

Romans 1 AMPC

- 1 From Paul, <u>a bond servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah)</u> called to be an apostle, (a special messenger) set apart to [preach] the Gospel (good news) of and from God,
- 2 <u>Which He promised in advance [long ago] through His prophets in the sacred Scriptures—</u>
- 3 [The Gospel] regarding His Son, Who as to the flesh (His human nature) was descended from David,
- 4 And [as to His divine nature] according to the Spirit of holiness was openly [a]designated the Son of God in power [in a striking, triumphant and miraculous manner] by His resurrection from the dead, even Jesus Christ our Lord (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
- 5 It is through Him that we have received grace (God's unmerited favor) and [our] apostleship to promote obedience to the faith and make disciples for His name's sake among all the nations,
- 6 And this includes you, called of Jesus Christ and invited [as you are] to belong to Him.
- 7 To [you then] all God's beloved ones in Rome, called to be saints and designated for a consecrated life: Grace and spiritual blessing and peace be yours from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because [the report of] your faith is made known to all the world and is [b commended everywhere. 9 For God is my witness, Whom I serve with my [whole] spirit [rendering priestly and spiritual service] in [preaching] the Gospel and [telling] the good news of His Son, how incessantly I always mention you when at my prayers.

- 10 I keep pleading that somehow by God's will I may now at last prosper and come to you.
- 11 For I am yearning to see you, that I may impart and share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen and establish you;
- 12 That is, that we may be mutually strengthened and encouraged and comforted by each other's faith, both yours and mine.
- 13 I want you to know, brethren, that many times I have planned and intended to come to you, though thus far I have been hindered and prevented, in order that I might have some fruit (some result of my labors) among you, as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. 14 Both to Greeks and to barbarians (to the cultured and to the
- 14 Both to Greeks and to barbarians (to the cultured and to the uncultured), both to the wise and the foolish, I have an obligation to discharge and a duty to perform and a debt to pay.
- 15 So, for my part, I am willing and eagerly ready to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome.
- 16 For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek,
- 17 For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]. As it is written, The man who through faith is just and upright shall live and shall live by faith.
- 18 For God's [holy] wrath and indignation are revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who in their wickedness repress and hinder the truth and make it inoperative.
- 19 For that which is known about God is evident to them and made plain in their inner consciousness, because God [Himself] has shown it to them.
- 20 For ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made (His handiworks). So [men] are without excuse [altogether without any defense or justification],
- 21 <u>Because when they knew</u> and recognized Him as God, they did not honor and glorify Him as God or give Him thanks.

- But instead they became futile and [c]godless in their thinking [with vain imaginings, foolish reasoning, and stupid speculations] and their senseless minds were darkened.
- 22 <u>Claiming to be wise, they became fools [professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves].</u>
- 23 And by them the glory and majesty and excellence of the immortal God were exchanged for and represented by images, resembling mortal man and birds and beasts and reptiles.
- 24 <u>Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their [own] hearts to sexual impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves [abandoning them to the degrading power of sin],</u>
- 25 <u>Because they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped</u> and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen (so be it).
- 26 For this reason God gave them over and abandoned them to vile affections and degrading passions. For their women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one.
- 27 And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another—men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own [d]bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing and going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution.
- 28 <u>And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome,</u>
- 29 <u>Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping and covetous greed, and malice.</u> [They were] full of envy and jealousy, murder, strife, deceit and treachery, ill will and cruel ways. [They were] secret backbiters and gossipers,
- 30 Slanderers, hateful to and hating God, full of insolence, arrogance, [and] boasting; inventors of new forms of evil, disobedient and undutiful to parents.

- 31 [They were] without understanding, conscienceless and faithless, heartless and loveless [and] merciless.
- 32 Though they are fully aware of God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them themselves but approve and applaud others who practice them.

Note:			

2 Timothy 4:1-7 AMPC

- I I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:
- 2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.
- 3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold.
- 4 And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.
- 5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

Note:
2 Timothy 3:1-13 AMPC
I But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilou
times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].
2 <u>For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers o</u>
money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth
proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusiv
(blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful
unholy and profane.
3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and
inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they wil
be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose is
morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.
4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self
<u>conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain</u>
amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.
5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), the
deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduc
belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn
away from them].
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<u>Hosea 4:6 AMPC</u>

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

John 8:31-32 AMPC

- 31 So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.
- 32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

This series is going to be dealing with specifically what is taking place in the United States, not just *Politically* but *Biblically* in the "christian" church. It is time for another President Election and the church is divided on what many are calling political issues...it's not political, it's Biblical what the church is divided on.

