

Survey of Romans & Introduction to Biblical Interpretation

Welcome to our final class!

OUTLINE OF ROMANS:

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

I. 1:1-17 INTRODUCTION

1:1-7 Paul Greeted Them and Describes His Mission

1:1 The Prescript: Paul, a Slave of Christ, an Apostle of the Gospel

1:2-4 Defining the Gospel: About the Promised Son of God, Jesus Christ Our Lord

1:5-6 Defining Paul's Mission: To Bring Gentiles to the Obedience of Faith

1:7 The Greeting: Grace and Peace to the Beloved Saints of God in Rome

1:8-15 Thanksgiving for Their Faith and a Prayer to Visit Them

1:8 Thanksgiving: Your Faith Is Being Proclaimed Throughout the Whole World

1:9-15 Prayer: My Request Is that I May Finally Also Preach the Gospel in Rome

1:16-17 Theme of the Letter: The Gospel—Righteousness from God Revealed in Christ

Theme Verses of Romans:

¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel, **for** it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷**For** in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous by faith will live.”

(Romans 1:16-17, NASB adapted)

II. 1:18—3:20 **GOD'S WRATH REVEALED AGAINST SINFUL HUMANS: THE NEED FOR JUSTIFICATION (Problems of *Sin* and *Wrath*)**

- 1:18-32 God's Wrath Against Unrighteous Men (Gentiles) Who Approve of Depravity**
- 1:18-20 They Are Without Excuse—They Rejected the Revelation of God in Creation
 - 1:21-23 They Did Not Honor Their Creator, But Worshiped Images of Created Things
 - 1:24-31 God's Judgment—He Let Their Increasing Wickedness Harm Them
 - 1:24-25 *Lustful impurity caused their bodies to be dishonored*
 - 1:26-27 *Homosexual passions degraded and harmed them*
 - 1:28-31 *Depraved thinking led to all kinds of improper deeds*
 - 1:32 They Know God Says They Deserve Death, Yet Approve Others Like Themselves
- 2:1-16 God's Wrath Against Unrighteous Men (Gentiles/Jews) Who Judge Others**
- 2:1-4 They Are Without Excuse—They Do the Same as Those They Judge
 - 2:5-16 God's Coming Day of Wrath—All Will Be Judged According to Their Deeds
 - 2:5-11 *God is impartial—Jews and Gentiles will both be judged by their deeds*
 - 2:12-16 *God is impartial—Jews and Gentiles will each be judged by the Law they know*
- 2:17—3:20 God's Wrath Against the Jews**
- 2:17-29 Jews Are Without Excuse—They Don't Keep the Law
 - 2:17-24 *Having the Law doesn't save Law-breakers*
 - 2:25-29 *Being circumcised doesn't save Law-breakers (25-27), but "heart circumcision" by the Spirit makes one a true Jew (28-29).*
 - 3:1-8 Questions about God's Justice
 - 3:9-20 Summary: The Whole World—Jews Included—Is Sinful and Accountable to God
 - 3:9 *Jews are no better than Gentiles; both are sinful*
 - 3:10-18 *Evidence from the Law of human (especially Jewish) sinfulness*
 - 3:19-20 *Conclusion: The Law proves all are guilty and will save no one*

Big Problems:

Sin → Wrath

**III. 3:21—4:25 _____ GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED IN CHRIST:
THE MEANS OF JUSTIFICATION (*Sinful Status* Problem Solved)**

3:21-26 _____ Thesis: God's Righteousness Is Revealed in Christ

3:21-24 _____ It Is Given, through Christ's Faithfulness, to All Who Believe—Justification

3:25-26 _____ It Is Shown, in Christ's Death, by God No Longer Overlooking Sin—Justice

3:27-4:25 _____ Justification Is by Faith, Not by Works

3:27-31 _____ Both Jew and Gentile Are Justified by Faith—None Can Boast

4:1-25 _____ Evidence from the Law: Abraham Was Justified by Faith—So Are We

4:1-8 _____ *Introduction: "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness"*

4:9-12 _____ *Abraham was given righteousness through faith, not circumcision*

4:13-17 _____ *Abraham was given the promise through faith, not the Law*

4:18-22 _____ *Abraham's example: the kind of faith that counts as righteousness*

4:23-25 _____ *Conclusion: Righteousness is also credited to us through faith in Christ*

What is saving faith *fully convinced* about?

[Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

(Romans 4:24-25, ESV).

