

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 2

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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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."*

Pauls' confidence and stability was in Christ alone.

The great theologian Matthew Henry remarked concerning the Apostle Paul,

"Regarding his integrity, he was a man to skillful in the word of God to be deceived, and too honest to be flattered."

He was a man who had had {a horrible life}

Born a Jew, he was born a free Roman citizen. Raised in some form of affluence with access to the best of education possible, both in secular terms as well as religious. He, having come from the highest pedigree among the Jewish people, was highly trained. He was first in his class

regarding all the religious traditions of Judaism. He had been degreed as a Pharisee and scribe; he had earned his rank beyond all others.

He was tutored personally by the great prof. of the age Gamaliel.

Paul knew something about legalism and self-reliance.

Philippians 3:2-10

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! **3** For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, **4** though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: **5** circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; **6** concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. **7** But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. **8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; **10** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Paul had yet to go to Rome in all of his life.

Not only to be Jewish, but now as a follower of Messiah – his Roman citizenship and upbringing would've made him someone eager to visit Rome and to see the capital of the world.

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

vs. 14-16

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.

The Christians @ Rome were well known to Paul but only by;
Reputation, Hearsay, Conversation, By the Witness of Others...

“Hey Ya’ll, what’s the latest word on the street coming out of Roma.”

People would say, “Well, Rome is Rome, but have you heard about these people who are called “Christians” – they are turning Rome upside down. Everybody is talking about these people who say that the God they worship actually inhabits them. They say He forgives them of their sins, that He is the One and Only True God and that He LOVES them!”

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.
(to put into practice. the good works that flow out from a new heart)

James 1:22-24

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

Doers: grk: poi'e'tes;
from the root word Poieo = to be a maker, an author, one to accomplish, to rehears and to acted out, to carry, to compose, to bring the Word of God forward, to show it

“It is the comfort of every faithful minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to see that their labor is being superseded by the spiritual gifts and graces of their congregates.”

Matthew Henry

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This Goodness speaks of the HEART. A new HEART. A made alive HEART..

Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.**

John 14:16-18 KJV

16 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He (The Comforter) may abide with you forever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, (The Comforter) because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless:

Psalms 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

John 20:19-20

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” **20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.**

Jeremiah 31:33

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

John 20:21-22

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." **22** And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.

All of This is {Family Talk} - - One Family One & All

Knowledge grk: gno'sis

to know by experience, experiential knowledge, to affirm that what you know actually works. to know what is proven knowledge, beneficial knowledge.

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This word Knowledge speaks about a MIND being renewed. a MIND being cleansed and washed and made into a fresh MIND.

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him

John 16:13a

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

Things that make up a Real Spiritual Family.

Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness....

We can add Care, Tenderness, His Parental Authority. Unity. We must add Vision. Purpose. Expectations. Accomplishments. Acknowledgements!

Galatians 5:22

But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Acknowledgements

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a **cloud** of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

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

Ephesians 5:9

For the **fruit of the Spirit** is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

What A Real Family Is Like

Verse 14c

...able also to admonish one another.

Admonish grk: nou'the'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 / journey;

It's 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 and each other as you take hold of the hand next to you - - 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)

1 Corinthians 2:16

For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?"
But we have the mind of Christ.

But we have the mind (which is the LOGOS) of Christ.

(This is one of the most convincing truths of the “New-Heart” Christian – It’s 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.

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.

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'Ios
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.

FAMILY – ONE & ALL

2.) The Church – authentic or generic?

vs. 17-19

Think about the definitions of these two words because it's critical. Authentic or authenticity, this is probably one of the most sought after desired and appreciated realities in our world right now. In the face of artificial intelligence, it's very entertaining, but it's not fulfilling.
It's very cool looking but it's not authentic.

Authentic

By Noah Webster = Genuine. True. Actual. Real factual.

Generic

By Noah Webster = a Reproduction. Common. Similar, Some form of a Copy or Attempt to duplicate from an original. (Knock-Off)

THE CHURCH – AUTHENTIC OR GENERIC?

One Family One & All

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.

THE CHURCH – AUTHENTIC OR GENERIC?

One Family One & All

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 –

THE CHURCH – AUTHENTIC OR GENERIC?

One Family One & All

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.

What is the distance in miles from Jerusalem to Illyricum?

The Unstoppable - Unlimited Paul



It's amazing what one man can accomplish
when he's not on social media

G. Campbell Morgan

"Paul the apostle was a man prone to upsetting the kingdom of darkness by advancing the Gospel. He became the great antagonist of the Devil, and while always under the power of God, the Holy Spirit, the Apostle assaulted the interest of Satan."

**To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ anywhere
Is absolute warfare in the spirit realm.**

But to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, where the gospel has never been proclaimed before, is to go up against demonic and spiritual strong holes that do not surrender their powers easily.

**Wherever the gospel has gone in the world, Satanism has suffered.
Occult practices are retarded and demonism is held back !**

You and I may not make it to the destinations that Paul the apostle did, and the reason why is because we're not supposed to.

Equally true is that Paul the apostle cannot make it to your office, or the construction site that you work at, or the hospital where you're at in the sense every single one of us are pioneers of the gospel to go to places where it has not been preached.

In America today, the Gospel has scarcely been preached
in our own neighborhoods. You need not travel to the ends of the Earth to proclaim Jesus. – why would you do that - when you haven't even made down to the end of your street?

The gospel is not only truth to be believed,
but it is a law to be obeyed.
Matthew Henry.

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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