We never debate for the sake of winning!
But we do present a biblically-based case to uphold The Word of God.

The goal is always to make known the great extent of available knowledge that God has provided for us to succeed at His level of standard

Our standard for belief is what's written, and our "Urbook" or "Urbible"

...“it is written”

What is written, is the adhesive that unites believers:

John 1:1 (ESV)
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Romans 1:17 (ESV)
For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith; as it is written, “But the righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 10:17 (ESV)
So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Romans 15:4 (ESV)
For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that by the endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)
For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Revelation 19:13 (ESV)
He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God.

The book of Romans

Justification

Justification is the act of God by which He declares a sinner to be just and righteous in His sight, based on the merit of Christ's perfect obedience and sacrifice, not on any human effort or merit. It is a legal declaration that the believer is now in a state of peace with God, free from condemnation, and accepted as righteous through faith in Christ alone.

Salvation= the Deliver from a confinement

SOZO (with its Hebrew Old Testament counterpart yasha)

Salvation means more on the inside as consequence of justification

Romans 1:17 (ESV)
For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith; as it is written, “But the righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 3:21-26 (NKJV)
21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
22 even the righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ to all and upon all who believe. For there is no difference;
23 for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,
24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
25 whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God,
26 to declare, I say, at this time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who believes in Jesus.

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Romans 1:17 (ESV)
For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith; as it is written, “But the righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:16 (ESV)
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, the Jew first and also the Greek.

Romans 1:17 (ESV)
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith; as it is written, “But the righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:18 (ESV)
18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Romans 1:19 (ESV)
19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

Romans 1:20 (ESV)
20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divinity, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:21 (ESV)
21 For although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:22 (ESV)
22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 (ESV)
23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping creatures.

Romans 1:24 (ESV)
24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

Romans 1:25 (ESV)
25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Romans 1:26 (ESV)
26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural,

Romans 1:27 (ESV)
27 and the men, leaving the natural relations with the women, burned in their desire for one another, men committing indecency with men and receiving in themselves the penalty for their perversion.

Romans 1:28 (ESV)
28 And since they did not see fit to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do what is not fitting,

Romans 1:29 (ESV)
29 being filled with all unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, they are gossips,

Romans 1:30 (ESV)
30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:31 (ESV)
31 without understanding, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Romans 1:32 (ESV)
32 Although they know God’s decree that those who practice such things deserve death, they not only do them but also approve those who practice them.

Romans 2:1 (ESV)
1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, everyone who judges. For in judging another you condemn yourself, for you, the judge, practice the same things.

Romans 2:2 (ESV)
2 We know that God’s judgment rightly falls on those who practice such things.

Romans 2:3 (ESV)
3 Do you think, O man, who practice such things and yet do them, that you will escape God’s judgment?

Romans 2:4 (ESV)
4 Or despise the riches of his kindness, tolerance, and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Romans 2:5 (ESV)
5 But because of your hardness and your impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

Romans 2:6 (ESV)
6 He will repay each person according to his deeds:

Romans 2:7 (ESV)
7 to those who by patience in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, eternal life;

Romans 2:8 (ESV)
8 but for those who are selfish and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and anger.

Romans 2:9 (ESV)
9 Tribulation and distress will come upon every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,

Romans 2:10 (ESV)
10 but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

Romans 2:11 (ESV)
11 For there is no partiality with God.

Romans 2:12 (ESV)
12 For all who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law

Romans 2:13 (ESV)
13 (for it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be justified.

Romans 2:14 (ESV)
14 For when Gentiles who do not have the law by nature do what the law requires, they are a law unto themselves, even though they do not have the law.

Romans 2:15 (ESV)
15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their thoughts accuse or even excuse them

Romans 2:16 (ESV)
16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Romans 2:17 (ESV)
17 Behold, you are called a Jew, and you rely upon the law and boast in God

Romans 2:18 (ESV)
18 and know his will and approve what is vital, being instructed out of the law,

Romans 2:19 (ESV)
19 and you think you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in darkness,

Romans 2:20 (ESV)
20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—

Romans 2:21 (ESV)
21 you then who teach others, will you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal?