1. God—He keeps his promises.

2. God has provided the way that I can become righteous.

- I have done bad deeds.
- My deeds matter; bad deeds are deadly.
- Apart from Christ, I am not in right standing with God.
- Apart from Christ, I will receive God's wrath.
- Jesus died: His death is God's plan for dealing with my sins.
- Jesus rose: His resurrection is God's way to give me right standing with Him.
- Jesus is my Lord—master, boss, ruler—possessing all power and authority, and deserving all my obedience.

Romans 5-8

**LIFE IN CHRIST:
THE RESULTS OF JUSTIFICATION**

5:1—5:11 _____ A – Thesis: Justification Gives Us Hope of Eternal Glory

5:1-4 _____ Justification Gives Us Blessings Now and Hope for the Future...

5:1-2 _____ *Peace with God, grace, joyful hope of glory to come*

5:3-4 _____ *Joy in suffering, which only increases our hope*

5:5-8 _____ ...Because of the Love That God Has Already:

5:5 _____ *1) Poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit;*

5:6-8 _____ *2) Shown when Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*

5:9-11 _____ If God Loved His Enemies, He Will Certainly Spare His Friends

Past

- Justified by faith
- Began in grace
- God's love poured within our hearts
- Gift of Holy Spirit
 - Christ died for the ungodly
- God demonstrated His love
 - Jesus died for God's enemies



Present

- Peace with God
- Stand in grace
- Exult in hope
- Exult in tribulations
 - Perseverance
- Proven character
 - More hope
- Exult in God because we are at peace with Him



Future

- Glory of God
- Saved from God's wrath
- Jesus' life will save God's friends

5:12—5:21 _____ B – Justification = No Condemnation:

In Christ All Will Live, Just as in Adam All Die

5:12 _____ Just as Adam's Evil Deed Brought Sin and Death to All Men...

5:13-17 _____ (Clarifications and Contrasts)

5:13-14 _____ *Sin and death existed even before the Law made men guilty*

5:15-17 _____ *Contrasts between Adam's trespass and Christ's gift*

5:18-19 _____ ...So Christ's Righteous Deed Brought Righteousness and Eternal Life to All Men

5:20-21 _____ The Law Made Sin Increase, But Grace Increased Even More Through Christ

“Original righteousness”:

***Christ frees us more certainly and
completely than Adam left us bound!***

6:1-23—7:6 _____ C – Grace Does Not Lead to Sin; It Frees from Sin and Death

6:1-14 _____ **A New You – Sin Has No Dominion over Us Who Died and Rose with Christ**

6:1-4 _____ *Grace is not a reason to sin, for we been baptized into Jesus' death and life*

6:5-7 _____ *We know that: In Christ, our old sinful self has died, freeing us from sin*

6:8-11 _____ *We know that: Like Christ, having died once to sin, we can forever live to God*

6:12-14 _____ *Since you have been freed from sin's reign, don't volunteer to serve it*

6:15-23 _____ **A New Master – Sin's Wages Cannot Match Righteousness's Gift**

6:15-19 _____ *Grace is not a reason to sin, for you have become slaves who obey God*

6:20-23 _____ *Sin pays with death; God gives sanctification which leads to eternal life*

7:1-6 _____ **A New Husband – Sin Bears Fruit Only in the Law's Bride, Not in Christ's Bride**

7:1-3 _____ *Marriage analogy: Death removes one from the bondage of the law*

7:4-6 _____ *Our death to the Law means our new “husband,” Christ, can bear fruit in us*

A New You = We cannot be forced to sin

A New Master = We see no benefit in sinning

A New Husband = We are not “impregnated” with sinful desires

7:7-25 _____ C' – The Law Is Not Sinful; But It Cannot Free from Sin and Death

7:7-12 _____ Is the Law Sinful, Since It Awakens Sin? No, It Convicts of Sin and Is Holy

7:13-25 _____ Does the Law Cause Our Death? No, Sin Does. The Law Drives Us to Christ

7:13 _____ *Sin is shown to be utterly sinful because it uses the good Law to kill us*

7:14-23 _____ *Our inability to keep the Law reveals sin is inside our flesh, binding us*

7:24-25a _____ *The resulting wretchedness drives us to Christ, who frees us from death*

7:25b _____ *Conclusion: With your mind serve the Law of God, or with your flesh the law of sin*

My Mind



Law of God



[No condemnation!]

