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| **#** | **The souls of the righteousness.....** Research about the righteous saints by Paul van Beek  But the souls of the righteousness are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction, and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they are been punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of Himself. As **gold** in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings He took them for Himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in Him shall understand truth and the faithful shall abide with Him in love. Because grace and mercy are with His Holy ones and care is with His elect. (Words of Wisdom) | | |
| **#** | **Scripture Reference** | **Scripture according Romans** Amplified Bible 🡇 | **Commentary** (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). |
| **1** | ***Romans 1:16*** | *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,* | Builds upon it purity of heart, grateful obedience, and earnest desires to improve in all those Christian graces and tempers, which nothing but a lively faith in Yeshua can bring forth. It is necessary that we have a righteousness to appear in before him: there is such a righteousness brought in by the Messiah, and made known in the gospel; a gracious method of acceptance, notwithstanding the guilt of our sins. It is the righteousness of Yeshua/Christ, Who is G-D, coming from a satisfaction of infinite value. (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). |
| **2** | ***Romans 1:17*** | *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.* | God's righteousness is revealed in the gospel on the ground of faith as the absolute condition of salvation, and is only effective in those who believe (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). |
| **3** | ***Romans 3:4*** | *By no means! Let God be found true though every human being is false {and} a liar, as it is written, That You may be justified {and} shown to be upright in what You say, and prevail (overcome) when You are judged [by sinful men].* | Let man examine himself and his ways to see if he has not failed to meet conditions so God can fulfill His promise. (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). |
| **4** | ***Romans 4:13, 16*** | *13 For the promise to Abraham or his posterity, that he should inherit the world, did not come through [observing the commands of] the Law but through the righteousness of faith.*  *16 Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith {and} depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable {and} valid {and} guaranteed to all his descendants--not only to the devotees {and} adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all.* | This promise of heir-ship did not come through the law, but by the Abrahamic covenant of faith *(Rom. 4:13-16; Gen. 12:1-3)*. (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). As God intended to give men a title to the promised blessings, so he appointed it to be by faith, that it might be wholly of grace, to make it sure to all who were of the like precious faith with Abraham, whether Jews or Gentiles, in all ages. The justification and salvation of sinners, the taking to himself the Gentiles who had not been a people, were a gracious calling of things which are not, as though they were; and this giving a being to things that were not, proves the almighty power of God. The nature and power of Abraham's faith are shown. He believed God's testimony, and looked for the performance of his promise, firmly hoping when the case seemed hopeless (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). |
| **5** | ***Romans 6:13*** | *Do not continue offering or yielding your bodily members [and faculties] to sin as instruments (tools) of wickedness. But offer {and} yield yourselves to God as though you have been raised from the dead to [perpetual] life, and your bodily members [and faculties] to God, presenting them as (instruments) implements of righteousness.* | It is not sin to be tempted; the sin is in yielding *(Jas. 1:13-15)*. While sin exists as satanic solicitation, it is Satan's lust and sin, not ours. When we yield, we make the Devil's sin our own. The one tempted should obey *James. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Eph. 4:27*. When man refuses, regardless of how strong the temptation is, no sin is possible *(1John. 3:4; James 1:13-15)*. (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). It must be the care of the Christian to resist their motions, earnestly striving, that, through Divine grace, they may not prevail in this mortal state. Let the thought that this state will soon be at an end, encourage the true Christian, as to the motions of lusts, which so often perplex and distress him. Let us present all our powers to God, as weapons or tools ready for the warfare, and work of righteousness, in his service. There is strength in the covenant of grace for us. (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). |