Romans 2:22 (ESV)
22 You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

Romans 2:23 (ESV)
23 You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?

Romans 2:24 (ESV)
24 For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

Romans 2:25 (ESV)
25 For circumcision indeed profits if you keep the law; but if you are a transgressor of the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.

Romans 2:26 (ESV)
26 So if the uncircumcised keeps the requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

Romans 2:27 (ESV)
27 Then will not the uncircumcised by nature, if he fulfills the law, judge you who have the written code and circumcision but are a transgressor of the law?

Romans 2:28 (ESV)
28 For a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision something outward and bodily.

Romans 2:29 (ESV)
29 But a Jew is one who is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, spiritual and not literal. He gets his praise not from men but from God.

Romans 3:1 (ESV)
1 Then what advantage does the Jew have, or what is the profit of circumcision?

Romans 3:2 (ESV)
2 Much in every way. For first of all, they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

Romans 3:3 (ESV)
3 For if some were faithless, does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?

Romans 3:4 (ESV)
4 By no means! Let God be true, and every man a liar, as it is written, “That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.”

Romans 3:5 (ESV)
5 But if our unrighteousness shows the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust in inflicting wrath? (I speak in human terms.)

Romans 3:6 (ESV)
6 By no means! For then how will God judge the world?

Romans 3:7 (ESV)
7 But if through my lie God’s truth abounds to his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?

Romans 3:8 (ESV)
8 And why not, as we are slandered and as some say that we say, “Let us do evil that good may come”? Their condemnation is just.

Romans 3:9 (ESV)
9 What then? Are we Jews better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that Jews and Greeks alike all are under sin,

Romans 3:10 (ESV)
10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no one is righteous;

Romans 3:11 (ESV)
11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

Romans 3:12 (ESV)
12 “Their throat is an open grave; they deceitfully use their tongues.” “Adder’s poison is under their lips.”

Romans 3:13 (ESV)
13 “Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.”

Romans 3:14 (ESV)
14 “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

Romans 3:15 (ESV)
15 in their paths are ruin and misery,

Romans 3:16 (ESV)
16 and the way of peace they have not known.”

Romans 3:17 (ESV)
17 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Romans 3:18 (ESV)
18 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become liable to God.

Romans 3:19 (ESV)
19 For by the works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:20 (ESV)
20 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been manifested, to which the Law and the Prophets testify,

Romans 3:21 (ESV)
21 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no difference:

Romans 3:22 (ESV)
22 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23 (ESV)
23 they are justified freely by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that comes by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:24 (ESV)
24 God put forward as a propitiation, by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show his righteousness because in his forbearance he had passed over the sins committed beforehand.

Romans 3:25 (ESV)
25 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and justify the man who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:26 (ESV)
26 Where, then, is the boasting? It is excluded. By what sort of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

Romans 3:27 (ESV)
27 For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Romans 3:28 (ESV)
28 Or is God the God of the Jews only? Is he not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,

Romans 3:29 (ESV)
29 since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

Romans 3:30 (ESV)
30 Do we then nullify the law by faith? By no means! Rather, we uphold the law.

Romans 3:31 (ESV)
31 What shall we say then? Is Abraham our father according to the flesh to have found something?

Romans 4:1 (ESV)
1 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

Romans 4:2 (ESV)
2 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

Romans 4:3 (ESV)
3 Now to the man who works, his wages are not reckoned as a matter of grace but as his due.

Romans 4:4 (ESV)
4 But to the man who does not work but believes in God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.

Romans 4:5 (ESV)
5 Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Romans 4:6 (ESV)
6 Blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not reckon sin.

Romans 4:7 (ESV)
7 Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or for the uncircumcised also? We say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

Romans 4:8 (ESV)
8 How then was it reckoned? Was it before he was circumcised, or after? It was not after circumcision, but before circumcision.

Romans 4:9 (ESV)
9 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness he had by faith while still uncircumcised. The purpose was that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that they too might have righteousness reckoned to them.

Romans 4:10 (ESV)
10 And he received circumcision as a sign or seal of the righteousness he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So he is the father of all who believe when they are uncircumcised, so that they too may have righteousness credited to their account.

