

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 15:14-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ONE FAMILY - ONE & ALL

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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What do I mean by One Family - One & All?
By that I mean The Church.

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" **14** So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **17** Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. **18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

A man wrote and said, "**For the last 2,000 years the church has been in existence, yet we still have war and misery. The church is a failure.**"

But that's like saying,
"Penicillin is a failure. After 100 years of its discovery – people still get sick."

1 Timothy 3:15

...I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

At the close of last week's message, we saw how in Verse 13 Paul introduced his closing Benediction

and farewell to the believers throughout Rome. And with that benediction, the great Apostle technically ends the book at Romans 15:13. He concludes his doctrinal teachings as he has faithfully ministered DEEP theological truths from the book of Romans, which stands today as one of the greatest treaties known to man throughout human history. I mentioned to you some years ago that Paul's ability to defend what it is that God, both gave him as a ministry, and why he believed in what God had given him to preach, he was fully convinced of. Paul, the apostle was a man who put the word of God to the test against the word of God and thereby proved that what he had come to know was in fact, biblical truth. The word of God founded upon the word of God. That almost sounds redundant until you realize that God builds his truth precept upon precept, line upon line.

Acts 20:25-28

"And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. **26** Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. **27** For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. **28** Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Paul's Unwavering Commitment to the Revealed Word of God

Cannot be denied. The evidence for his faith is incriminating. -- You heard me right. Paul had been arrested for being a Christian based upon the overwhelming evidence that he actually believed in what he preached. Such an honor ought to be ours to boast of as well.

Romans 1:15-16a

So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. **16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.

God's Power Upon His Ministers

2 Corinthians 11:22-28

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. **23** Are they ministers of Christ? - I speak as a fool - I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. **24** From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; **26** in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; **27** in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness - **28** besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

Romans 15:14-21

Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. **15** Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, **16** that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. **17** Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God. **18** For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient - **19** in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. **20** And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, **21** but as it is written:
*"To whom He was not announced, they shall see;
and those who have not heard - shall understand."*

ONE FAMILY - ONE & ALL

1.) The Church - to be or not to be?

vs. 14-16

We often say that we went to church today or that I'm going to church. But what do we mean by that? Do we mean that we're going to an address set on a GPS device or to a location. Are we saying that we're going to a building or some campus designated as a church?

Note this please;

Going to church doesn't mean that you are the church. Being a church is being a group of like-minded people that are centered around the Word of God & the Lord Jesus Christ, and have come together to worship Him and to love one another.

We don't go to Church to arrive at Church. We are the church that happens when we meet together at this particular address. We can change the address - we can remodel the building or level it to the ground, it doesn't change one thing - -
about us being His Church !

{ The Church as I See It From Scripture }

It's like a River of Water in a Desert / It's like a Hospital in a Warzone /
It's like a Lighthouse in the Fog of Night / It's also like an Army of Love /
It's like a Torch burning before the Darkness of Evil. /
It's like Salt that Heals a Wound / It's like a City on a Hill /
But for us Who are the Church - We are a Family who've been made One in Christ!

We see a great example of this in Acts

Acts 2:1 NLT

**Now on the day of Pentecost all the believers were
(1) meeting together (2) in one place. = The Church was Born**

THE CHURCH – TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

One Family One & All

1a.) What a real family is like

vs. 14

Verse 14a

Now I myself am confident concerning you,
my brethren,

Confident grk: pei'tho
to persuade fully, to have trust in, to know that which is certain.
to be won over by the evidence of one's faith.

Healthy Expectation is a Much-Needed Thing.
We need to make ourselves beneficial to ourselves & to the family.

1 Corinthians 12:12

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. **13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — whether Jews or Gentiles.

Is the elbow hurting? / Is the foot hurting? / Is the neck hurting?
/ Is the big toe hurting? / Is the hand hurting?

Jesus' "Medical" Evaluation of The Church(s) in Revelation

The Lack of Spiritual Confidence IS a Self-Inflicted Wound.

I'm tragically amazed how confidence has seemed to have escaped so many today.
I think the sad result is due to the fact that we have confidence in things that cannot come through for us – then we turn and blame God for what we've so often done to ourselves.

Confident grk: pei'tho
to persuade fully, to have trust in, to know that which is certain.
to be won over by the evidence of one's faith.

Romans 4:21

and being fully convinced (Abraham) that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

And So When We Trust in God it is The Same

Verse 14b

...that you also are full of goodness,
filled with all knowledge,

Goodness grk: a'ga'thosu'ne
to be God-like in action and word. to do good.