“I Myself”

7:25b

Conflict

Flesh



Law of Sin



Condemnation!

Apart from Christ, the sinful flesh overpowers you!

Galatians 3:19-27 – Law as “schoolmaster”

8:1—17 _____ **B' – Justification → Sanctification = No Condemnation:**

By the Spirit You Will Live, Just as by the Flesh You Die

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For those who are in Christ Jesus... (vs. 1)



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2. Cooperate with the Spirit as He leads your thoughts and actions.

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8:18-30 _____ **God's Purpose for His Children: Groaning Will Give Birth to Glory**

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And we know that...

for those who love God

all things work together for good,

for those who are called according to his purpose.

For...

1) those whom he foreknew...

2) he predestined...

3) he called...

4) he justified...

5) **he glorified.**

to be made like Jesus.

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8:31-39 _____ Conclusion: God Is for Us, His Elect—Nothing Can Change That!

8:31-34 _____ *No one can condemn us whom God has justified in Christ*

8:35-39 _____ *No one and nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ*

What about our “Big Problems”?

Sin → Wrath

Sinful Status ✓ Justified

Sinful Deeds ✓ Born Again + Holy Spirit

Wrath ✓ No Condemnation!

Romans 9-11

**DEFENDING GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL:
THE JUSTICE OF JUSTIFICATION**



9:1-5 _____ **Great Sorrow: Israel, Chosen by God, Is Separated from Christ**

9:6-13 _____ **God's Promise Has Not Failed—For *True Israel* – *Evidence from Patriarchs***

9:6 _____ Not All of Israel's Descendents Are Truly Israel or Qualify for the Promise, Just as...

9:7-9 _____ 1) Not All of Abraham's Children Are God's Promised Children.

9:10-13 _____ 2) Not Even Isaac and Rebecca's Twins Were Equally Blessed by God.

9:14-29 _____ God Has Dealt Justly with Ethnic Israel...

9:14-18 _____ Q.1 – Is God Unjust in Choosing Some over Others? No – *Evidence from Exodus*

9:14-16 _____ *God shows unearned mercy to anyone he wishes; this is just*

9:17-18 _____ *God hardens some sinners to reveal himself to other sinners; this is just*

9:19-29 _____ Q.2 – If God's Will Is Irresistible, Why Does He Blame Us? – *Evidence from Prophets*

9:19-20a _____ *“Who are you, O man, who answers back to God?” Consider that...*

9:20b-21 _____ *God has the right of a potter to use his clay vessels in any way he wishes, and*

9:22-23 _____ *God patiently uses even “vessels of wrath” to reveal his glory to “vessels of mercy,”*

9:24-29 _____ *...us, who include, as promised, both Gentiles and an undeserving Jewish remnant.*



9:30—10:21 _____ ...But Ethnic Israel Is Unrighteous Because They Refused to Place Faith in Christ

9:30—10:13 _____ **Why Ethnic Israel Is Unrighteous: They Did Not Place Faith in Christ**

9:30—10:4 _____ *Israel rejected God's righteousness, trying to establish their own by the Law*

10:5-13 _____ *How Christ is the telos (end, fulfillment) of the Law for all who believe in him*

10:5-7 – *What righteousness based on the Law says/believes*

10:8-10 – *What righteousness based on faith says/believes, resulting in salvation*

10:11-13 – *Righteousness based on faith means God saves Jew and Gentile alike*

10:14-21 _____ **Why Ethnic Israel Did Not Place Faith in Christ: They Were Contrary**

10:14-15 _____ *What is required to have opportunity to respond to the gospel*

10:16-21 _____ *Israel obstinately disbelieved the gospel, despite hearing and understanding it*

11:1-10 _____ Has God Rejected Israel? No, He Has Chosen a Remnant

11:1-6 _____ God Has Graciously Kept a Remnant—True Israel

11:1-2a _____ *Paul is evidence God has not rejected true Israel*

11:2b-4 _____ *Just as God kept 7000 righteous men for himself during Elijah's time...*

11:5-6 _____ *...so God has now kept a remnant, based on his gracious choice—not on works.*

11:7-10 _____ Those God Chose Obtained Righteousness; The Rest, as Prophesied, Were Hardened

11:11-32 Ethnic Israel's Fall Is Designed to Save "All Israel"—Gentiles Be Humble!

