



ROMANS 15:8-33

One Family. One Mission.

SERMON SUMMARY

Romans 15 confronts us with a scandalous truth: God's grace extends far beyond our comfort zones and expectations. We're challenged to understand that Jesus didn't just come to fulfill promises to one group of people, but to create one family from every nation, tribe, and tongue. The message unpacks how early Jewish believers struggled when Gentile believers were included in God's family, mirroring our own discomfort when God extends grace to those we might not choose. We're reminded that Jesus became a servant to show God's truthfulness and confirm His promises, but ultimately so that all nations might glorify God for His mercy. This isn't just ancient history; it's a call for us to examine our own hearts. Do we truly believe we're part of one big family with one mission? Are we instructing one another in truth, or are we passive consumers of weekly sermons? The challenge is clear: we need to move from being spiritually fed like children to hunting for truth like adults. We're called to know what doctrines to debate, what to divide over, and what to die for. Most importantly, we're asked to evaluate our ambitions. Are we driven by earthly success, or is our motivation that more people who have never heard about Jesus will understand and see Him? This message calls us to prayer, community, and a renewed commitment to the mission of making Christ known in every marketplace, office, and conversation we encounter.

MAIN TAKEAWAYS

1. Jesus Came to Fulfill God's Promises and Extend His Mercy

- Christ became a servant to the Jews to show God's faithfulness.
- His purpose was to confirm the promises to the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- The ultimate goal: that Gentiles, all nations, might glorify God for His mercy.

2. We Are One Family with One Mission

- The church is not divided into first-class and second-class Christians.
- All believers - Jew and Gentile - are adopted into God's family.
- Our mission is to glorify God and make Him known to those who have never heard.

3. Our Ambition Should Be Gospel-Centered

- Paul's driving motivation was proclaiming Christ where He had not been named.
- We must evaluate what truly motivates us in life.
- Ministry happens everywhere - not just in church buildings.

4. We Are Called to Instruct One Another

- Biblical knowledge isn't just for pastors and leaders.
- Every believer should be growing in their ability to teach and encourage others.
- There are doctrines to debate, doctrines to divide over, and doctrines to die for.

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Discussion Guide

INTO THE SERMON

1. What part of this week's sermon stood out to you most, and why?
2. Pastor Sam said, "You weren't saved to be an only child. You were saved to be part of a family." How does that shape the way we think about the church?
3. How did this sermon connect the gospel we receive with the mission we are called to carry?
4. What are some ordinary places where ministry can happen beyond Sunday morning?

INTO THE TEXT

1. Read Romans 15:8-13. What does this passage show us about God's faithfulness to Israel and His mercy to the Gentiles?
2. Why is it important that Paul uses the Old Testament to show God's desire for all nations to worship Him?
3. Read Romans 15:14-21. What can we learn from Paul's ambition to preach Christ where He had not been named?
4. Read Romans 15:30-33. Why does Paul ask believers to strive together with him in prayer?

TAKE AWAY / WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

1. Paul describes the Christian life as being part of one family with one mission. How might that reshape the way we think about everyday relationships and responsibilities?
2. What helps believers move from simply receiving truth to being able to encourage and instruct others?
3. What are some ordinary opportunities where the mission of Jesus can be lived out?
4. How can prayer sustain us as we follow God's calling and remain faithful over time?