Acts 10:38

(1) God (The Father) anointed (2) Jesus of Nazareth with
the (3) Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

To be full of goodness

(No matter our past and no matter what continues to trip us up, God has made available to us
His goodness. We can exercise goodness by Him at work in us today.)

Knowledge grk: gno'sis
to know by experience, experiential knowledge, to affirm that what you
know actually works. to know to be proven knowledge or
beneficial knowledge.

To be filled with knowledge

(This is accomplished by a radical dependence upon the Word of God and
the work of the Holy Spirit within our lives)

When God Speaks Through Ya'll One to One Another.

Colossians 2:1-3

For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not
seen my face in the flesh, **2** that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to
all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father
and of Christ, **3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Ephesians 1:17-20

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation
in the knowledge of Him, **18** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the
hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, **19** and what is the
exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power **20**
which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the
heavenly places

What A Real Family Is Like

Verse 14c

...able also to admonish one another.

Admonish grk: nou'the'te'o

to give the proper direction as in guidance, pointing someone to the right course or in the proper direction. an admonition is the giving of correct instruction

The word picture here is one of a massive migration;

It is a scenario of a great crowd moving along in the same direction as a caravan.

Each one is along with the another, keeping a watchful eye out for all, while guiding the hand of the one nearest you.

(A great example is when Joseph and Mary lost Jesus on their way back to Galilee.)

Luke 2:41-45

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. **42** And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. **43** When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; **44** but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. **45** So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

To be able to admonish one another

(This speaks of a loving tight relationship that is created with intentionality)

John 14:16-17 KJV

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 16:13a

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;

Deuteronomy 34:9a Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom,

But we have the mind of Christ.

(This is one of the most convincing truths to the newborn Christian is that there is now a passion and a desire to have your mind, cleansed and renewed)

Colossians 3:12-17 Philips Version

12-15 As, therefore, God's picked representatives of the new humanity, purified and beloved of God himself, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Accept life, and be most patient and tolerant with one another, always ready to forgive if you have a difference with anyone. Forgive as freely as the Lord has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be truly loving, for love is the golden chain of all the virtues. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, remembering that as members of the same body you are called to live in harmony, and never forget to be thankful for what God has done for you.

16-17 Let Christ's teaching live in your hearts, making you rich in the true wisdom. Teach and help one another along the right road with your psalms and hymns and Christian songs, singing God's praises with joyful hearts. And whatever you may have to do, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through Him.

All wisdom is available to us according to the book of James

(This is nothing short of a divine miracle. When He generously grants supernatural wisdom regarding the issue that is before you.)

“Press Pause”

We've been granted the ability to get outside of ourselves so as to apply the word of God to ourselves

(The Word of God can be our ultimate Counselor. To rightly divide the word of truth is to understand it in its context. To rightly apply the Word of God is to know how to use it)

We have the elders to lay hands on to pray with you

(There is an entire family of brothers and sisters that are forever linked to one another and to you by the power of the Holy Spirit, who has made us one together in Christ)

THE CHURCH – TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

One Family One & All

1b.) What a real family will do

vs. 15

Verse 15

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God

We are to be intentional about;
Remembering / Reminding / Recounting

Boldly grk: tol'me'ro'ter'on,
more daringly, with greater passion, to speak more boldly
than what would be expected.

In the most Fatherly way – Paul applies his Authority as an Apostle
was well as a Fellow Pilgrim.

Paul's Meaning Is,

“You are well able to receive this challenge as you are mature in your
Christian faith. You have been proven and are well able to excel because
you have been found faithful in the foundational doctrines.”

Romans 1:7-8

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **8** First,
I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the
whole world.



THE CHURCH – TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

One Family One & All

1c.) What a real family is for

vs. 16

Verse 16

16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

A real Christian (church) family is about the things of God.

Offering grk: pro'sph'o'ra
that which is brought as an act of worship, a sacrifice (living)

Acceptable grk: eu'pro'sdek'tos
well done, proper, excellent or with excellence

Sanctified grk: ha'gia'zo / hag'I'os
to make holy what was unholy, to take what is uninhabitable and to make a dwelling. From being homeless to be a home =
Your Heart is Christ Home.

Here is a Powerful Rendering of This Great Truth Before Us.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3 NLT

Are we beginning to praise ourselves again? Are we like others, who need to bring you letters of recommendation, or who ask you to write such letters on their behalf? Surely not! 2 The only letter of recommendation we need is you yourselves. Your lives are a letter written in our hearts; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you. Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

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