Romans Lesson 25

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INTRODUCTION

- The gospel is God's power to salvation to everyone that believeth, not just for the Jew, but also to the Gentile.
- He's talking about a system of salvation that is by grace of God's part, but through faith on man's part.
- From chapter 12, right on through to the end of the book, we have some exhortations of godly living.

1 For the Sake of Unity, We Must Yield Self

Romans 15:1–7; John 17:20–21; Philippians 2:3–8

- We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
- The underlying lesson of this all, this chapter 14 and 15 is that for the sake of unity, we must yield self.
- A divided religious world only serves the purposes of Satan.
- In order to be united, there must be an attitude of submission.
- The point is that we ought to esteem other better than self.

2 Yield to Christ in Doctrine, to Others in Opinion

Matthew 28:18–20; 2 John 9; Romans 14:19–23

- It doesn't mean that we just ignore doctrinal differences.
- Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God.
- We must yield to Christ in matters of doctrine, but yielding to others in matters of opinion.
- If God has left it the matter of liberty, then work for peace.

3 Christ a Minister of the Gentiles Also

Romans 15:8–13; Psalm 117:1; Isaiah 11:10

- Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.
- Jesus Christ was a minister or a servant, not only of the Jews, the circumcision, verse eight, but also of the Gentiles.
- Even the prophets foretold, the scriptures foretold, that the Gentiles would be included in the salvation provided through Jesus Christ.
- If Christ so loved all the world that he would die for all men, Jew or Gentile, should not that be our attitude also.

4 Following Christ May Change Who You Preach To

Romans 15:14–21; Mark 16:15–16; Romans 1:14–17

- Indeed, following Jesus Christ will change your plans.

- When he really came face to face with the truth that Jesus is the Son of God, he yielded himself solely and totally to Christ Jesus.
- Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.
- A gospel is not exclusive for a select race or class of people.
- I want to go to places where Christ has not yet been preached.

5 It May Even Change Where You Go

Romans 15:22–33; 1 Corinthians 16; Matthew 6:33

- He was hindered only in the sense because he put Christ first.
- Sometimes, if we put Christ first in our life, we won't do just what we personally may want to do or prefer to do.
- Benevolence was the fruit of the gospel, not the means of propagating it.
- Paul gave priority to the work of Christ, not to self.
- He demonstrated the very lesson he was preaching to be a living sacrifice.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **May God help us all to be of that same mind and attitude that even if it changes our plans, we'll put Christ first.**

MY NOTES