Romans 4:11 (ESV)
11 And he is also the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of our father Abraham before he was circumcised.

Romans 4:12 (ESV)
12 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not given to Abraham or his descendants through the law but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

Romans 4:13 (ESV)
13 For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is emptied and the promise is nullified.

Romans 4:14 (ESV)
14 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is also no transgression.

Romans 4:15 (ESV)
15 That’s why it depends on faith, so that it can be a matter of grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants—not just to those who live by the law but also to those who have the same faith as Abraham. He is our father in the sight of God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence what does not exist.

Romans 4:16 (ESV)
16 Hoping against hope, he believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it was spoken to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Romans 4:17 (ESV)
17 Without weakening in faith he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was barren.

Romans 4:18 (ESV)
18 Yet he never doubted God’s promise and grew strong in his faith when he gave glory to God,

Romans 4:19 (ESV)
19 being fully convinced that what he promised he was able also to do.

Romans 4:20 (ESV)
20 That’s why it was credited to him as righteousness.

Romans 4:21 (ESV)
21 But the words “it was credited to him” weren’t just for him alone.

Romans 4:22 (ESV)
22 We too will be credited with righteousness if we believe in the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Romans 4:23 (ESV)
23 He was handed over to death for our sins and was raised to life to make us right with God.

Romans 5:1 (ESV)
1 Since we have been made right with God by our faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:2 (ESV)
2 Because of our faith, he has brought us into this place of favor we now live in, and we are confident and rejoicing in our hope of sharing God’s glory.

Romans 5:3 (ESV)
3 We can even rejoice when we suffer, because we know that suffering develops endurance.

Romans 5:4 (ESV)
4 Endurance develops character, and character strengthens our hope.

Romans 5:5 (ESV)
5 And this hope will not disappoint us. For we know how much God loves us, because he has poured his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

Romans 5:6 (ESV)
6 For at the right time, when we were helpless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:7 (ESV)
7 Now, we will hardly find someone who is willing to die for a good man, though perhaps someone might dare to die for a good man.

Romans 5:8 (ESV)
8 But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:9 (ESV)
9 Since we are now declared righteous by his blood, how much more will we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

Romans 5:10 (ESV)
10 For if we were reconciled to God while we were his enemies, how much more will we be saved by his life, now that we are his friends!

Romans 5:11 (ESV)
11 So we can rejoice in our relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made it possible.

Romans 5:12 (ESV)
12 Sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin. And so death has spread to all people because all have sinned.

Romans 5:13 (ESV)
13 Sin was in the world before the law was given, but it wasn’t counted against people who lived before the law existed.

Romans 5:14 (ESV)
14 But everyone from Adam to Moses died, even those who didn’t sin by breaking a law like Adam did. Adam’s sin was a pattern of the one to come.

Romans 5:15 (ESV)
15 But there is a big difference between what Adam did and what God has given us through his generosity. For the many who died because of the sin of one man, God’s generosity overflowed to them in abundance through the kindness of one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:16 (ESV)
16 And what God has given us is not like the consequences of one man’s sin. The sin of one man brought condemnation, but God’s free gift of many sins brought us his acquittal.

Romans 5:17 (ESV)
17 For if death ruled because of the sin of one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and the gift of his righteousness live in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:18 (ESV)
18 So just as one man’s sin brought condemnation to all people, so one man’s act of righteousness brings free acquittal and new life to all people.

Romans 5:19 (ESV)
19 For just as the disobedience of one man made many sinners, so the obedience of one man makes many righteous.

Romans 5:20 (ESV)
20 The law came to the scene to make matters worse. But where sin was rife, God’s generosity was even more abundant.

Romans 5:21 (ESV)
21 So just as sin ruled over us by means of death, so God’s generosity now governs us with his acquittal, which results in eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:1 (ESV)
1 Do we then continue in sin that grace may abound?

Romans 6:2 (ESV)
2 By no means! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Romans 6:3 (ESV)
3 Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Romans 6:4 (ESV)
4 We were buried with him by our baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, we too can live a new life.

Romans 6:5 (ESV)
5 If we have been united with him in his death, we will be united with him in his resurrection.

