

Sunday School Lesson

October 17, 2021

THE CALL TO RENEWAL

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Romans 12:1-8

Instructor: Ralph Gordon

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October 24, 2021 (Next week)

THE PRICE OF RENEWAL

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Colossians 3:1-14

Instructor: Michael McCants

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Questions for Us Today

How can we follow (some of) the advice of the Apostle Paul?

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As Gentiles and Christians, do we have any (close) Jewish friends? How do we relate to them?

What kind of renewal(s) have we experienced?

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1. Ministry Characteristics of the Apostle Paul
2. The City of Rome
3. Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome
4. Lesson Topic: The Call to Renewal

Ministry Characteristics: The Apostle Paul

Wide-ranging – Paul's ministry covered a lot of territory. He made at least three prominent missionary journeys. He ministered while he traveled and even while he was in prison. Letters he wrote during his incarcerations are referred to as Prison Epistles.

Ministry Characteristics: The Apostle Paul

Portable – As a tentmaker, Paul had a ministry that he could carry with him, since he could find employment during his travels.

Ministry Characteristics: The Apostle Paul

Unbiased – Paul shared the Gospel with all those who would listen – Jews and Gentiles.

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Gospel-based – Paul steadily preached the Good News about Christ Jesus, the Messiah.

Ministry Characteristics: The Apostle Paul

Personal – Paul used examples from his life to illustrate the love and power of God. His humility was in evidence, or else he would not have exposed his own shortcomings.

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Uplifting – Paul encouraged so many (churches and individuals) with his preaching, teaching and his pastoral love and guidance.

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Verbal and Written – Guided by the Holy Spirit, Paul preached powerful sermons and wrote loving, encouraging, enriching and enlightening letters.

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Sourced from Jesus – Paul asserted that the Gospel message which he taught came directly from Christ Jesus.

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Galatians 1:11-12.

Rome

- Rome was the powerful capital and center of the ancient world empire bearing its name.
- There were Jews and Gentiles in the Roman church community.
- Friction ensued with the Gentiles when exiled Jews returned to Rome.

Paul's Reasons for Writing This Letter:

1. To introduce himself to the Roman church community, which he had not yet visited.
2. To clearly state the fundamentals of the Gospel.
3. To address specific problems in the Roman church – particularly the need for unity between the Gentile and Jewish members.



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The Call to Renewal

Romans 12:1-8

Romans 12:1 (NLT)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him.

Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:3

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

Romans 12:4-5

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Romans 12:6

In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

Romans 12:7

If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.

Romans 12:8

If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously, If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

The Call to Renewal

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Psalm 51:10 (KJV)

A hymn for today:

"Give Me a Clean Heart."

Hallelujah!

Thank you Jesus!

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