

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 – PART 3

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

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Spiritual Worship, Godly Service, Dedication, Devotion, Sacrifice, The Will of God.

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.”*

The FIRST time the word church is ever mentioned in the Bible is out of the mouth of Jesus Christ himself in Matthew chapter 16 and we've talked about that.

Church grk: ekklesia;
an assembly, a convocation, a congregation, a church.

It is a compound word made up of two (2) Greek words;

grk: Ex;

to come out from, to be derived from. or taken or selected out from the others. the word can also be used to describe those who govern over a city.

grk: Ka'le'o;

to be an invited guest, to be named among or to be gathered with.

ONE FAMILY – ONE & ALL

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

vs. 14-16

1a.) What a real family is like

vs. 14

1b.) What a real family will do

vs. 15

THE CHURCH – TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

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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.

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2.) The Church – authentic or generic?

vs. 17-19

2a.) An authentic church is a church of glory

vs. 17

Verse 17

17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.

“I HAVE REASON TO GLORY IN CHRIST”

What does Paul mean by this?

That in everything we are doing – we are doing in obedience to God’s good call upon our lives – **FOR THE LIVES OF OTHERS.**

The Day is Coming

That we will stand before the son of God if you are a true follower of Christ

It means that Paul (we) determined to be available to the will of God as God desired. Paul was a servant, a slave to the will of God.

To Be a Slave to God is to Live Truly Free
from All Things that Would Hinder our Growth;

1 Corinthians 10:31-33

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. **32** Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, **33** just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

“IN THE THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD”

The things belonging to God or identified with God.

Things that God wants accomplished.

Romans 15:17 ESV

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God.

Romans 15:17 NIV

Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God.

Colossians 1:10

That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

John 14:12

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

“Because I Go to The Father” = = (The Coming of the Promises, The H.S.)

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

THE CHURCH – AUTHENTIC OR GENERIC?
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2b.) An authentic church is a church in reality vs. 18

Verse 18

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 –

Walking The Talk

THE CHURCH – AUTHENTIC OR GENERIC?
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2c.) An authentic church is a global church vs. 19

Verse 19

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.

Hebrews 2:4

God also bearing witness (PREACHING THE GOSPEL) both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Mark 16:16-18

He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. **17** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

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3.) The Church – here and there? Vs. 20-21

3a.) Is the Lord moving here? vs. 20

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,

Every Christian, Every Pastor, Every Church,
ought to be able to say that in some unexplainable way,
the Lord is moving where I go to church.

“And so I have made it my AIM...”

This is not Paul being self-determined – this is Paul being led by the Holy Spirit

Aim grk: philotimeomai;

It is my love, it is my joy, it is my aspiration, it is ambition, it is my target.

The Mission of The Christian Church

Together each of us serve united as one church. This one church family functions best when all of us as parts are functioning – all cylinders are firing in order and on one time.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

Acts 1:7-8

And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

1 Corinthians 3:8-11

Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. **9** For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. **10** According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. **11** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

THE CHURCH – HERE AND THERE?

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3b.) Is the Lord moving there?

vs. 21

21 but as it is written:

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“The Gravity of “As It Is Written” Is Stunning.

In the most supernatural way possible – the Bible is asking you to challenge it.

The apostle Paul here draws from his biblical knowledge of the book of Isaiah. There is a reason why Isaiah is known as the “Evangelical Prophet.”.....

.....There are more New Testament biblical prophecies regarding the ministry of The Messiah, The Lord Jesus Christ in the book of Isaiah than any Of the other books of the Bible.”

Isaiah 52:15

So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.

The Context of Isaiah 52

13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. 14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them – they shall see, and what they had not heard - they shall consider.

Isaiah 65:1

“I was sought by those (Gentiles) who did not ask for Me; I was found by those (Gentiles) who did not seek Me. I said, ‘Here I am, here I am,’ to a nation (Gentiles) that was not called by My name.

The Context of Isaiah 65

Is the comforting news that no one is excluded from being able to have their sins forgiving and their lives made anew.

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. “Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

Psalms 145:18 & Isaiah 45:22

The Invitation

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