Romans 6:6 (ESV)
6 We know that our old nature was crucified with him so that the power of sin would be broken and we would no longer be slaves to sin.

Romans 6:7 (ESV)
7 For when we died with Christ, we were freed from the power of sin.

Romans 6:8 (ESV)
8 And if we died with Christ, we know we will live with him.

Romans 6:9 (ESV)
9 We know that Christ, raised from the dead, will never die again. The power of death has no more mastery over him.

Romans 6:10 (ESV)
10 When he died, he died once for all time to deal with the power of sin, but now that he lives, he lives to the glory of God.

Romans 6:11 (ESV)
11 In the same way, you should consider yourselves dead to the power of sin and alive to God through your union with Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:12 (ESV)
12 Don’t let sin control your life so that you do what your bodies crave.

Romans 6:13 (ESV)
13 Don’t let any part of your body be used by sin as a tool to do evil. Instead, offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and offer your bodies to God as tools to do his work.

Romans 6:14 (ESV)
14 Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under the law, but under God’s generosity.

Romans 6:15 (ESV)
15 So what shall we do? Should we sin because we are not under the law but under God’s generosity? Absolutely not!

Romans 6:16 (ESV)
16 Don’t you know that if you let someone be your master and you obey his orders, you are his slaves? Of course you know that. You can be slaves to sin, which leads to death, or you can be slaves to obey God, which leads to a life of doing what is right.

Romans 6:17 (ESV)
17 But I thank God that you used to be slaves to sin, but now you have wholeheartedly obeyed the teaching we gave you.

Romans 6:18 (ESV)
18 You are now free from the slavery of sin, and you have become slaves to your new master, righteousness.

Romans 6:19 (ESV)
19 I’m using this example because of your weak understanding of spiritual things. In the past, you let your bodies be used as tools of impurity and lawlessness, which only led to more lawlessness. Now you must let your bodies be used as tools to do what is right so that you will be holy and pleasing to God.

Romans 6:20 (ESV)
20 When you were slaves to sin, you weren’t concerned about what was the right thing to do.

Romans 6:21 (ESV)
21 And what did you get out of your sinful lifestyle? Not much, since you’re now ashamed of your past lives. That kind of lifestyle leads to death.

Romans 6:22 (ESV)
22 But now, you are free from the slavery of sin and have become slaves to God. The benefit you receive from your lives of holiness is eternal life.

Romans 6:23 (ESV)
23 The wages we earn by sin is death, but God’s free gift to us is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 7:1 (ESV)
1 Don’t you know, my friends—you who are familiar with the law—that the law has jurisdiction over a person only as long as he lives?

Romans 7:2 (ESV)
2 For example, a married woman is legally married to her husband as long as he lives, but if he dies, she is released from the marriage contract.

Romans 7:3 (ESV)
3 So if her husband is still living, she is guilty of adultery if she marries another man. But if her husband dies, she is free from the marriage contract and may marry another man without being guilty of adultery.

Romans 7:4 (ESV)
4 In the same way, you have died to the law through the body of Christ so that you belong to another—to the one who was raised from the dead so that we can be fruitful for God.

Romans 7:5 (ESV)
5 When we were controlled by our sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law worked in our bodies to produce fruit for death.

Romans 7:6 (ESV)
6 But now we are released from the law because we died to what held us captive, so we can serve God in a new way by the Spirit, not in the old way of following the letter of the law.

Romans 7:7 (ESV)
7 Are we saying, then, that the law is sin? Of course not! In fact, I would not even know what sin is without the law. For example, I would not know what it means to covet if the law didn’t say, “You shall not covet.”

Romans 7:8 (ESV)
8 But sin used that commandment to produce in me all kinds of coveting. For apart from the law, sin is dead.

Romans 7:9 (ESV)
9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, I realized I was a sinner and deserved the penalty of death.

Romans 7:10 (ESV)
10 I thought the commandment would lead me to life, but it only led me to more sin and finally I died.

Romans 7:11 (ESV)
11 The commandment promised life, but it lied and killed me instead.

Romans 7:12 (ESV)
12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous, and good.

