

## ***Eleutheros Newsletter***

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### **News of Interest**

Eleutheros Books is dedicated to offering literature and course offerings that will help believers to think Biblically.

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[\*The Ramifications of Our Salvation\*](#) explains what happens Biblically when a believer is saved by God's grace.

[\*Bible Translations: A Closer Look\*](#) explains the challenges translators face and gives reasons why the wording in some versions is so much different from that of other versions.

[\*Spiritual Gifts Verse by Verse: A Commentary on I Corinthians 12-14\*](#) deals with every phrase in these three chapters which are key to understanding the blessings and challenges of the gifts God gives to every believer.

[\*A Portrait of Jesus\*](#) looks at our great Savior for Who He is and what He has done (and will do) from eternity past to eternity future.

[\*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ\*](#) presents clear and important evidence for our Lord's resurrection, the greatest event in all of history.

[\*19<sup>th</sup> Century Influences on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christianity\*](#) gives insights into many factors from the past that are still influencing the Church today.

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**Is there anything more important to you than your eternal salvation?**

Here is your invitation to understand salvation.

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(CURRENTLY OFFERING)

**[The Ramifications of Our Salvation 101](#)**

**[The Ramifications of Our Salvation 102](#)**

Very soon a course on I Corinthians will be available!

## **Thoughts from Romans**

**1:2** Which He had promised afore by His prophets in the Holy Scriptures.

The Gospel message was promised and progressively revealed in Old Testament times. (**προεπηγγείλατο**—the Greek verb indicates that the promise has had significant effects ever since the prophets were inspired by the Holy Spirit to reveal the message).

From the early chapters of Genesis to the conclusion of Malachi, God wanted mankind to know certain things pertaining to salvation.

The clearest and most consistent truths were **grace, faith, and the blood**.

Concerning grace: *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord* ([Genesis 6:8](#)). Job, probably written before the time of Moses, recognized God's amazing grace by saying, *Thou hast granted me life and favour, and Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit* ([Job 10:12](#)). Later, David declared, *In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul* ([Psalm 138:3](#)).

A simple definition of grace (**χάρις**, “**grace**”) would be “God's love extended to people who don't deserve it.”

Concerning faith: *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh* ([Hebrews 11:4](#), based on [Genesis 4:1-8](#)). *For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness* ([Romans 4:3](#), based on [Genesis 15:6](#)). *If so, be the Lord will be with me, I will be able to drive them out, as the Lord said* (Joshua 14:12).

In the New Testament it becomes clear that Jesus is the source of faith for believers: *Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith* ([Hebrews 12:2](#)).

Concerning the blood: Very soon after Adam and Eve sinned, God killed an animal, no doubt shedding its blood, and offered its coat as a covering for their nakedness: *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord make coats of skins, and clothed them* ([Genesis 3:21](#)). God instructed early Israel that blood was to be sprinkled on an altar and on the people ([Exodus 24:6-8](#)). And the blood of a spotless lamb was to be sprinkled on the door posts of every house of the Israelites just before leaving Egypt ([Exodus 12:7-28](#)).

The blood is SURELY an essential in the Gospel message: *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission* ([Hebrews 9:22](#)).

Having been trained as a Pharisee ([Acts 23:6](#); [26:5](#)), Paul was mentally acquainted with these basic concepts even before he was saved by God's grace.

Once he was born again, he came to understand far more and to apply diligently many other aspects of the Gospel, because he was *separated unto the Gospel of God* ([Romans 1:1](#)).

It was the work of Christ that saved Paul, and the GOSPEL became the dominating theme for the remainder of his life on this earth:

*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek* ([Romans 1:16](#)).

It reached the point that Paul felt worthless if he somehow missed an opportunity to present the glorious message that Jesus saves to the lost people he encountered: *For though I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel* ([I Corinthians 9:16](#))!

May God give us this passion for lost souls!

We will continue **Thoughts from Romans** in next month's newsletter.