What does the Bible tell us happens to a nation when we are obedient to His laws and the Blessings that follows and when we are not obedient... what should we expect? My desire during this series is that you, as a follower of Jesus Christ will be able to take the Word and use it for the basis of everything you do (in Word and Deed) and, voting is a deed.

As followers of Jesus Christ we don't need to have an opinion because those change, we need to have God's Word because that has and never will change. From politics, economics, social issues, etc... these are biblical issues. WE need to know the Word and how to apply it in order to be heard. Each week an extensive study guide will be provided in print as well as available online so you will have the Word of God and not someone else's word.

I believe that followers's of Jesus Christ in America can be protected by God in these End Times. I believe we can we still be blessed because of His Hedge or protection.

I believe we can prosper according to His plans and purposes so that we can share the gospel, sound the alarm or blow the trumpet that Jesus is coming because His Word says so... regardless of who is in office, it is going to get more wicked - God's Word said so as a sign that Jesus is coming. But, how did you and I live, speak and vote (word and deed) in the midst of the wickedness. Did we live by faith, did we choose to live righteously?

We, (born again followers and imitators of Christ) need to pray and turn from our wicked ways...

2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV

14 <u>If my people</u>, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 AMPC

14 **If My people,** who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave, and require of necessity My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

We need people in authority in all places who do what is right according to God's Word...

Proverbs 29:2 KJV

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn

Proverbs 29:2 AMPC

2 When the [uncompromisingly] righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh.

We need someone in authority who is for Israel...

Genesis 12:3 KJV

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:3 AMPC

3 And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].

As a follower of Jesus Christ: From voting, how we conduct our lives at work, with family, there is not an area of our life that obedience unto God's Word is an option...

Deuteronomy 30:19 KJV

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

<u>Proverbs 14:12 AMPC</u>

12 There is a way which seems right to a man and appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death.

There will be difficult times - that is a promise, but these things must happen to know that He is coming soon. You and I need to choose, what will I do? Will I line up with God's Word and what He says or will I do it my way which shall lead to death.

This is what God spoke through the prophet Hosea...

<u>Hosea 8:1-4 AMPC</u>

1 Set the trumpet to your lips! [The enemy] comes as a [great] vulture against the house of the Lord, because they have broken My covenant and transgressed against My law.

2 Then they will cry to Me, My God, we [of Israel] know You!

- 3 Israel has rejected the good [with loathing]; the enemy shall pursue him.
- 4 They set up kings, but not from Me [therefore without My blessing]; they have made princes or removed them [without consulting Me; therefore], I knew and recognized [them] not. With their silver and their gold they made idols for themselves, that they [the silver and the gold] may be destroyed.

What is taking place is a godless government, an anti-god ideology is continuously morphing at great speed attacking the Church. These Biblical issues that have been made into political talking points and are being aided by and in many cases preached in many churches by pastors who are opposing God's Word. It is a doctrine that demons teach..

1 Timothy 4:1-4 AMPC

4 But the [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach,

Remember, God's Word or Jesus who is the Word made flesh, never changes... what is sin is still sin.

John 1:1 AMPC

In the beginning [before all time] was the Word ([a]Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [b]Himself.

Malachi 3:6 KJV

6 For I am the Lord, I change not;

Hebrews 13:8 AMPC

8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).

God's Word told us that many pastors's preachers and teachers would come and deceive many about sin, judgment and righteousness and the things to come that have already been prophesied about: Israel, global cashless currency and pastor's no longer speaking the truth and or twisting the truth. More then half of the pastors in the United States over the last 4 presidential elections (word and deed) have voted against God's Word. The no longer tach the truth, live themselves contrary to God's Word and no longer teach repenting from their sin which was prophesied as a sign of Jesus coming. From homosexuality, sexual perversion, same sex marriage, sexual identity...God's Word foretold it will be as in the days of Lot when Jesus return. Paul said this would talk place as well in Romans 1.

Matthew 19:4-7 AMPC

- 4 He replied, <u>Have you never read</u> that He Who made them from the beginning made them male and female,
- 5 And said, For this reason <u>a man shall leave his father and mother</u> and shall be united firmly (joined inseparably) to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?

2 Peter 1:19-21 AMPC

- 19 And we have the prophetic word [made] firmer still. You will do well to pay close attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dismal (squalid and dark) place, until the day breaks through [the gloom] and the Morning Star rises ([a]comes into being) in your hearts.
- 20 [Yet] first [you must] understand this, that no prophecy of Scripture is [a matter] of any personal or private or special interpretation (loosening, solving).
- 21 For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [to do so—it never came by human impulse], but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the Holy Spirit.

This series is primarily for the believer, the follower of Jesus Christ giving them knowledge to the Biblical issues that government and many in the church are calling political. We will address the Biblical issues that many in the church are calling political and allowing feelings/emotions to reason away God's Word.

