

**THE MISSION OF GOD**  
**God uses His servants to accomplish His Mission**  
**Romans 15:14-21**

**Big Idea:** Understand that we are servants of Christ who share the gospel with believers and unbelievers.

**Crosspoint Vision:** To be a people transformed by the gospel, living daily on mission and sending laborers to the nations.

**1. Servants of Christ share the gospel with believers (15:14-15).**

**a. Ministry of admonishing (v. 14)**

**14** 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

Three characteristics of maturity:

- (1) Full of goodness
- (2) Filled with knowledge
- (3) Able to instruct one another

**b. Ministry of reminding (v. 15)**

**15** But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles . . .

**2. Servants of Christ share the gospel with unbelievers (15:16-21).**

**a. Because it is the power of God for salvation (1:16; 15:14, 16, 18)**

**Romans 1:16**

**16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Gospel power:

- (1) The unholy are made holy (v. 16).

**16** 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.

- (2) The disobedient are made obedient (v. 18)

**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,

- Evildoers are now doers of good (1:29-31; 15:14).
- Futile thinking and darkened hearts are now filled with the knowledge of God (1:21-22; 15:14).
- Sinners who once approved of sin now reprove sin (1:32; 15:14).

**b. By the power of the Holy Spirit (15:18-19).**

- (1) Christ accomplishes his work through us (v. 18).

**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,

- Paul describes God's call on his life in four ways:
  - Minister (v. 16a)  
"to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles . . ."
  - Priest (v. 16b)  
"in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. "
  - Preacher (v. 20a)

“and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel,”

- Missionary (20bc-21)

“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.”

### **Sending Advances the Gospel**

God advances the gospel by equipping and sending His redeemed people to take His truth to the ends of the Earth. Therefore, we aim to equip and send disciple makers to advance the gospel through overseas missions, church planting, and daily missional living in the workplace and in our neighborhoods.

### **Crosspoint Church Covenant**

V. We will aim to make Disciples of Christ in our own city and abroad, sending to the nations those from among us and readying ourselves to go when called (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Titus. 2).

(2) The Holy Spirit uses our words and deeds (vv. 18b-19).

18b—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;

- The “signs and wonders” refer to the miracles that attested to the truth of the gospel proclaimed (cf. 2 Cor. 12:12; cf. also Acts 2:43; 4:30; 5:12; 6:8; 14:3; 15:12; Heb. 2:4).

#### **2 Corinthians 12:12**

12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

- The gospel comes in word and power (1 Thess. 1:45; 1 Cor. 2:1-5).

#### **1 Thessalonians 1:4–5**

4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

### **c. For the glory of God (15:17-18).**

17 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,

#### **Romans 11:36 (ESV)**

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

#### **Romans 16:25–27**

25 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.