



A. Gospel Unity in the Church (15:1-13)

1. Gospel Sacrifice (v.1-3)

- How we bear with one another shows whether or not we have truly grasped what Jesus did for us.
- Are we known for how we treat those who society might consider 'weak'.
- Jesus is our model & example in this
- The Gospel brings people together of different backgrounds in the same worshipping community.

2. Gospel Encouragement (v.4)

- The bible the basis for education, encouragement, hope & expectation...

3. Gospel Attitude (v.5-6)

- In v5&6, Paul prays for UNITY among the Christians in the Roman church.

4. Gospel Acceptance (v.7)

- The Gospel makes this kind of living possible make, because under God no-one is good enough without Jesus.
- Everyone is united in having failed to live up to God's standards and is therefore in need of Jesus - his righteousness.

5. Gospel Unity (v.8-12)

- The gospel breaks down walls of hostility

- Paul appeals again for unity among the believers with Jewish backgrounds & Gentile backgrounds.
- Jesus came so that the Jews might meet their promised Messiah, and that Gentiles might also come to God.

6. Gospel Blessing (v.13)

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. Gospel Mission in the World (15:14-22)

1. Paul's Priestly Prize (v.16b)

- Priests duty is to proclaim the Gospel so that people are saved
- The prize is that they are presented (by Jesus) as living sacrifices to God.
- "The church is the only organisation that exists for the benefit of it's non members"
- The church will decline if we take our eyes off the 'prize' to see those who don't yet know Jesus, give him their YES and have their lives transformed.

2. Paul's Priestly Pride (v.17)

- Paul's pride was but only in the service of Christ.
- He could only ever live for God - for God's glory, God's fame..
- Our boast is and should only ever be in Jesus

3. Paul's Priestly Preaching (v.19b-20)

- The preaching the Gospel is central to the mission of God.
- We preach so people can encounter Jesus
- "Every revival and renewal is marked by a return to biblical preaching"

4. Paul's Priestly Practise (v.19)

- When Paul preached the gospel, he expected the Holy Spirit to be present
- The gospel should be accompanied by supernatural signs & wonders - that was Paul's expectation & it should be ours...

5. Paul's Priestly Parish (v.20)

- Paul was a pioneer who didn't want ANYONE to die without having the chance to hear the Gospel preached and have the opportunity to give their lives to Jesus.
- Church planting is in the DNA of the Vineyard Movement
- Some of us are called to pioneer & plant new churches that focus on changing lives and communities, and introduce people to Jesus
- The rest of us are called to change lives and communities here by reaching and welcoming people who do not yet know Jesus

"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop, within a yard of hell." (CT Studd)

