

Paul the Apostle
Romans 1:1-12

Getting Started

- ❖ At the beginning of the message, Jerry testified that he had hesitated for years preaching from beginning to end in Romans due to not “measuring up” to its message.
 - What area(s) of your life do you tend to evaluate as not “measuring up”?
 - How does the gospel free us from the need to “measure up”?
 - Take a few minutes and pray for one another to rest in the assurance the gospel gives us that Jesus “measures up” in our place. Pray specifically that God would give you the grace needed to be freed from a performance mentality.

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Reread the Sermon Text and discuss the following:**
 - What is missing in the gospel you believe in if you forget or downplay the truth that God’s Son is “Jesus” or “Christ” or “Lord”? Do you ever downplay one or another of these names/titles in how you think and live?
 - What does this passage reveal about the promise of the “good news” and the person of the “good news”?
 - Jerry explained what the “obedience of faith” is and is not. Discuss what the “obedience of faith” is and how some have misunderstood it. Where do you see the “obedience of faith” in your own life?
 - Paul makes a point of stressing encouragement--- wanting to be encouraged by and to encourage the Romans when he visited them. What difference would it make if you went to church next Sunday consciously seeking to encourage others? What are some ways you could do this? Do you allow the faith and words of others to encourage you?
- ❖ **Read Philippians 3:1-7.** What about Paul’s life before Christ would have caused him to see the message of Christ as “good news”?

Think About It!

The gospel is an announcement or declaration of something done and accomplished, not advice to follow.

Praying Together

This evening, revisit your “321” list that was emphasized all last ministry year. Who are the three people you are praying for to receive Christ as Lord? Break into smaller groups and share details of those on your list and pray for them and that God would use you as a “little a” apostle to communicate the gospel to them.

WORSHIP RESOURCE

September 15, 2019 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SONGS

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME (WE CROWN YOU)

Words by Edward Perronet, 1779 / Music by Oliver Holden, 1793
Additional chorus by Paxson Jeancake, 2015

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate, fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the Fall.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.

We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

KING OF HEAVEN

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Jason Ingram, 2010

Jesus, let your kingdom come here; let your will be done here
in us. Jesus, there is no one greater. You alone are Savior;
Show the world your love.

King of heaven, come down; King of heaven, come now;
Let your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven come.
King of heaven, rise up; who can stand against us?
You are strong to save, in your mighty name, King of heaven come.

We are children of your mercy, rescued for your glory.
We cry Jesus, set our hearts towards you;
that every eye would see you lifted high.

King of heaven come. King of heaven come.

TREMBLE

Words and Music by Mia Fieldes, Hank Bentley,
Mariah McManus, and Andres Figueroa, 2016

Peace, bring it all to peace.
The storms surrounding me, let it break at Your name.
Still, call the sea to still,
the rage in me to still, every wave at Your name.

Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble.
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear.
Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble. Jesus, Jesus.

Breathe, call these bones to live,
call these lungs to sing. Once again I will praise.

Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny.
Your name cannot be overcome.
Your name is alive, forever lifted high.
Your name cannot be overcome.

KING OF MY HEART

Words and Music by John Mark and Sarah McMillan, 2015

Let the King of my heart be mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from; oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
the ransom for my life; oh, He is my song.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
the echo of my days; oh, He is my song.

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (repeat)

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 19; 1 Kings 19:8-21; Acts 5:34-42; John 11:45-57

MONDAY | Ps. 97; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Cor. 1:1-19; Matt. 4:1-11

TUESDAY | Ps. 30; 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 Cor. 1:20-31; Matt. 4:12-17

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 15; 1 Kings 22:1-28; 1 Cor. 2:1-13; Matt. 4:18-25

THURSDAY | Ps. 36; 1 Kings 22:29-45; 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15; Matt. 5:1-10

FRIDAY | Ps. 32; 2 Kings 1:2-17; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; Matthew 5:11-16

SATURDAY | Ps. 56; 2 Kings 2:1-18; 1 Cor. 4:1-7; Matthew 5:17-20

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Persistently forgiving God,
we are a stiff-necked and stubborn people
who try your patience;
yet, instead of giving us up for lost,
you seek us out until we return to you.
Break our willfulness
and bring us back from our wanderings;
bend our pride and create in us
pure and faithful hearts,
which rejoice in your forgiveness
made known through Jesus Christ. Amen.



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