11:11-15 A - Israel Falls → Gentiles Saved → Israel Jealous → Israel Saved → World Given Life

11:16-24 B - Olive Tree Illustration: Salvation Is in True Israel—Gentiles Must Be Humble

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“And in this way all Israel will be saved” (ESV)

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11:33-36 _____ Great Rejoicing: God, Who Shows Mercy to All, Is Unfathomably Wise

Romans 12-16

**GLORIFYING GOD TOGETHER
AS LIVING SACRIFICES:
OUR RESPONSE TO JUSTIFICATION**

Romans 1-11:

God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience
so he could have mercy on everyone. (11:32, NLT)

14 imperatives



Romans 12-16:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God... (12:1, ESV)

51 imperatives



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1. Sentence and paragraph structures.

² Do not be conformed to this **WORLD**, aiōn (I-own)

Place: Planet Earth?

People: All those unsaved?

Romans 11:36 “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for **EVER. Amen.”**

Time: An age of time, with its characteristics

Vine's Expository Dictionary, pgs. 19, 685

2. Word studies.

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3. Context.

(Historical Context)

Old/New thinking (freedom of Spirit-controlled mind):

The law of the Spirit of life has set you free.... For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.... You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit....
(8:2, 5-7, 9, ESV)

Old thinking:

For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. (10:2-3, ESV)

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12:3—13:14 _____ Specific Commands About Sacrificial Living and New, Life-Transforming Thinking

Can you find more “mind”
or “thinking” words in
chapters 12 and 13?

