

Gospel Centered Living: A Study of the Book of Romans  
Gospel Centered Living Romans 1:8-15  
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As we trust Jesus Christ for our salvation, we recognize that there is tremendous power in centering our lives in His gospel which is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Romans will teach us our need for this transforming power and how to access it by grace for the challenges that we face. This study will show us how to be right with God, ourselves, and others. The great reformer, Martin Luther shares: "Romans is a feast for one's soul." Jack Kuhatschek adds, "If a person understands it, he has a sure road opened for him to the understanding of the whole Scripture." We are going to have some sweet Bible times at church and at our small groups this season. But watch out! Those who study Romans are rarely the same afterward. As you study Paul's letter, may you be challenged by the new life and the new lifestyle we have in Christ! Enjoying the Journey, Pastor John

**The Passage:**

Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

9 God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you

10 in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. 11 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong-- 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. 13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. 14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both

to the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.

**Big Idea:** Gospel centered living focuses on strengthening the faith of all people, serves God as an act of worship, and is energized by seeing God's work progress.

Gospel Centered Living has taken hold of you when:

I. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is your most precious possession.

**(Memory Verse)** Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

1Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 16:19 Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

1Thessalonians 1:8b "your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it,"

**Growth Group:** As you read verse 8, you notice that the Roman faith was being recognized around the world. What is the best way to get the public to recognize your faith?

***Gospel Centered Living build a strong faith in God.***

II. All you do is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Romans 1:9 God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember

you 10 in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died-- more than that, who was raised to life-- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. (Hebrews 7:25)

Philippians 3:3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—

Romans 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-- who is forever praised. Amen.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship.

2Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. (1 Thessalonians 3:10)

**GG:** What role does prayer play in Paul's ministry to the Roman Christians? How should prayer shape our ministries? How can we utilize prayer to the fullest in our community?

***Gospel Centered Living worships God by serving!***

III. Your \_\_\_\_\_ for service to God is compelling.

Romans 1:11 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong--

A. To \_\_\_\_\_ others.

Romans 15:29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.

John 21:17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

B. Gives and receives \_\_\_\_\_ from each other.

Romans 1:12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

2Corinthians 7:13 By all this we are encouraged. In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you. (Romans 15:32)

C. Eager for \_\_\_\_\_ to see God's work progress with all people in all places.

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1Corinthians 9:16 Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

***Gospel Centered Living compels us to share the Gospel!***