

The Righteousness of God

Final Thoughts for a
Gospel Centered
Church

Romans 16:25-27 (ESV)

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.

Though we are _____, we are _____ because we are _____.

Is there anything more unifying in all the world than this?

Romans 8:1 (ESV)

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in **Christ Jesus**.

We are ordinary people who are formed _____.

The foundation of the Church is _____. That foundation is preserved through _____.

Romans 16:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

We have to be _____ before we can be _____.

There are over 30 names in this passage ... Notice how Paul referred to them:

"beloved" (v.5,8,9,12)

"sister" (v.1)

"brother" (v.23)

"mother" (v13)

Ephesians 2:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ ... you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God ...

We are a family of _____ called to make _____.

Paul was most prominent, but all were involved in the mission of making disciples. They were _____, not _____.

Phoebe – “a servant of the church” (v. 1)

Prisca and Aquila – “fellow workers in Christ Jesus” (v. 3)

Also: “risked their necks” (v. 4)

Mary – “worked hard for you” (v. 6)

Andronicus and Junia – “fellow prisoners” (v. 7)

Urbanus – “fellow worker” (v.9)

Tryphanea and Tryphosa – “workers in the Lord” (v. 12)

Persis – “worked hard in the Lord” (v.12)

We are _____ and _____ growing, loving, and working together; equal in _____, different in _____.

We all have important roles to play in the life and mission of the church. The roles are not the same, but all are significant!

Paul mentions Phoebe (v.1), Prisca (v.3), Rufus’ mother (v.13), Nereus’ sister (v.15), and 4 women who “worked hard” (v.6,16).

We each have a personal _____ that God has given us.

We all have between 8-15 people that we have natural bridges to, whether as biological family or people we rub shoulders with every day. These people are the first circle of our mission fields.

Paul mentions two households (v.10,11), plus two other families (v.13,15).

As the gospel goes forth from us, we should expect to see whole households coming to faith!

Acts 2:37-39 (ESV)

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”