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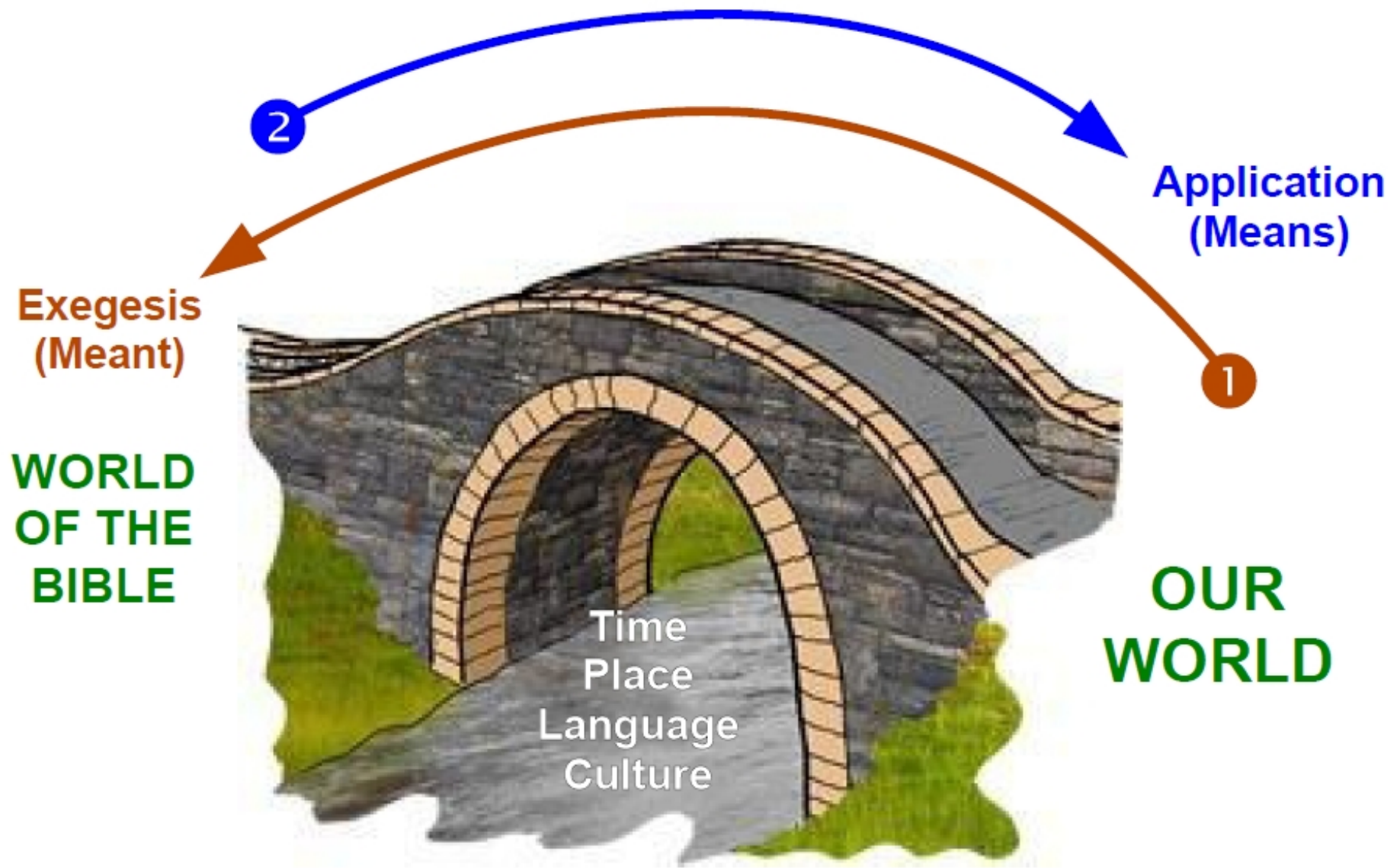
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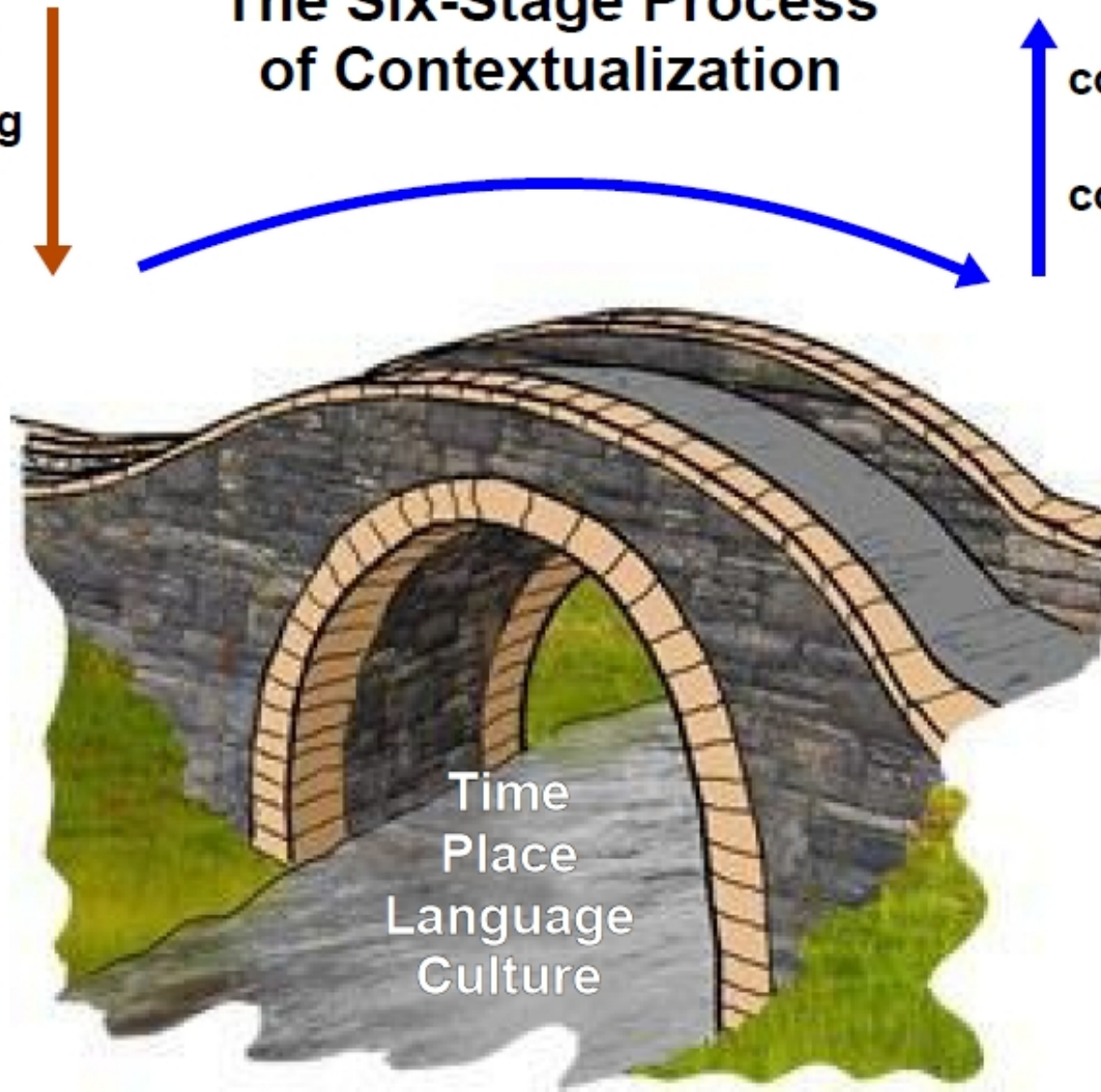
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John 13:1-17