Romans 7:13 (ESV)
13 Did something that is good and holy cause my death? Absolutely not! It was sin that killed me, using the good and holy law to show how evil it really is.

Romans 7:14 (ESV)
14 We know that the law is spiritual, but I am not. I am a mere man, a slave to sin, sold to its power.

Romans 7:15 (ESV)
15 I don’t understand myself, for I don’t do what I want to do, but I do the things I hate.

Romans 7:16 (ESV)
16 But if I don’t do what I want to do, I agree that the law is good.

Romans 7:17 (ESV)
17 But it isn’t really I who do these things, but sin living in me.

Romans 7:18 (ESV)
18 For I know that good things don’t live in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is good, but I can’t seem to do it.

Romans 7:19 (ESV)
19 I don’t do the good I want to do, but I do the evil I don’t want to do.

Romans 7:20 (ESV)
20 But if I do what I don’t want to do, it isn’t really I who do it, but it is the sin within me that controls my actions.

Romans 7:21 (ESV)
21 So I find this rule at work within me: When I want to do what is good, I can’t help but do what is evil.

Romans 7:22 (ESV)
22 For I delight in God’s law with my inner being,

Romans 7:23 (ESV)
23 but I see another law at work in my members, waging a war against my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin that is at work within my members.

Romans 7:24 (ESV)
24 What a miserable man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is dying because of sin?

Romans 7:25 (ESV)
25 Thanks be to God, I can now rejoice in the rescue that comes through our Lord Jesus Christ. So I am a slave to God’s law in my mind, but I am still a slave to sin in my sinful nature.

Romans 8:1 (ESV)
1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:2 (ESV)
2 For because of my union with Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit, who gives life, has freed me from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3 (ESV)
3 The law could not do it because our sinful nature made it powerless. But God did what the law could not do. He condemned our sin when he sent his own Son in a body like our sinful bodies to be a sacrifice for our sin.

Romans 8:4 (ESV)
4 He did this so that the just demands of the law would be met in us who live not according to our sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:5 (ESV)
5 Those who live according to their sinful nature think about the things their sinful nature desires. But those who live according to the Spirit think about the things the Spirit desires.

Romans 8:6 (ESV)
6 The mind controlled by the sinful nature is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:7 (ESV)
7 For the mind controlled by the sinful nature is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, and it cannot do so.

Romans 8:8 (ESV)
8 People dominated by their sinful nature cannot please God.

Romans 8:9 (ESV)
9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ living in him, he does not belong to Christ.

Romans 8:10 (ESV)
10 But if Christ lives in you, your body will be dead because of your sin, but your spirit will be alive because you have been made right with God.

Romans 8:11 (ESV)
11 And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, he will give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who lives within you.

Romans 8:12 (ESV)
12 So, my friends, we have an obligation, but it isn’t to our sinful nature, to live according to our sinful nature.

Romans 8:13 (ESV)
13 If you live according to your sinful nature, you will die. But if by the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds your body wants to do, you will live.

Romans 8:14 (ESV)
14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Romans 8:15 (ESV)
15 For you haven’t received a spirit that makes you a slave and puts you back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of God when he adopted you as his children. And we cry out to him, “Abba, Father.”

Romans 8:16 (ESV)
16 For his Spirit joins with our spirits to confirm that we are God’s children.

Romans 8:17 (ESV)
17 And if we are children, we are also his heirs. We share with Christ all he inherits because we share his suffering so we can share his glory.

Romans 8:18 (ESV)
18 I consider that our suffering now is not even worth comparing with the glory we will receive when God’s work in us is finished.

Romans 8:19 (ESV)
19 For all creation is waiting and longing for the day when God will reveal his children.

Romans 8:20 (ESV)
20 For creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of the one who subjected it, in the hope that

Romans 8:21 (ESV)
21 creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:22 (ESV)
22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as if in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Romans 8:23 (ESV)
23 And it isn’t just creation that groans. We who have received the firstfruits of the Spirit groan within ourselves as we wait for our adoption as God’s children, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:24 (ESV)
24 For we were saved in this hope. But if we see what we hope for, it isn’t hope. For who keeps on hoping for what he sees?

