

Romans # 197

“Paul Remembers”

*Romans 16:13-16*

All of these personal warm salutations reflect love between Paul and these mature believers; a love that should be between all believers.

We are not called to be Christ’s servants in isolation but rather in relationship with each other.

We never receive anything in the Christian life through physical birth; everything we have comes as a result of spiritual birth or regeneration.

Today no one has the right to exercise authority over more than one church; each local church should be self-sustaining and self-governing.

*All revelation today comes through the Word of God.*

So the omniscience of God is part of the essence of God that knows what would occur and all the alternatives which would not occur but would have occurred if someone had made a different decision.

The decree of God is His eternal, holy, wise and sovereign purpose, comprehending at once all things that ever were or will be and their causes, conditions, successions and relations.

*Election means God knows everyone who’d ever be in His plan, emphasizing the most important free-will decision in life which puts the individual in the plan of God by F/A/C/A resulting in eternal salvation.*

Foreknowledge simply acknowledges what is in the decree.

Predestination means that God has a personal plan based on His perfect knowledge of every decision we’ll ever make.

There is no ordinary life as far as the Lord is concerned

Old age is not a hindrance to advancing to spiritual maturity.

*Biblical truth is the solution to the problems of old age just as biblical truth is the solution to the problems of youth.*

We are 2000 years from the custom of greeting with a holy kiss and today we fulfill this custom in a very simple way: expressing the RFHC function of impersonal love.

Fellowship is the only relationship that should exist among local churches, not organization or denomination.

People testing comes in 2 categories:

1) *In personal love or admiration, the object of our love often controls our life or provides unhappiness for us unless we have SSE/SI/SM.*

2) *In personal hatred or animosity, the object of our anger or irritation often has control of our lives or happiness unless we’ve advanced to spiritual adulthood.*