

Eleutheros Books Newsletter

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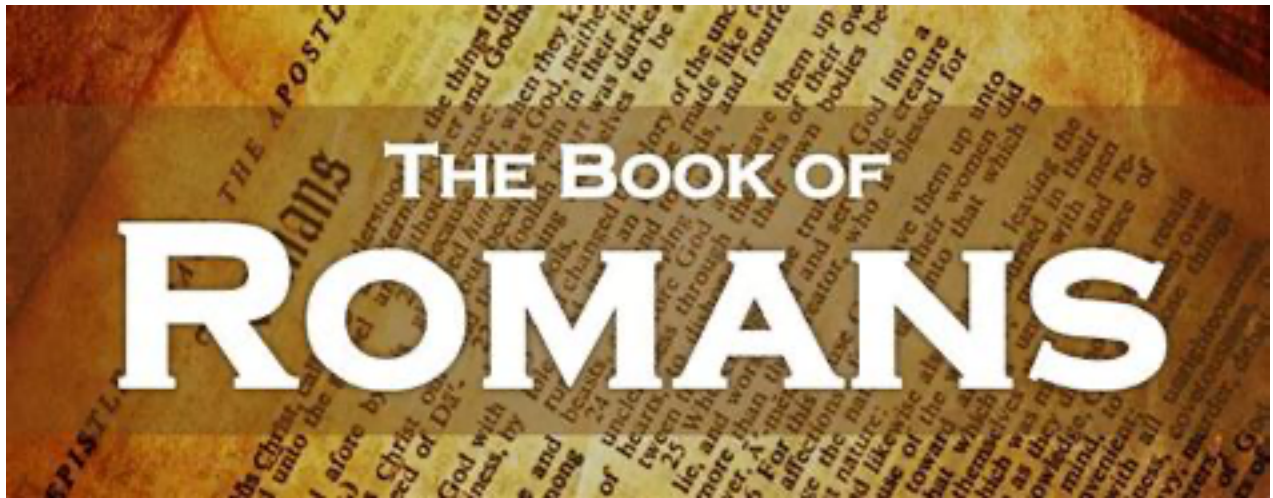
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Thoughts on Romans

[2:6-8](#) *Who will render to every man according to his own deeds: To them who by patient endurance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath.*

Earlier in this chapter the Apostle Paul makes an all-important point—man is full of sin: *Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God ([2:4-5](#)).*

This is not a message that unsaved individuals want to hear! The Scriptures declare that they are children of Satan ([John 8:44](#)), that they cannot save themselves ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)), that they do not and cannot understand spiritual things ([I Corinthians 2:14](#)), and even our “righteousness” is as filthy rags ([Isaiah 64:6](#))!

Later in this epistle Paul declares *wages of sin is death ([6:23](#)).*

These declarations raise an important issue:

Why would God want people to become aware of such awful news? Isn't He a God of love?

Of course, God is love, but He is also holy! We are living in a time when even many who name the name of Christ are so afraid of the reactions of others that they refuse to tell them the truth! Truth and love go together (III John 1 and many other references).

There are tracts that pervert the truth by saying this to unbelievers: **God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life.**

The simple truth is this: God hates sin and unbelievers are facing an eternity in hell!

Most people in this world live as though God doesn't exist. They don't pray; they don't have any regard for our Savior; some believe in their religion, their education, their bank account, their family, their political connections, or in any of a myriad of other things they feel are enough to make them safe from any harm.

People who believe they are safe do not want to hear about sin, hell, the cross, repentance, faith, our Lord's resurrection, and the fact that Jesus is the only One Who saves ([John 14:6](#)).

It is when they do hear the message about sin and its eternally damning consequences that they can begin to ponder the truth.

When the Holy Spirit works in hearts and the Word of God's message about these things is presented that things begin to happen.

Of course, the good news of the Gospel is that Jesus **does save!** This is a manifestation of His love.

To put it another way, religion and self-righteousness kills, but Jesus saves!

This is the positive side of [Romans 2:6-8](#): *To them who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life* (verse 7).

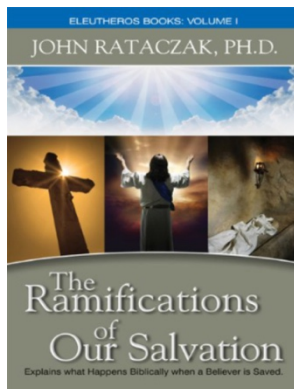
This is accomplished by Jesus Who is “the author and finisher of our faith” ([Hebrews 12:2](#))!

Further, genuine faith is eternal ([1 Corinthians 13:13](#))!

Therefore, salvation which begins with Christ is an amazing miracle that results in major changes in this life and a wonderful eternity with Him in heaven!

We will continue these thoughts from Romans in next month’s newsletter.

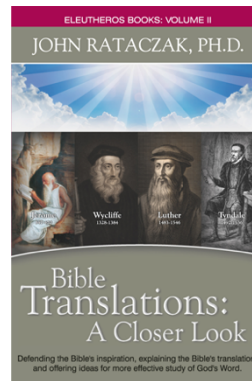
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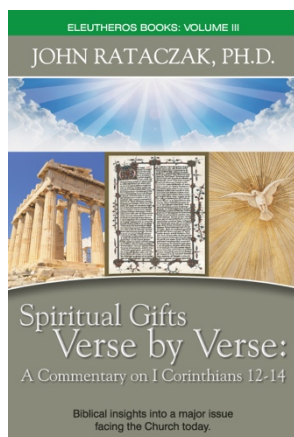
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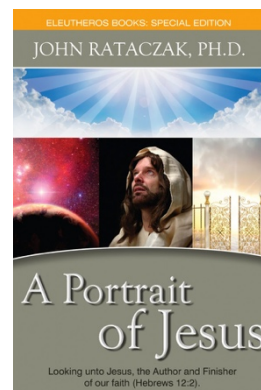
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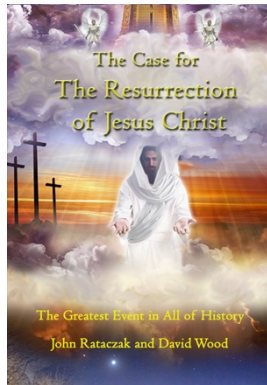


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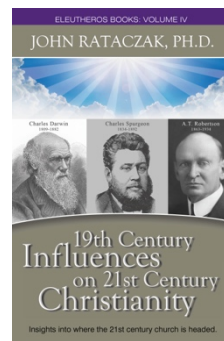
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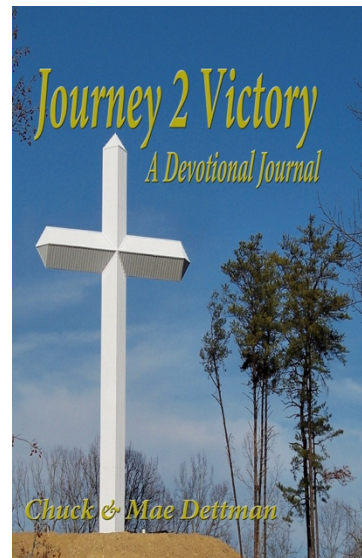
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