



THE BOOK OF
ROMANS

Living out the Power of The Gospel

Romans 5:12-21

A Beautiful Exchange

The story of Romans so far

Romans 3:21
'But now...'

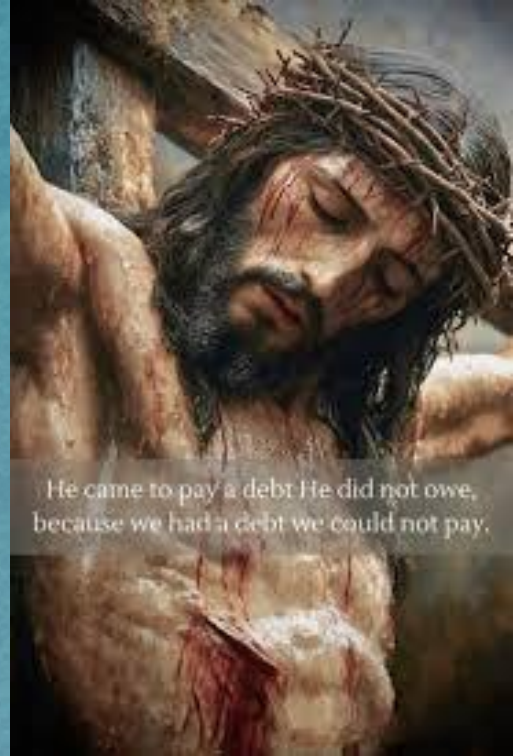
- For all have sinned and fall short of God's holy standards (Romans 3:23)
- Sin ignites God's wrath (his righteous anger)
- The penalty is judgement and eternal separation from God
- We are guilty as charged and without excuse:
 - *Never heard* ➡ CREATION
 - *Ignorant (no Law)* ➡ CONSCIENCE
 - *Chosen (the Law)* ➡ COMMANDMENTS
- Righteousness & salvation cannot be obtained by:
 - Being Jewish (entitled)
 - Observing the law
 - Good works
 - Ignorance



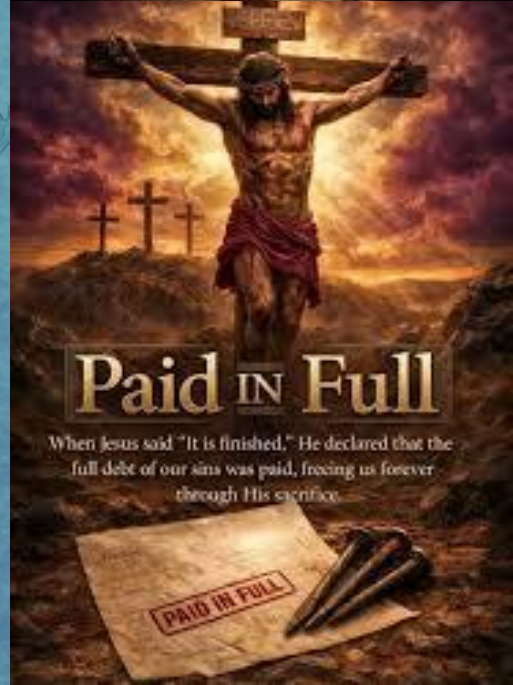
Crucifixion

Key themes

- GRACE (26x) – God’s undeserved love, mercy, favour and acceptance to unworthy people, independent of our successes or failures. Grace rescues us from the tyranny of performance and reveals that we are loved and valued by God just as we are.
- FAITH (39x) – belief trust and reliance on God, who He is and what he promises.
- GOD’S WRATH (12x) – God’s righteous anger; His divine indignation and just punishment in response to sin
- JUSTIFICATION (18x) – An acquittal by God where he pronounces a sinner to be righteous and guilt free because of their faith in Jesus



He came to pay a debt He did not owe, because we had a debt we could not pay.



Paid in Full

When Jesus said "It is finished," He declared that the full debt of our sins was paid, freeing us forever through His sacrifice.

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all people, because all sinned.

