

ROMANS STUDY

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

Romans 1:7-17

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Called To Be Encouraged!

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology
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Romans 1:7-12

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. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established - 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. :13 Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. 14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. 15 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, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it (the gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Thoughts on Encouragement.

Drawing your attention to the 12th. verse of chapter 1,
we see the word "encouraged" here in the NKJV.

It is the KJV bible that uses the word "comfort" or "comforted"
And I find that highly appropriate.

Because Encouragement elevates the Soul
Encouragement gives birth to Hope and Hope brings calm
and gives us Comfort – Encouragement!!!

On Thursday March 23, 1775 - Patrick Henry

“Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace-- but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”

Friday September 26, 1777 - Samuel Adams

We have appealed to Heaven for the justice of our cause, and in Heaven we have placed our trust. Numerous have been the manifestations of God’s providence in sustaining us. In the gloomy period of adversity, we have had “our cloud by day and pillar of fire by night.” We have been reduced to distress, and the arm of Omnipotence has raised us up. Let us still rely in humble confidence on Him who is mighty to save. Good tidings will soon arrive. We shall never be abandoned by Heaven while we act worthy of its aid and protection.

Called To Be Encouraged

1.) Because of where you are

vs. 7-12

Verse 7-17

**Called To Be Encouraged
Because Of Where You Are**

1a.) You are where the family is

vs. 7

Verse 7

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.

The “Power” that is in the message of the Gospel - is all encompassing.
The “Positioning” of those who believe it – is elevation!

Ephesians 2:5-6

For even when we were dead in trespasses, He made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and has raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

To all who are in SoCal, Beloved of God!

Encouragement in the face of a godless, pagan culture.

In those days in the (R.E.) Roman Empire – evil was glorified!

Killing, Torturing and Death were celebrated.

The Gladiatorial Games

made sport of public murder by Christians, slaves, and Jews for entertainment.

Beloved grk: agapetos; very loved, much affection for, singled out, one being fixated upon, to be the object of attention.

Psalms 40:5

Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Lamentations 3:26

It is good (uplifting, refreshing) that one should hope and wait quietly
For the salvation of the LORD.

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then (because of that) you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.
14a I will be found by you, says the LORD.

Encouragement in the face of evil in our day

is the same – It is the fact that Jesus Christ is hand-carrying you through this season & moment in your life – with what His word says...

Vance Haver writes:

“I have been encouraged to hear of some missionaries bound for Africa, who - being laughed at by the ship captain and crew who said: “You’re only going to die over there in Africa.” But one of the missionaries spoke up and said, “Captain, we died before we got on board.””

Called Saints grk: hagios; sacred, holy, sanctum, a holy one or place, a place of divine dwelling (i.e. temple)

We, being human, can never place someone in the state of sainthood. That is not possible from a human standpoint. But God has revealed in the Bible that He is the one who declares what is a saint and who they are.

Ben Franklin, Hope and the San Francisco Wharf Rat

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/kidding-ourselves/201405/the-remarkable-power-hope>

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Trust is developed over time and events. It is built upon
through crisis and endurance

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Because Of Where You Are

1b.) You are where the witness is

vs. 8-9

Verse 8

:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

I Know things Seem Dark

But the truth is – this is the hour of our ministry.

Remember What Samuel Adams said:

We have been reduced to distress, and the arm of Omnipotence has raised us up. Let us still rely in humble confidence on Him who is mighty to save. Good tidings will soon arrive. We shall never be abandoned by Heaven while we act worthy of its aid and protection.

Your example has always been well spoken of – But never like this!

Verse 8-9

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

The Sustaining Witness by Faithful People Praying

**Called To Be Encouraged
Because Of Where You Are**

1c.) You are where the action is

vs. 10-12

Verse 10

10 making request if, by some means, now at last
I may find a way in the will of God - - to come to you!

Shortly after Lisa and I met she had a trip planned to Oregon to spend a month with her family there, just the thought of being separated bummed me out. But while we were apart, my work load kept my mind occupied, but not enough. Every day after work I would call her. And I mean every day. Finally she was coming back to SoCal and I couldn't wait to see her again.

But a few weeks later I got an envelope from the phone company. Bill for \$444. When I saw the amount of that phone bill, I remember smiling and happily paying that bill, because it was that very opportunity that connected me with her during those separated times.

“The Christian whose life is held in the hand of Jesus Christ will search out opportunities to express love toward others” – Jack

Verse 11

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift,
so that you may be established -

Long grk: epi'po'theo to be yearning for or driven by an unquenchable desire,

“I am looking forward to sharing with you in mutual service (church life) what gifts the LORD has given me - - and I am equally excited to be ministered to with the gifts that God has given you to share – together,
we all will be encouraged!

Why? – Because whenever consecrated lives are made available to God for His will and purposes, spiritual gifts will be in operation. When that happens, revival will soon follow.

Verse 12

12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you
by the mutual faith both of you and me.

It's an all-encompassing mutual faith.

Encouraged grk: sum'para'kaleo; to be exhorted / to be comforted together, be
exhorted / comforted together by strengthening, in-person, to-gather, to
bond by encouragement.

Encouragement – assumes discouragement is near.

Encouragement – it must come from a qualified source.

Encouragement – will clarify the objective.

Encouragement – is contagious.

The Biblical Example is Everywhere the Same

1. It carries with it the act of love by tangible, hands-on, physical ministry.
2. It is often used in the context of giving \$ aid or support to “body needs”

Philippians 1:10, 21-22

that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere
and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of
righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God... 21
For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this
will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell.

End of Study

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