

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God--²the gospel He promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. ⁶And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:1-6 (NIV)

❖ Words of SALVATION (The Roman Road):

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

1. "The Road to DEATH."

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

2. "The Road to HOPE."

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

3. "The Road to GRACE."

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

4. "The Road to SALVATION."

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

❖ Words of SECURITY:

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)

1. We are secure in knowing that we are SET FREE from SIN.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)

2. We are secure in knowing that we are now CHILDREN of GOD.

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8:14-16 (NIV)

3. We are secure in knowing that in this life we are NEVER ALONE.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose... ³¹If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:28, 31-32 (NIV)

4. We are secure in knowing that there is a LIFE to COME that is beyond our imagination.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us... ²³we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:18,23 (NIV)

❖ Words of SERVICE:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

1. Serving others with the GIFTS God has given us.

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:5-8 (NIV)

2. Serving others with HUMILITY, recognizing that you are no better than anyone else.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:10-13 (NIV)

3. Serving others with LOVE, realizing that this is how God treats us.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be

*proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited...
8Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for
he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.*

Romans 12:14-16; 13:8 (NIV)

❖ Closing Truth: Let's never forget WHO WE ARE... let us live up to it.

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or
famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... 37No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39neither
height nor depth, 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 8:35, 37-39 (NIV)