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Message: One Purpose, One Team

Series: Romans

This is our eleventh message in the series Romans: the Life of Faith – the Power of Grace.

As one of Paul’s epistles (or letters), Romans is considered the greatest of all his letters. It’s been called one of the most foundational documents of Christianity.

Introduction

There was a division between the Jews and the Gentiles that combined were part of the Roman church. They had different backgrounds and life experiences. Paul wanted them to see the value of unity; the core principle of becoming “one” body of Christ.

- Paul tells them to DO LIFE TOGETHER

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

—Henry Ford

- Doing life together is about UNITY

It’s being united as “one” – one purpose, one team!

Paul Defines Oneness

Romans 12:1 (NLT)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him.

- GIVE yourself to Him
- Give yourself to Him as a living SACRIFICE
 - To follow Christ is to give up EVERYTHING
 - It's becoming less like me, and MORE LIKE HIM

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

- Be someone that TRANSFORMS the world, don't let the world transform you

The will of God will never take you...

- ... where the grace of God cannot keep you
- ... where the arms of God cannot carry you
- ... where the riches of God cannot provide for you
- ... where the power of God cannot deliver you
- ... where the love of God cannot surround you
- ... where the mercies of God cannot sustain you
- ... where the peace of God cannot calm your fears
- ... where the authority of God cannot direct you
- ... where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears
- ... where the Word of God cannot feed you
- ... where the miracles of God cannot be done for you
- ... where the presence of God cannot find you
- ... where the spirit of God cannot work through you
- ... where the wisdom of God cannot teach you
- ... where the army of God cannot protect you
- ... where the hands of God cannot mold you

- To find God's will, you must change your mind
 - change your THOUGHTS
 - change your ACTIONS

Romans 12:3 (NLT)

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the

faith God has given us.

- Paul tells us to look in the MIRROR
- Measure yourself by FAITH

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)

4 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function,

5 so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

- You are SPECIAL in God's eyes

God has something special planned just for you!

We are one purpose, one team. Without you, our team is weaker. Without you, accomplishing our purpose is more difficult to achieve. We want you, but more than that, we need you.

- In God's eyes, we are ONE BODY

You're either part of the body, or you're not.

Join us with One Purpose, One Team by faith, through the power of grace!