| **6** | ***Romans 6:18,19*** | *18. And having been set free from sin, you have become the servants of righteousness (of conformity to the Divine will in thought, purpose, and action).*  *19. I am speaking in familiar human terms because of your natural limitations. For as you yielded your bodily members [and faculties] as servants to impurity and ever increasing lawlessness, so now yield your bodily members [and faculties] once for all as servants to righteousness (right being and doing) [which leads] to sanctification.* | Because of the weakness of your flesh. As you have yielded your physical members to sin and uncleanness, you must now do likewise to righteousness and holiness *(Rom. 6:19-20).* (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). Every man is the servant of the master to whose commands he yields himself; whether it be the sinful dispositions of his heart, in actions which lead to death, or the new and spiritual obedience implanted by regeneration. (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). **1.** **The old man** *(****2 Cor. 5:17*** *Rom. 6:6; Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9)*   (2) Sin *(Jn. 1:29; 8:34; Rom. 6:4 -- Rom. 8:2)*   (3) The body of sin *(Rom. 6:6)*   (4) The power of Satan *(Acts 26:18)*   (5) The body of this death *(Rom. 7:24)*   (6) The lusts of the flesh *(Eph. 2:3)*   (7) The lust of the eyes *(1Jn. 2:15-17)*   (8) The pride of life *(1Jn. 2:15-17)*   (9) The works of the flesh *(Gal. 5:19)*   (10) The world *(1Jn. 2:15-17; Jas. 4:4)*   (11) Vile affections *(Rom. 1:26,29)*   (12) The lusts of the mind *(Eph. 2:3)*   (13) The lusts of sin *(Rom. 6:11-12)*   (14) The motions of sins *(Rom. 7:5)*   (15) The law of sin and death *(Rom. 7:7 -- Rom. 8:2)*   (16) The carnal mind *(Rom. 8:1-13)*   (17) The god of this world *(2Cor. 4:4)*   (18) Spiritual wickedness in high places ... rulers of darkness *(Eph. 6:12)*   (19) The lusts of your father *(Jn. 8:44)*   (20) Sin that dwelled in me *(Rom. 7:17)*   (21) The course of this world *(Eph. 2:2)*   (22) The body of the sins of the flesh *(Col. 2:11; Gal. 5:24; Rom. 8)*  Dake's Annotated Reference Bible. |
| **7** | ***Romans 6:20*** | *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness!* | G-D has made the reconciled ambassadors for Yeshua/Christ to reconcile others *(2Cor. 5:20; Rom. 5:10).* (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible).  Though the same as a man, he is changed in his character and conduct. These words must and do mean more than an outward reformation Our offended G-D has reconciled us to himself by Yeshua/Christ. By the inspiration of God, the *Scriptures* were written, which are the word of reconciliation; showing that peace has been made by the cross, and how we may be interested therein. (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). |
| **8** | ***Romans 8:4*** | *So that the righteous {and} just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live {and} move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit].* | By the walk of Yeshua/Christ in real flesh and yet without sin, He condemned sin in all flesh and made a way whereby no flesh had to continue in sin *(Rom. 6:1-23; 8:1-13; 2Cor. 5:17-18; 10:4-6; Gal. 5:16-26).* (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). Believers may be chastened of the Lord, but will not be condemned with the world. By their union with Yeshua/Christ through faith, they are thus secured. What is the principle of their walk; the flesh or the Spirit, the old or the new nature, corruption or grace? (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). |
| **9** | ***Romans 8:10*** | *But if {Yeshua}Christ lives in you, [then although] your [natural] body is dead by reason of sin {and} guilt, the spirit is alive because of [the] righteousness [that He imputes to you].* | THEIR PRIVILEGES AS BEING THE CHILDREN OF GOD! *(Romans 8:10-17)*  You Christians are not minding the things of the flesh, but of the Spirit, if the Spirit dwells in you. (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). If the Spirit be in us, Yeshua/Christ is in us. He dwells in the heart by faith. Grace in the soul is its new nature; the soul is alive to God, and has begun its holy happiness which shall endure forever. The righteousness of Yeshua/Christ imputed, secures the soul, the better part, from death.(Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). |
| **10** | ***Romans 9:32*** | *For what reason? Because [they pursued it] not through faith, relying [instead] on the merit of their works [they did not depend on faith but on what they could do]. They have stumbled over the Stumbling Stone.* | Why has Ancient Israel not attained to the righteousness she sought so long? Because she sought it not by faith, but by works of the 'law', and because they stumbled over the way the Messiah Yeshua came *(Rom. 9:32-33).* (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). Why being ignorant of God's way of righteousness by faith in Yeshua/Christ? *(Rom. 3:25-31; Gal. 2:16; 3:10-28).* They went about to establish their own righteousness by works! They attained not to the Abrahamic covenant, which stands alone on the principle of grace through faith *(Rom. 4:1-25; Gen. 15:6).* They set all their efforts upon the law of works and imagined they were justified by outward observance of a few rituals!? When the gospel came along offering free salvation to Gentiles as well as Jews on the basis of grace and faith without works, they (The ancient Jews in Yeshua's time) were offended and rejected it. (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible).  The Gentiles knew not their guilt and misery, therefore were not careful to procure a remedy. Yet they attained to righteousness by faith. Not by becoming proselytes to religion, and submitting to the ceremonial law; but by embracing Yeshua/Christ, and believing in Him, and submitting to the gospel. Talking much of justification and holiness, and seemed very ambitious to be the favorites of God. seeking, but not in the right way, not in the humbling way, not in the appointed way. Not by faith, not by embracing Yeshua/Christ, depending upon Him, and submitting to the gospel. Expected justification by observing the precepts and ceremonies of the law?! (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). It is all about a personal relationship with G-D! (PvB) |
