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**MERCY**

The gospel continues to be offered to all people, Jews and Gentiles.

Romans 11:17-32

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**KEY DOCTRINE: God’s Purpose of Grace**

Election is the glorious display of God’s sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility (Phil. 2:5-7).

**IN MY CONTEXT**

\*Because salvation comes through faith in Jesus alone, there is no room for arrogance expressed through unbelievers.

\*All believers need to be aware that God’s mercy demonstrated in Christ remains open to the Jews.

\*God is merciful to everyone, giving salvation to all who place their faith in His Son.

**Memory Verse:**

“Therefore, consider God’s kindness and severity: severity toward those who have fallen but God’s kindness toward you --- if you remain in Hi kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.” (ROM. 11:22)

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**SACRIFICES**

Believers are to demonstrate Christlike character, living as sacrifices in all they do.

Romans 12:1-2. 9-18

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**KEY DOCTRINE: The Christian and Social Order**

Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth. (Col 3:12-17).

**IN MY CONTEXT**

\*Salvation changes how believers think and what they value.

\*Salvation changes how we relate to other believers.

\*Salvation changes how we relate to all people, including those who seek to harm us..

**Memory Verse:**

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.” (ROM. 12:1)

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**CITIZENS**

Believers should eek to represent Christ well in their communities and world.

Romans 13:1-14

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**KEY DOCTRINE: Religious Liberty**

Civil government, being ordained of God, it is truly the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. (1 Peter 3:11-17).

**IN MY CONTEXT**

\*Believers should honor their government and its leaders by being model citizens.

\*Believers should demonstrate Christlike love to all people,

\*Believers should live holy lives in anticipation of the return of Christ.

**Memory Verse**

“Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are instituted by God.” (ROM 13:1).

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**Accepting**

Believers should accept and encourage other believers to facilitate unity.

Romans 14:1-12.

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**KEY DOCTRINE: The Church**

Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes, with each member being responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord (Col. 1:18).

**IN MY CONTEXT:**

\*Christians are to avoid being judgmental toward other believers’ spiritual understanding and religious practices.

\*Believers are to honor God regardless of what doing so may require,

\*Believers are to express understanding toward other believers and their God -honoring practices.

**Memory Verse:**

“Accept anyone who is weak in faith, but don’t argue about disputed matters.” (ROM 14:1).

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**Reach**

Believers must make every effort to share the gospel with everyone.

Romans 15:14-21, 30-33

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**KEY DOCTRINE: Cooperation**

Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ’s Kingdom (1 Cor. 1:10-17).

**IN MY CONTEXT**

\*God calls believers to share the gospel with others.

\*Believers are to be careful to point others to Jesus.

\*Believers are to intentionally go and engage with people who have not heard the gospel message.

\*Believers must partner with others to more effectively share the gospel.

**Memory Verse:**

“My brothers and sisters, I myself am convinced about you that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another.” (ROM. 15:14).