What does God's Word say about global warming, capital punishment, socialism, the right to bear arms, national sovereignty, individual responsibility, racism, marriage, immigration, economic, social, and foreign affairs and many other issues? God's Word tells you and I, followers of Jesus Christ that "in everything we do, in word and deed, do it all in the name of the Lord" (Colossians 3:17).

For those who call themselves "christians" follower of Jesus Christ or imitator of Christ we need to have knowledge to God's Word. Knowledge along with the revelation of God's Word leads to the transformation and that is the job of the pastor to give the information and the relation of the Word. Part of the job of the Pastor, preacher and teacher of the Word is to warn God's People.

Regarding warnings, which this series will address the Biblical issues and give warning about choosing against God's Word... all throughout the Bible, people did not like warnings. They considered them to be negative. When Lot warned his daughters and son-in-laws that destruction was coming to Sodom, the mocked him.

Genesis 19:14 KJV

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

The prophet Elijah began to give a warning to his generation about King Ahab and Jezebel in 1 Kings Chapter 21. As you keep reading the story, Jezebel actually went after him to have him beheaded. She had already done this many of God's prophets.

You will discover (Jeremiah 11:1-23) when the prophet Jeremiah began to warn the people that judgment was coming to Jerusalem and to Israel, they wanted to stone him. They wanted to kill a prophet of God who was giving them a warning that did come to pass years later about the Babylonian invasion that was coming.

In 2nd Chronicles, look what Zechariah said as Gods warning to the people and the results of that warning...

2 Chronicles 24:20-21 AMPC

20 Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood over the people, and he said to them, Thus says God: Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, He also has forsaken you.

21 They conspired against Zechariah the priest and stoned him at the command of the king in the court of the Lord's house!

He said, you can't prosper because you have forsaken the Lord. This prophecy about judgement made the people at the temple so angry that they picked up stones and they stoned him. Jesus referred to this when he placed a curse of shedding innocent blood on the generation for what they did to Zachariah.

<u>Matthew 23:35-36 AMPC</u>

35 So that upon your heads may come all the blood of the righteous ([a]those who correspond to the divine standard of right) shed on earth, from the blood of the righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar [of burnt offering].

36 Truly I declare to you, all these [evil, calamitous times] will come upon this generation.

Imagine that, a prophet (a mouth piece speaking God's Word or the Truth) being stoned in the house of God.

<u>John 15:18 AMPC</u>

18 If the world hates you, know that it hated Me before it hated you.

When you and I, followers of Jesus Christ tell church goers or those who call themselves Christian the Truth about what God's Word says...don't expect everyone to say thank you and take you out to eat.

Luke 21:12-13 AMPC

12 But previous to all this, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, turning you over to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be led away before kings and governors for My name's sake.

13 This will be a time (an opportunity) for you to bear testimony.

It's going to get tough church, tougher than it is now - God's Word says so...

Most pastor's shy away from preaching and speaking on what's going on in the world especially in the United States because they don't want to be divisive. They either don't believe what God's Word says to be true or they are ignorant to what His Word commands us to do or they are too lazy to look them up. When you preach the Word it is going to be divisive, that's with the Word of God is. It separates right from wrong.

Hebrews 4:12 AMPC

12 For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature],

exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Remember what Paul told to Timothy...to all preachers and teachers of the Word at the Time of the End.

2 Timothy 4:2 AMPC

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But this is what is happening in many churches all throughout the United States...

<u>Isaiah 56:10-12 AMPC</u>

- 10 [Israel's] watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, they love to slumber.
- 11 <u>Yes, the dogs are greedy</u>; they never have enough. And such are the shepherds who cannot understand; <u>they have all turned to their own way, each one to his own gain,</u> from every quarter [one and all].
- 12 Come, say they, We will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink! And tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.

There are examples all throughout the Word of what happens when the righteous, warnings out of love, quote God's Word. Once again, we are looking at: Where is the United States today, and where is it headed, and why is it headed in that direction and what do I need to do about it. There are patterns all throughout God's Word regarding what the righteous should be found doing in the midst of wickedness not just outside of the church but what is taking place in the church as well.

Ezekiel 33:1-9AMPC

- 1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, speak to your people [the Israelite captives in Babylon] and say to them, When I bring the sword upon a land and the people of the land take a man from among them and make him their watchman,
- 3 If when he sees the sword coming upon the land, he blows the trumpet and warns the people,
- 4 Then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.
- 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning shall save his life.

- 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, he is taken away in and for his perversity and iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.
- 7 So you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth and give them warning from Me.
- 8 When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his perversity and iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand.
- 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his evil way and he does not turn from his evil way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life.



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