| **11** | ***Romans 10:3, 4***  *Matthew 23:37 (KJV)* | *3. For being ignorant of the righteousness that God ascribes [which makes one acceptable to Him in Word, thought, and deed] and seeking to establish a {righteousness} {(a means of salvation)} of their own, they did not obey {or} submit themselves to God's righteousness.*  *4. For {Yeshua}Christ is the end of the Law [the limit at which it ceases to be, for the Law leads up to Him Who is the fulfillment of its types, and in Him the purpose which it was designed to accomplish is fulfilled. That is, the purpose of the Law is fulfilled in Him] as the means of righteousness (right relationship to God) for everyone who trusts in {and} adheres to {and} relies on Him.*  *37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!* | The ancient Jews in Yeshua's time built on a 'false' foundation, and refused to come to the Messiah Yeshua/Christ for free salvation by **faith**, and numbers in every age do the same in various ways. The strictness of the law showed men their need of salvation by grace, through faith. And the ceremonies shadowed forth Yeshua/Christ as fulfilling the righteousness, and bearing the curse of the law. So that even under the law, all who were justified before God, obtained that blessing by faith, whereby they were made partakers of the perfect righteousness of the promised Redeemer. The law is not destroyed, nor the intention of the Lawgiver disappointed; but full satisfaction being made by the death of Yeshua/Christ for our breach of the law, the end is gained. That is, Yeshua/Christ has fulfilled the whole law, therefore whoever believeth in Him, is counted just before G-D, as much as though He had fulfilled the whole law Himself. (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). The law ends in Yeshua/Christ who fulfilled it by being the real sacrifice. In the final analysis man is responsible for his destiny *(Rev. 22:17; Matthew 23:7).* (PvB) |
| **12** | ***Romans 10:6*** | *But the righteousness based on faith [imputed by God and bringing right relationship with Him] says, Do not say in your heart, Who will ascend into Heaven? That is, to bring {Yeshua}Christ down!* | Law righteousness demanded perfect obedience; faith righteousness asks only confession of sins and surrender to God who, by the Holy Spirit, sets free from the law of sin and death *(Rom. 8:2),* transforms the nature and life *(2 Cor. 5:17-18; 1 Cor. 6:11),* fulfills in man the righteousness of the law (Rom. 8:3), and makes man righteous in Yeshua/Christ *(1Cor. 1:30; 2Cor. 5:21; Rom. 4:1-25; 10:6-13).* (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible).  If a man confessed faith in Yeshua, as the Lord and Savior of lost sinners, and really believed in his heart that God had raised him from the dead, thus showing that he had accepted the atonement, he should be saved by the righteousness of Yeshua/Christ, imputed to him through faith! Justification by faith in Yeshua/Christ is a plain doctrine! (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). |
| **13** | ***Romans 10:10*** | *For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on {Yeshua}Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) {and} confirms [his] salvation.* | The self-condemned sinner need not perplex himself how this righteousness may be found. The believer shall never have cause to repent his confident trust in the Lord Yeshua. Of such faith no sinner shall be ashamed before G-D; and he ought to glory in it before men. (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). |
| **14** | ***Romans 12:1*** | *I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, {and} beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service {and} spiritual worship.* | Conversion and sanctification are the renewing of the mind; a change, not of the substance, but of the qualities of the soul. The progress of sanctification, dying to sin more and more, and living to righteousness more and more, is the carrying on this renewing work, till it is perfected in glory. (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary).  People are now to bring themselves to God They are now to be wholly the Lord's as were the former sacrifices. (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible). |
| **15** | ***Romans 12:2*** | *Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, {even} the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].* | Transformed or transfigured by a supernatural change, as in.(1.) The old man *(2 Cor. 5:17; Romans 6:18,19)* Do not pattern after this age or to the times. This change is by a renewing of the mind or spirit (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible).  The work of the Holy Spirit first begins in the understanding, and is carried on to the will, affections, and conversation, till there is a change of the whole man into the likeness of G-D! In knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness! Thus, to be G-Dly, is to give up ourselves to G-D! (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary). |
| **16** | ***Romans 14:17*** | *[After all] the Kingdom of God is not a matter of [getting the] food and drink [one likes], but instead it is righteousness (that state which makes a person acceptable to God) and [heart] peace and joy in the Holy Spirit!* | The kingdom of God does not consist of meat, drink, and outward religion. It consists of three things here:  **1.** Righteousness *(Rom. 3:21-31; 4:1-25; 8:4)*  **2.** Peace *(Rom. 2:10; 5:1; 8:6; 10:15)*  **3.** Joy *(Rom. 5:11; Gal. 5:22; 1Pet. 1:8)*  Any man who has righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit has three other great blessings:  **1.** He is a servant of Yeshua/Christ!  **2.** He is acceptable with G-D!  **3.** He is approved by people.  Dake's Annotated Reference Bible. |
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