- 1. Surface Meaning: What was the original intended message of the passage?** It tells the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet and commanding them to copy his example.
- 2. Underlying Principle: What larger theological truth does this passage teach us?** It teaches servant-hood and loving our brothers.
- 3. Original Situation: What was the original situation in which the teaching was given?** The cultural practice was that guests' feet should be washed, but the disciples were unwilling to do this.
- 4. Parallel Situation: What similar situations face us today, to which this principle might apply?** Immigrants coming as “guests” to America.
- 5. General Contextualization: How might this principle apply in this situation?** We should make every effort to be good “hosts” for immigrants, especially serving immigrant believers and welcoming them into our churches.
- 6. Specific Contextualization: How, specifically, can we apply this principle to our immediate situations?** Exchange customary greeting kisses with Hispanic visitors, include their traditional foods at our potluck meals, and hire them at a fair wage.

Romans 14:1—15:13

1. Surface Meaning: What was the original intended message of the passage? Paul is instructing the believers in Rome to accept each other.

2. Underlying Principle: What larger theological truth does this passage teach us? It teaches 1) accepting believers with differing opinions and practices regarding matters in which Christ gives freedom, without despising or judging them, and 2) sacrificing your preferences to avoid causing another believer to stumble.

3. Original Situation: What was the original situation in which the teaching was given? Two parties were at odds: The “weak in faith” (Jewish Christians who were concerned about eating clean meat and observing special holy days) and the “strong” (other Christians who freely ate unclean meat and considered all days alike). Paul identifies with the “strong” and says they are right, but says both parties can glorify God without changing opinions.

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Romans 14:1—15:13 (Example)

- 4. Parallel Situation: What similar situations face us today, to which this principle might apply?** In a church, two parties disagree over veiling style. One party (“weak in faith”) believes only the “cap style” should be worn; the other party (“strong in faith”) knows Scripture does not mandate any one style, leaving freedom to apply in various ways, including “hanging veils.”
- 5. General Contextualization: How might this principle apply in this situation?** 1) Those with more “conservative” convictions should not judge those whose faith gives them greater freedom, and those who choose hanging veils should not regard their “conservative” brothers and sisters with contempt; 2) The “strong” should give up their preferences if necessary, if that is required in order to avoid damaging a brother.
- 6. Specific Contextualization: How, specifically, can we apply this principle to our immediate situations?** The church should give freedom for members to wear any veiling style that truly meets the standards of God's Word (1 Cor. 11), but should also encourage the “strong” members not to wear “offensive” veiling styles around “weaker” members or give them a hard time for their convictions. Church leaders should remind all of Christ's example of accepting love, and that judging should be left for when we each give account to God.

Paraphrase of Romans 14—15:7 (ESV)

1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may choose any veiling style, while the weak person supports only a cap style covering. 3 Let not the one who wears a hanging veil despise the one who doesn't, and let not the one who doesn't pass judgment on the one who does choose a hanging veil, for God has welcomed him. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5 One person esteems one method of covering the hair as better than another, while another esteems all methods of covering the hair alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who wears only the cap style covering, wears it in honor of the Lord. The one who wears a hanging veil, wears it in honor of the Lord, since she obeys God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and obeys God. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

10Why do you [who supports only cap-style veilings] pass judgment on your brother? Or you [who freely accepts a variety of veiling styles], why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

12So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. 14I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that no method of covering the hair is wrong in itself, but it is wrong for anyone who thinks it wrong. 15For if your brother is grieved by what you wear, you are no longer walking in love. By what you wear, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.

16 So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of wearing your preferred veiling style but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

20 Do not, for the sake of a hanging veiling, destroy the work of God. Every method of covering the hair is indeed acceptable, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what she wears. 21 It is good not to wear a hanging veil or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. 22 The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. 23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if he chooses a hanging veil, because the choice is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

1 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." 4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith... For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame”... We are released from the law... so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code... I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice...

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel... to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Romans 1:16-17a; 10:11; 7:6; 12:1a; 16:25, 27 (ESV).