

Christ Community Church
2nd-5th Grade Sunday School Notes
18 April 2021

Call to Worship: Psalm 133

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 1:16-17

Title: Paul's Greeting to and Goal for the Roman Church

Text: *Romans 1:1-7; 11:11-12; 15:5-7*

These notes are drawn from the sermon notes and outline. They are designed to help you prepare 2nd-5th graders for listening to the sermon.

The Key Truth and Overview are provided as preparatory materials to help you as parents grasp the meaning of the text and the sermon to follow.

*Each lesson includes three main steps: Activity, Teaching, and Discussion.
At the end of these materials is a prayer prompt and some additional points of application.*

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May the Lord bless and guide your efforts to disciple the next generation!

Overview: **Romans 1:1-7; 11:11-12; 15:5-7** teaches us that God saves us as individuals and unites us together as the family of His redeemed and beloved children. Paul wants the Romans to see how the gospel unites them together. The beautiful theology Paul unpacks in this letter is meant to draw us together, not divide us. In the same way, our time in Romans should teach our children the truth of the gospel and stir their hearts up to draw near to all of God's redeemed and beloved children in unity.

Key Truth: God saved us individually and united us together in Christ alone by faith alone through His grace alone for His glory and for the life of the world.

Activity: Scripture Memorization

We will memorize the assurance of pardon texts from this sermon series. These passages are wonderful reminders of God's grace in Christ alone. May God bless our children as they store up His Word in their hearts!

This week's verses: **Romans 1:16-17**

Teaching:

Read **Romans 1:1-7; 11:11-12; 15:5-7**. Use the following questions to help your children see the main points of the text. Discuss any other questions your children have about the text.

- **Romans 1:1-7**

- **Paul introduces himself in verses 1-6. Who or what does Paul talk about most in these verses?**

- Paul talks about Jesus the most! He is introducing himself and yet the most important thing to know about Paul is his relationship with Jesus. Jesus had called Paul to be an apostle (someone who would take the gospel to the nations).

- **Paul greets the Romans in verse 7. How does Paul describe the Romans?**

- Paul says the Romans are loved by God and are called to be saints. A saint is someone that God sets aside for His own purposes. Everyone who believes in Jesus is a saint.

- **Romans 11:11-12 & 15:5-7**

- In these verses, Paul is talking about the goal for the Roman church: their unity. The Roman church included Jewish and Gentile believers. **Explain the difference between Jews and Gentiles.**

- Jews: The Jews were God's covenant people in the Old Testament. The Jews are biological descendants of Abraham.
- Gentiles: The Gentiles are non-Jews. They are not biological descendants of Abraham.
- Over time, the Jews forgot that the Abrahamic Covenant promised that God would use them to bless "all the families of the earth" (**Gen 12:3**). Yet Jesus fulfilled the Abrahamic Covenant. He came to save Jews *and* Gentiles *together* as one new people united in Him.
- In the Roman church, the Jews and Gentiles were fighting each other about who was in charge. They were still acting divided even though Jesus

had united them all to Himself and to one another. Paul's goal is to see them live out the unity they have in Christ.

➤ **Look at Romans 15:7. Why do the Jewish and Gentile believers need to welcome one another?**

- Christ has welcomed them! They are equally God's redeemed and beloved children. Therefore, God calls them to live together as His family.

Discussion

- Why do you think God wants His people to live together in unity?

Prayer/Application: Praise the Father for loving us. Thank Jesus for saving us from our sin so we can live with God forever. Ask the Holy Spirit to help our church draw near to one another in unity!