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, **who is a pattern of the one to come.**

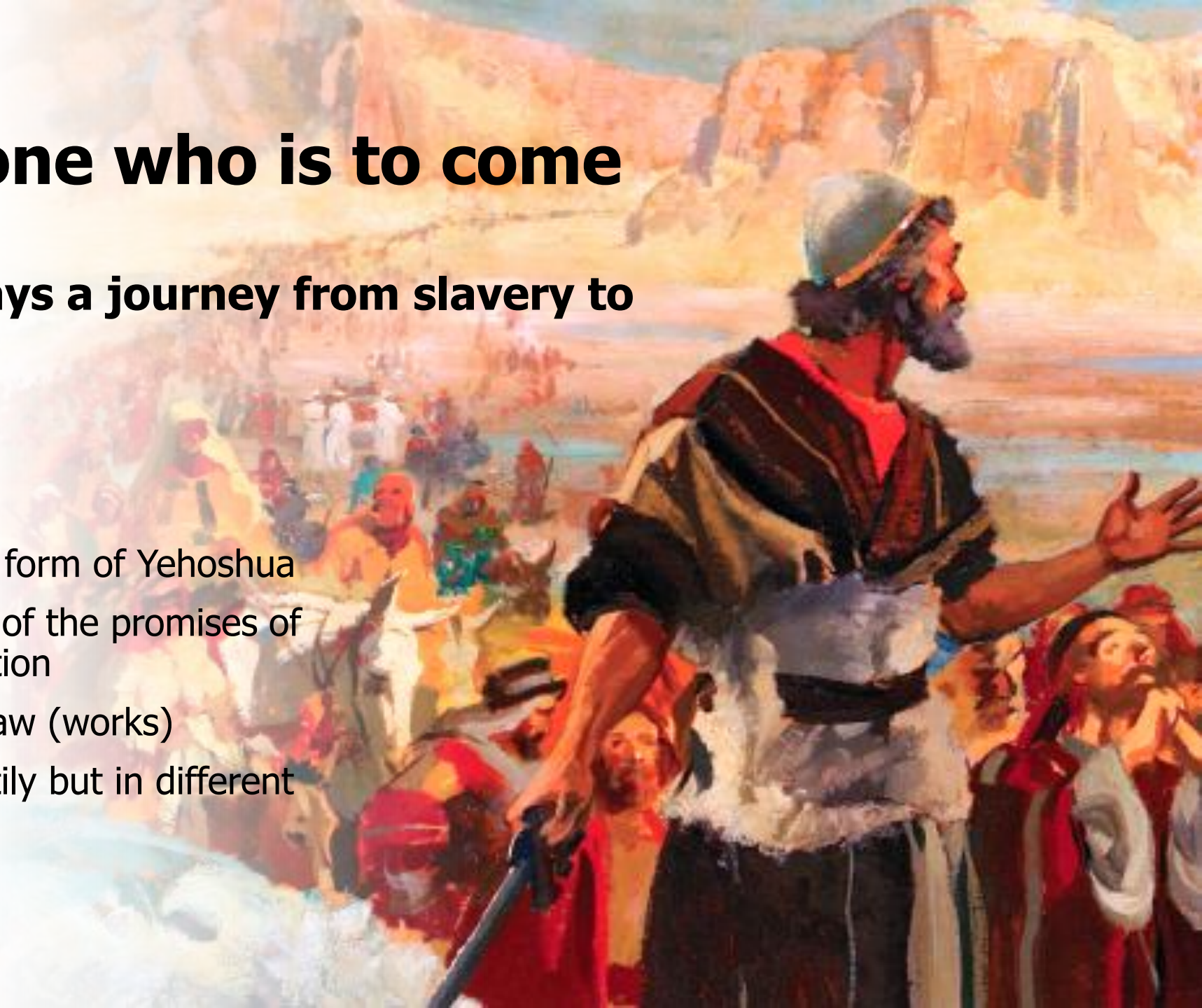


Joshua

A pattern of one who is to come

God's plan was always a journey from slavery to liberty

- Joshua (Yehoshua)
YHWH, the Lord, saves
- Jesus (Yeshua) shortened form of Yehoshua
- Promised land – a picture of the promises of God, of heaven and salvation
- Moses – a picture of the law (works)
- God used both men mightily but in different ways