Romans 8:25 (ESV)
25 But if we hope for what we don’t see, we must wait for it patiently.

Romans 8:26 (ESV)
26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we don’t even know what we should pray for or how we should pray, but the Spirit himself prays for us with groans too deep for words.

Romans 8:27 (ESV)
27 And God, who knows our hearts, knows what the Spirit is thinking, for the Spirit prays for God’s people according to God’s will.

Romans 8:28 (ESV)
28 And we know that God works in all things for the good of those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:29 (ESV)
29 For those he knew beforehand, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:30 (ESV)
30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also declared righteous; those he declared righteous, he also glorified.

Romans 8:31 (ESV)
31 So what shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:32 (ESV)
32 He didn’t even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How can we not also expect him to give us everything else?

Romans 8:33 (ESV)
33 Who can accuse those God has chosen? It is God who declares them innocent.

Romans 8:34 (ESV)
34 Who can condemn them? Christ Jesus died for them, and more than that, he was raised to life for them and is at the place of honor at God’s side, where he is interceding for us.

Romans 8:35 (ESV)
35 Can anything separate us from Christ’s love? Does he stop loving us when we have troubles or hardships or persecution or when we are hungry or cold or in danger or even when we face death?

Romans 8:36 (ESV)
36 As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we face death all day long; we are treated like sheep ready for the slaughter.”

Romans 8:37 (ESV)
37 But in all these things we are more than conquerors through the one who loves us.

Romans 8:38 (ESV)
38 And I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow, neither the powers of the universe

Romans 8:39 (ESV)
39 nor the forces of the sky, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 9:1 (ESV)
1 I am a Christian and I cannot lie when I say that my conscience, guided by the Holy Spirit, is my witness

Romans 9:2 (ESV)
2 that I have great sorrow and a heart that never stops aching for my Jewish kinsmen.

Romans 9:3 (ESV)
3 I wish that I myself could be cursed and cut off from Christ if this would save them.

Romans 9:4 (ESV)
4 They are my own people, God’s adopted children. He has revealed his glory to them. He has given them his covenants and his law. He has given them the privilege of worshiping him and the promises he has made to them.

Romans 9:5 (ESV)
5 The great patriarchs were their ancestors, and Christ himself was one of them when he came as a human being. He is God over all, and I pray that he will be forever praised for this! Amen.

Romans 9:6 (ESV)
6 But God’s promise to his people hasn’t failed, because not all Israel is part of the true Israel.

Romans 9:7 (ESV)
7 Just because they are descended from Abraham doesn’t mean they are his true children. For God told Abraham, “Your descendants will be those who are called by my name.”

Romans 9:8 (ESV)
8 In other words, it isn’t the children of Abraham by natural birth who are the children of God, but it is the children of the promise who are counted as Abraham’s descendants.

Romans 9:9 (ESV)
9 For this was the promise he made when he said, “I will return at this time, and Sarah will have a son.”

Romans 9:10 (ESV)
10 And this wasn’t the only time God’s promise was given to our ancestor Abraham. Our ancestor Isaac was married to Rebekah, and she was pregnant with twins.

Romans 9:11 (ESV)
11 But God’s choice of Jacob was made before the boys were born, before they had done anything good or bad, so that people would see that God’s purpose in choosing someone

Romans 9:12 (ESV)
12 was based on his gracious call, not on what they had done. For God said to Rebekah, “The older brother will serve the younger brother.”

Romans 9:13 (ESV)
13 As the Scriptures say, “I loved Jacob but I hated his brother Esau.”

Romans 9:14 (ESV)
14 Are we saying, then, that God’s choice of Jacob was unfair? Of course not!

Romans 9:15 (ESV)
15 For he said to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I choose to have mercy, and I will be compassionate toward whomever I choose to be compassionate.”

Romans 9:16 (ESV)
16 So it doesn’t depend on someone’s desire or effort, but it depends on God’s mercy.

Romans 9:17 (ESV)
17 For the Scriptures say God told Pharaoh, “I raised you up for this very purpose, so that I could show my power through what I do to you, so that my name will be spoken throughout the entire earth.”

