

THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING

ROMANS 15:8-33

10/26/25

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1. Changes who is included

Romans 15:8-13 - "For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'¹⁰ And again it says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.'¹¹ And again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.'¹² And again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.'¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

- Jews and Gentiles
- Biblical support in the Law, prophets, writings

2. Changes how we act

Romans 15:14-15 - "I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.¹⁵ But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God... "

- Paul was bold because "of the grace given to him"

3. Changes who we work for

Romans 15:15-16 - "But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit."

- All of God is involved in all of salvation

4. Changes how we see ourselves

Romans 15:17-19 - "In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God.¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed,¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ..."

- We are the agents of the Gospel – Christ "through me"

5. Changes our passion

Romans 15:20-21 - "...and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,²¹ but as it is written 'Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.'"

- We have a desire to see lives changed

6. Changes the difficult things we do

Romans 15:22-27 - "This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.²³ But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you,²⁴ I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.²⁵ At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.²⁷ For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings."

- Paul wanted the Gospel reaching the Gentiles to encourage Jews

7. Changes how we see the future

Romans 15:28-29 - "When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.²⁹ I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ."

- Gospel minded planning
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COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. How has the Gospel changed the way you approach life, marriage, work, parenting etc.?
3. What area of Gospel ministry has God been calling your heart to? We may not all be in full time ministry, but we should all have a Gospel passion.
4. Why do you think it is so easy for Christians to lack Gospel passion in their lives? What hinders them from pursuing this Gospel passion?
5. How does knowing God is intimately involved in Gospel ministry encourage you to more readily pursue Gospel ministry? This is easily forgotten by us. How can we remind ourselves of this truth?
6. How does Paul live out his words in Romans 1:16-17 here in the description of his ministry?
7. How can we cultivate a heart that is more Gospel minded towards people?
8. What is one thing from the message or group this week that you desire to live out? How can the group help you do that this week?