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The Encouragement of Being a Part of God's Plan

Romans 15:8-13

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1. Be Encouraged by _____

(v.8)

8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, **9** and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

10 And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." **11** And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." **12** And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

(vv.9-12)

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (ESV)

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3. Be Encouraged by _____ (v.13)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Hebrews 6:17-19**. What are some of the practical differences you would likely see between the people who live with the assurance described in this passage and the people who don't?
2. Read **Hebrews 10:23-25**. What are some specific ways we can encourage others when their faith is "wavering" in regard to God's trustworthiness?
3. Read **Psalms 51:1-10**. How can these kinds of penitent experiences give you a surprising increase of confidence and assurance that you are truly a part of God's family?
4. Read **Psalms 96:1-9**. Describe your participation in personal worship (as opposed to corporate worship with the gathered church). What could you do to make this a more regular exercise?
5. Read **Romans 8:12-17**. How would you describe the internal affirmation from God's Spirit that you are his child? In what settings is this usually experienced?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

January 22nd

Ex. 1-3 & Mt. 15:21-39

January 23rd

Ex. 4-6 & Mt. 16

January 24th

Ex. 7-8 & Mt. 17

January 25th

Ex. 9-10 & Mt. 18:1-20

January 26th

Ex. 11-12 & Mt. 18:21-35

January 27th

Ex. 13-15 & Mt. 19:1-15

January 28th

Ex. 16-18 & Mt. 19:16-30

January 29th

Ex. 19-21 & Mt. 20:1-16

For MP3 sermons go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 1030 – ***Modern Israel and Our Jewish Messiah***

CD # 1031 – ***Looking to the End as a Humble Gentile***

CD # 1014 – ***Our Daily Relationship with the Holy Spirit***

CD # 0537 – ***A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security***

CD # 0626–0629 – ***When God Makes a Promise*** (a four-part series)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bonar, Horatius. ***The Word of Promise: A Handbook to the Promises of Scripture***. ATS, 1865.

Chapell, Bryan. ***The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love***. Baker Books, 2001.

Charnock, Stephen. ***The Existence and Attributes of God***. Reprint. Baker Books, 1996.

Fee, Gordon D. ***God's Empowering Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Letters of Paul***. Hendrickson, 1994.

Gromacki, Robert. ***Salvation is Forever***. Moody Press, 1973.

Guinness, Os. ***God in the Dark: The Assurance of Faith Beyond a Shadow of Doubt***. Crossway Books, 1996.

Lawson, Steven L. ***Absolutely Sure: Settle the Question of Eternal Life***. Multnomah, 1999.

Lockyer, Herbert. ***All the Promises of the Bible: A Compilation & Exposition of Divine Promises***. Zondervan, 1962.

MacArthur, John. ***The Gospel According to Jesus: What is Authentic Faith?*** Zondervan, 2008.

Packer, J.I. ***Knowing God***. InverVarsity Press, 1973.

Pettegrew, Larry D. ***The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit***. Second Edition. Kregel, 2001.

Pink, Arthur W. ***The Attributes of God***. Baker Books, 1975.

Sproul, R. C. ***The Mystery of the Holy Spirit: Discover the Work of the Living Spirit of the Living God***. Tyndale, 1990.

Tozer, A.W. ***The Knowledge of the Holy***. Harper & Row, 1961.