

God's Righteousness at Work XI

"The Doxology of Romans" Romans 16:17-27

Going Beyond the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on April 2, 2017

Entering In:

*What are some things about handwritten letters that are good as opposed to emails or text messages?
Share if you have memories or episodes of handwriting letters.*

1. Which of the following do you think is true about a *holy kiss*? Correct the statements you think are incorrect.
 - A. This is merely a suggestion (optional) [cf. 2 Corinthians 13:11, 12]
 - B. It is a physical expression of love for other believers
 - C. It was more appropriate for the 1st Century than for today [cf. 1 Peter 5:14]
 - D. It is meant only for people you feel close to [cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:26]
 - E. It could be replaced by other forms of physical touching

What makes a holy kiss *holy*?

How do we practice this form of greeting in our church?

2. How do you know that the exhortation in verse 17 is different from the exhortations given in chapters 14 – 15?

What is the one thing that all false teachings have in common?

Who do false teachers deceive? How do they deceive?

Can you think of a time when you have been deceived in this way? How can you guard against this?

3. What are the three tests for discernment mentioned in the sermon?
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.

Choose one of the New Age beliefs below and try to defend your faith or discern their false teachings using three tests above.

No distinction between good and evil since "All is One." God's grace is not necessary since "All is God." Christianity is not the only true religion since "All religions are one." No need to serve God since God is impersonal. God is "it", not a "He." New Age comes by social and personal transformation as we try to eradicate hunger, sickness, poverty, racism, sexism, and war.

4. What does Paul mean in verse 19? In other words, what kind of obedience (blind or discerning) is Paul implying?

Give an example when a blind obedience doesn't help with your defending or discerning of faith.

5. Enjoying peace and crushing Satan do not sound compatible with each other. Why is it important to hold them together?

What responsibility has Paul assigned to you when he says, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under *your* feet"? (cf. Genesis 3:15)

6. Paul closes his letter with a rather lengthy doxology. What is the essence of this doxology if you take out the "explanations" in the middle of it?

To what attribute of God is Paul referring when he says "to him who is able"?

In what ways has God been establishing you?

7. What does Paul mean when he refers to *my gospel*? [cf. 2:16]

Do you think "Paul's gospel" is the same as "the proclamation of Jesus"? Why or why not?

8. What is the mystery that was hidden but not revealed?

What "command of the eternal God" do you think is given to us?

- A. Repentance (cf. Acts 17:30)
- B. The Great commission (cf. Matthew 28:18-20)
- C. Love one another (cf. John 13:34)
- D. Paul's apostolic ministry to the Gentiles (cf. II Timothy 1:1; Titus 1:3)
- E. Other

Living It Out:

Write one sentence doxology to Jesus to close your letter to the church.

Pray that we may continue to glorify Jesus our Lord together.