



ROMANS 16:1-27

Grace Forms a Family. The Gospel Fuels the Mission.

SERMON SUMMARY

Romans 16 brings Paul's letter to a deeply personal and worshipful close. After laying out the gospel of grace, justification, adoption, union with Christ, life in the Spirit, and one family from all nations, Paul ends by naming real people. The gospel is not merely an idea to believe; it forms saints, builds families, sends missionaries, and creates communities where people are known by name. The sermon reminded us that God saves by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, and that faith is about seeing God rightly. When we see God as good, sovereign, merciful, and Father, grace compels a response. Romans ends in worship: to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ.

MAIN TAKEAWAYS

1. Romans Reveals the Gospel Clearly

- Humanity is broken by sin and unable to rescue itself.
- God justifies sinners freely by grace through the blood of Jesus.
- Faith is seeing God for who He truly is and trusting His work.

2. Grace Changes Our Status and Our Life

- In Christ, sinners are made saints, children, and heirs.
- Grace is free to us, but costly because it was paid for by Jesus.
- The gift of grace compels us to live as redeemed people.

3. The Gospel Builds a Real Family

- Paul names ordinary people who became part of God's mission.
- The church is made up of men and women, Jew and Gentile, rich and poor.
- God uses people we might overlook, discount, or never choose.

4. The Mission Ends in God's Glory

- The gospel forgives sinners, forms saints, builds families, and sends missionaries.
- Romans calls us to seek the lost and gather God's scattered children.
- The final word is worship: glory belongs to the only wise God through Jesus Christ.

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Discussion Guide

INTO THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you most from this weekend's sermon? Was there a phrase, image, or idea that stayed with you?
2. The sermon looked back over Romans and reminded us that God is good, sovereign, gracious, and able to save sinners. Where did this help clarify or deepen the way you understand the gospel?
3. Pastor Sam said, "The gospel does not merely forgive sinners. The gospel forms saints, builds families, and sends missionaries." How does that challenge the way we think about what salvation is for?

INTO THE TEXT

1. Read Romans 16:1-16. Paul names many specific people who were part of the mission. What does this show us about the gospel being lived out through real people and real relationships?
2. Paul commends Phoebe, Priscilla, Aquila, Junia, and many others. What stands out to you about the variety of people God used in the early church?
3. Read Romans 16:25-27. Paul says God is able to strengthen His people through the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ. What does this teach us about how believers are sustained and matured?
4. Paul describes the gospel as a mystery once hidden but now made known to all nations. How does this connect back to the larger message of Romans?
5. The doxology ends with, "To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ." Why is God's glory the right ending point for the book of Romans?

TAKE AWAY / WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

1. The sermon challenged us to keep returning to Romans as a foundation for understanding the whole story of Scripture. What would it look like to become people who keep growing in our understanding of the gospel?
2. Pastor Sam said faith is about how we see God. How does our view of God shape the way we respond to grace, suffering, obedience, and mission?
3. Romans shows us that grace is not cheap, even though it is free to us. How should that shape the way we live as people who have received such a costly gift?
4. Paul's final greetings remind us that the church is not just an event or an idea, but a family of people known by name. How can we become more intentional about knowing, encouraging, and serving one another?
5. The sermon ended with a call to seek the lost and carry the message of the Father who is calling His children home. Where are the ordinary places God may be sending us to live out that mission this week?