

Romans 15:7-13

-Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

**-“Give what you command, and
then command whatever you will.—**

Augustine

-Romans 14:1, 3 (LSB) Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on opinions... 3 The one who eats must not view the one who does not eat with contempt, and the one who does not eat must not judge the one who eats, for God accepted him.

-1 Corinthians 15:9-10 (LSB) 9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

**-Romans 5:6 (LSB) For while we
were still weak, at the right time
Christ died for the ungodly.**

-Romans 5:8 (LSB) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet *sinners*, Christ died for us.

-Romans 5:10 (LSB) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

-Romans 3:10-12 (LSB) 10 as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; 11 THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; 12 ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME WORTHLESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

-Romans 3:23-24 (LSB) 23 for *all*
have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God, 24 being *justified as a*
gift by His grace through the
redemption which is in Christ
Jesus;

**-Romans 6:23 (LSB) For the wages
of sin is death, but the gracious gift
of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.**

-Ephesians 2:8-10 (LSB) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

-Luke 5:18-24 (LSB) 18 And behold, some men were carrying on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in and to set him down before Him. 19 But not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus. 20 And seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." 21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" 22 But Jesus, knowing their reasonings, answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? 23 "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 "But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"--He said to the paralytic--"I say to you, get up, and, picking up your stretcher, go home."

-Tanakh:

**-Deuteronomy representing the
Torah/The Law**

**-Isaiah representing the
Neviim/The Prophets**

**-Psalms representing the
Ketuvim/The Writings**

-Romans 9:1-5 (LSB) 1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

-Ephesians 3:1-6 (LSB) 1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles-- 2 if indeed you heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; 3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4 About which, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it was now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit: 6 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

-Romans 9:15-16 (LSB) 15 For He says to Moses, “I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION.”

16 So then it does not depend on the one who wills or the one who runs, but on God who has mercy.

**-Colossians 1:17 (LSB) And He is
before all things, And in Him all
things hold together.**