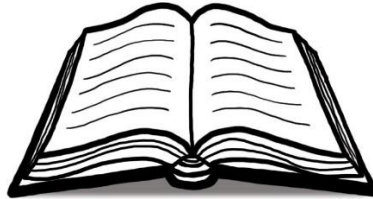


God's Free Moral Agency

Romans XXI



Read Romans XXI – *God's Free Moral Agency (CBCG)*.

Why did God put Job through the things he went through even though he was found to be righteous in God's own words?

Why do people often think that God is not fair?

How do we know that it is God who will decide in the end? Write the phrase in the verse that illustrates this.



God Calls

What is required at the time of God's calling? Check those that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> our righteousness | <input type="checkbox"/> humility | <input type="checkbox"/> God's grace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> God's decision to call | <input type="checkbox"/> good works | <input type="checkbox"/> faith |
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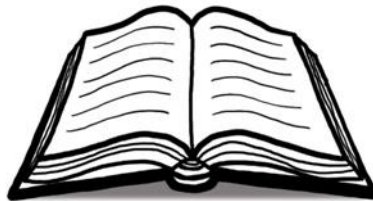
Why did God choose Jacob?

Complete this verse: If you love God, all things...

Those against you will...

Why? Because God exercises His own _____ moral _____ to choose YOU!

God compares Jacob to a _ _ _ _ , something tiny and weak.



Read Isaiah 43:1-2. Outline the depth of God's promises to those he chooses:

When... _____,

He will... _____.

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He will... _____.

Read Matt. 24:30 and Isaiah 43:8. How are they similar and what event is being described?

What does this show about His purpose for each of us?



God Chooses

God chooses to whom He has mercy. Can you cause God to have mercy with a right and proper approach to Him? _____

Check those words that describe a “right and proper approach” before God.

___ self-seeking ___ humility ___ acceptance of God’s will
___ flattering lips ___ boast of good works ___ strong faith
___ anger ___ admitting unworthiness ___ love for God

How will God show His mercy to many at the second resurrection?

T _ _ _ and mercy go together. Mercy is granted when there is truth and understanding involved.

When you recognize your sin, what steps should you take?

1. _____
2. _____



True or False?

- _____ God cannot lie.
- _____ God is more concerned about our spiritual state than our physical state.
- _____ You can cause God to show mercy on with a proper approach to Him.
- _____ It is God's decision who is called and when.
- _____ If God has chosen you, you will automatically want to do things His way rather than your own way.
- _____ God can raise someone up & then take him down.
- _____ God does things His way, whether we understand it or not.
- _____ The woman *influenced* God's choice to show mercy, but God chose.
- _____ We can impact what God does based on our actions and will.
- _____ Being chosen at a certain point in history does not mean chosen for eternity.
- _____ God will forgive the unpardonable sin.



A Repentant Heart

Unrepentant sin is like _l______v____n_ and festers in the heart, which when buried, creates more ___i___.

God is interested in what is in the _____a_____ and He makes the choices as He sees fit.

Choose 3 words to describe a repentant heart before God.

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To fear God is to __ _o_ __ _ God.

God remembers that we are like flowers in a great desert. Draw this image in your mind to remind yourself of our weaknesses.



Those who love God, do the following:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If you __ _p_ __ _ _e_ the will of God, you won't change anything. God's response, though maybe _d_ __ _l_ __ _ _d_, will be the same:



True or False?

- _____ Eventually, God runs out of mercy and forgiveness.
- _____ God hardens whom He wants to harden.
- _____ God ignores those who oppose Him.
- _____ Satan has authority to oppose God's will.



Lessons from the Potter



What can we learn from the lesson of the potter and the clay?

Can God start over if we are uncooperative? Explain.

Match the following vocabulary to its meaning based on the scriptures about the potter (God) and clay, (us) those being formed by God.

1.	CLAY	a. To make, create, mold, design
2.	POTTER	b. The thing being formed or created
3.	FORMED	c. Attached to arms, tool used to create and form something
4.	HAND	d. Product or result
5.	WORK	e. God, the Creator
6.	PEOPLE	f. Live beings created in God's image

God calls each of us for a specific reason according to His plan. T F

God seeks our input about His plans for us. T F

Reread pages 17 & 18 of the study. Provide 3 examples of people God used for a variety of purposes. Rate the level of cooperation of each with God from your own perspective. Finally, note the lesson to be learned in each situation.

Person	God's Purpose	Cooperation Rating	Lesson We Can Learn

Based on page 18 & 19, use 4 words or phrases to describe those who are called by God:



True or False?

_____ God may humble and teach a whole nation by providing them with bad weather conditions or tragic events.

_____ God punishes and hates people.

_____ God often brings about correction through calamity.

_____ God loves and chastises His people when needed.



God's Promises

Romans 9:28: "For He is accomplishing and limiting the matter in righteousness; because the Lord will limit the matter He is doing upon the earth."

What does this verse mean based on the correct translation?

Why do many *not* attain the righteousness of God?

What is the difference between commandment-keeping and legalism?



Lessons for Us

What are 3 lessons that can be learned about God & His mercy?

1.

2.

3.



Your Response

What 3 new things did you learn today?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What will you do in response to your new understanding? What do you believe is God's purpose for calling you at this time?

How can God be glorified in this purpose?



We are the clay,
and You our potter;
And all we are the
work of Your hand.