Adam

A contrasted pattern of one who is to come

1 Corinthian 15:22, 45-49

²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

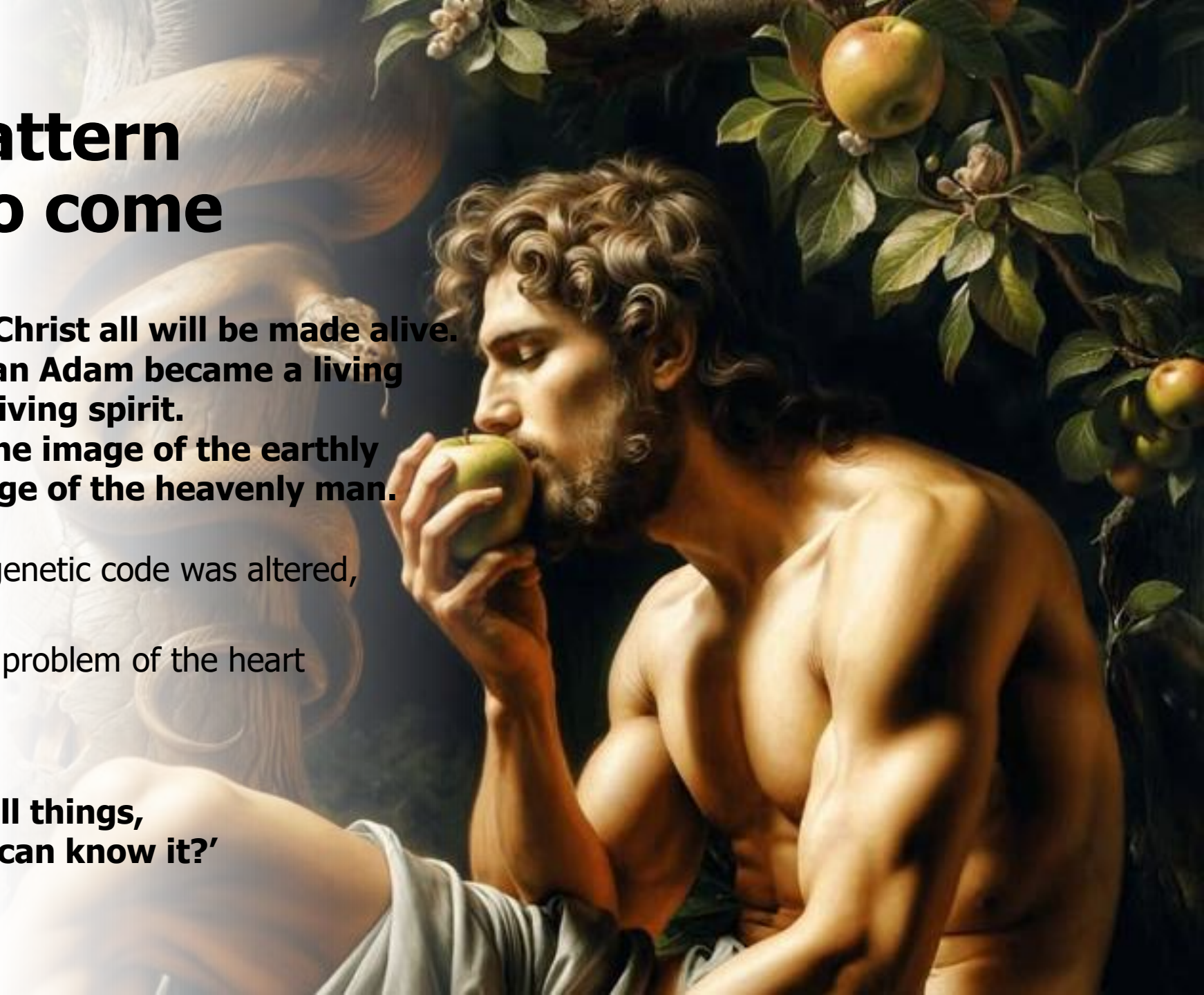
⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

- With one bite of the apple our genetic code was altered, and we received a sin nature.
- The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart

Jeremiah 17:9

'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?'



Even in the garden, there was still plenty of grace

Genesis 3:21

“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and Eve and clothed them.”



2 Peter 3:9

'The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.'

It is
**God's
kindness
that
leads
us to
repentance**

Romans 2:4

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, **how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!**

¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, **but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.**

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, **how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!.**



¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also **one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.**

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also **through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.**

²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass (sin) might increase. **But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,**

²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also **grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**



The beautiful exchange

Adam

- All became sinners (12)
- Judgement followed bringing condemnation (16/18)
- One man's disobedience brought death and defeat (17)
- Labelled sinner (19)
- Sin increased causing death (20/21)

Jesus

- All who BELIEVED became righteous (17)
- Abundant grace followed bringing justification, acceptance & life (16/18)
- One man's obedience enable us to be victorious and reign in life (17)
- Declared righteous (19)
- Grace increased even more, reigning in life with Jesus (20/21)

The beautiful exchange

**The same free will God gave to Adam on day 1,
He gives to you and me today!**

Grace – God’s unmerited favour

- Rule and reign in life – victorious living over the demonic powers (Romans 5:17)
- Builds you up and enables you to a life of fruitfulness (Colossians 1:16)
- Empowers us to say no to all ungodliness and live self-controlled, upright & godly lives (Titus 2:11-12)
- Grace enables us to do great exploits for God (1 Corinthians 15:9-10)
- Approach God’s throne of grace with confidence (Hebrews 4:16)



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Romans 5:17

¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