Romans 9:18 (ESV)
18 So God has mercy on whomever he chooses, and he makes stubborn whomever he chooses.

Romans 9:19 (ESV)
19 Now someone will say, “But why does God still blame us for our sins? Who can resist his will?”

Romans 9:20 (ESV)
20 But who are you, a mere human, to talk back to God? Shall a piece of pottery question the potter who made it? Of course not!

Romans 9:21 (ESV)
21 The potter has the right to do what he wants with his clay. He can make from the same lump of clay one pot for a noble purpose and another pot for a common use.

Romans 9:22 (ESV)
22 In the same way, God could have destroyed us sinners on the spot, but he patiently put up with us while we were preparing himself for destruction.

Romans 9:23 (ESV)
23 He did this to show the glory and mercy of his wonderful character to those he had prepared in advance for glory—

Romans 9:24 (ESV)
24 even to us whom he called, not only from among the Jews, but also from among the Gentiles.

Romans 9:25 (ESV)
25 As he says in Hosea, “I will call my people those who weren’t my people, and I will love those I didn’t love before.”

Romans 9:26 (ESV)
26 And it will happen that where it was once said to them, “You aren’t my people,” there they will be called children of the living God.

Romans 9:27 (ESV)
27 Isaiah the prophet also cries out concerning Israel, “Even if there are as many Israelites as there are grains of sand by the seashore, only a few will be saved.

Romans 9:28 (ESV)
28 For the Lord will carry out his sentence on the earth with speed and decisiveness.”

Romans 9:29 (ESV)
29 Isaiah also said, “If the Lord Almighty hadn’t left some of our children, we would be like the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, utterly destroyed.”

Romans 9:30 (ESV)
30 So what shall we say? Gentiles weren’t trying to be right with God, but they became right with God because they trusted him.

Romans 9:31 (ESV)
31 But the Israelites were trying to be right with God by obeying the law, but they didn’t succeed.

Romans 9:32 (ESV)
32 Why not? Because they weren’t trying to be right with God by trusting in God but by trying to be right with God by their own efforts. They stumbled over the stone God put there to make people stumble.

Romans 9:33 (ESV)
33 As the Scriptures say, “I put a stone in Jerusalem that will make people stumble and a rock that will cause them to fall, but anyone who believes in him will never be disappointed.”

Romans 10:1 (ESV)
1 My dear friends, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for the people of Israel is that they might be saved.

Romans 10:2 (ESV)
2 I can bear witness that they are very zealous for God, but their zeal is misguided.

Romans 10:3 (ESV)
3 They don’t understand that God’s way of making people right with him is by his free gift, and they are trying instead to make themselves right with God by their own efforts. So they refuse God’s way of righteousness.

Romans 10:4 (ESV)
4 For Christ is the end of the road for those who try to obey God’s law, so that everyone who believes in him may be made right with God.

Romans 10:5 (ESV)
5 Moses wrote about this righteousness that comes by obeying the law. He said, “If someone does all the things dictated by the law, he will live because of them.”

Romans 10:6 (ESV)
6 But the kind of righteousness that comes by faith says, “Don’t say in your heart that someone must go up to heaven to bring Christ down to us.”

Romans 10:7 (ESV)
7 “Or don’t say that someone must go down into the grave to bring Christ back to life.”

Romans 10:8 (ESV)
8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.” That is, the word of faith we are preaching.

Romans 10:9 (ESV)
9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:10 (ESV)
10 For when you believe in your heart, you are declared righteous. And when you confess your faith in your mouth, you are saved.

Romans 10:11 (ESV)
11 As the Scriptures say, “Everyone who trusts in him will never be disappointed.”

Romans 10:12 (ESV)
12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile. The same Lord is Lord of all and he generously gives his riches to all who call on him.

Romans 10:13 (ESV)
13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:14 (ESV)
14 But how can they call on the Lord if they don’t believe in him? How can they believe in him if they don’t know about him? How can they know about him if they don’t hear about him?

Romans 10:15 (ESV)
15 And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how can anyone tell them unless he has been sent? As the Scriptures say, “How wonderful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Romans 10:16 (ESV)
16 But not all