

“GOSPEL PAIN”

Intro: Last night’s Secret Church...

The CROSS of CHRIST.... & CHRISTMAS

Layout of Romans... 2011 Sermon Series:

G = Greeting	1:1-17
O = Offense (Sin)	1:18-3:20
S = Salvation	3:21-5
P = Purification (Sanctification)	ch.6-8
E = Everything... (Sovereignty)	ch.9-11
L = Love Lived... (Surrender)	ch.12-15.5
! = Warning	ch.16:16-18

Sampling of “Pain” just from within Romans...

CORRUPTIVE Pain

- 1:20 making excuses (denied)
- 1:24 impure, lusts, dishonoring
- 1:25 lies & idolatry
- 1:26 sinful passions
- 1:27 perversion (sexual/homo.)
- 1:28-31 debased minds, dirty hearts
- 1:32 obstinate, prideful disobedience

CARE-LESS Pain

- 2:4 presumption
- 2:5 hard heart
- 2:6 accountability/reckoning
- 2:8 selfish, unrighteous disobeyed.

2:11 impartiality

CORROSIVE Pain

3:13 deceptive, venomous tongues

3:15-18 cont. v13 (no fear of God)

CHARACTER BUILDING Pain

5:3-5 suffering, endure, character building, hope creation

CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION Pain

5:6 cross while we were weak

5:8 cross while we active sinners

5:9 cross justifies by shed blood

CONVERSION Pain

6:3-4 baptized into Christ's death

6:5 unified with Christ

6:6 enslaved sin crucified old self

6:7-8 death of sin frees the soul

6:16 sin unto death

6:23 wages of sin = eternal death

7:11 deceiving sin kills

7:13 sin brings death

7:23 war vs sin in self & members

8:1 * victory cry of grace!**

8:2 pain is put to death per Christ

8:22 all creation groans...

8:23 we groan waiting on adoption

*** 8:28 wonderful promise in pain!

*** 8:30 doc of election

8:35 unseperatable from C's love

11:22 broken off branches

13:4-5 wrath of gov leaders

15:1-6 endurance for weak brothers in loving unity!

16:2 = "whatever it takes" support of fellow saint (Phoebe)

16:7 "Andronicus & Junia... my fellow prisoners..."

16:17-19 "those who cause divisions & create obstacles..."

T/S: 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Missionary's Perspective on Pain

1 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. **2** For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. **3** We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, **4** but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, **5** beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; **6** by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; **7** by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; **8** through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; **9** as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; **10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.**

11 We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. **12** You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections

Romans 1:1

Set-Apart

Change

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

Acts 20:

Good-byes

Persecution

(VIDEO: Chan... Aging)

Romans 1:18

Sin

Consequences

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Romans 3:21-26 Saving Grace Christ's Cup & Cross

21 *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—* **22** *the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God put forward as propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. **26** It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

***** 2 Corinthians 5:17 & 21 *****

Romans 5:12

Singular sin

Cause

***12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned*

Romans 6:1-2

Cheap Grace

Cheap

*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

Romans 7:15-20

Weakness

Confusion

***15** For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. **16** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. **17** So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. **18** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. **19** For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

Romans 8:5-8 **Living according/flesh**

Calibrated

***5** 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. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is*

life and peace. **7** 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. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:15b-17 **Suffering/Heir** **Conditions**

you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" **16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:35-39 **Sheep/slaughtered** **Chumps**

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 9:1-3 **Pain for lost kinsmen** **Caring**

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— **2** that I have

great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **3** For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

VIDEO: Chan “Think Hard, Stay Humble”

Romans 10:13-17 How they’ll know... Calling

13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 *How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?* **15** *And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”* **16** *But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”* **17** *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

- GRAPHICS**
- A). Gospel Project
 - B). “Be-Come-Ing”
 - C). BRIDGE A.I.T. (mult. Missionaries)

Romans 14:15 Right v. R Cold Correctness

5 *For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.*

Romans 16:17-19 Wolves... Cunning Contrarians

17 *I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. **18** For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. **19** For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.*

Romans 16:20 Gospel for Satan.... Crush!

20 *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

T/S: *So here is the Christians Perspective on Pain...*

*** Genesis 3:15 ***

*** Romans 5:8 ***

*** Romans 12:1-2 ***

*** Jude 3-5... & 20ff ***

*** Matthew 28:19 ***

*** Acts 1:8 ***

*** 1 John 3:18 ***

*** Hebrews 12:1-2 ***

*** James 4:17 ***

*** 1 John 2:6 ***

*** John 17:21 ***

*** 1 Corinthians 13 ***

Romans 9:2-3

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PRAY!