, or even 8, but must take the entire thing and walk in all the light of God's word.

