



Family preparation for congregational worship on March 18, 2018

Our Scripture-Romans 15 (ESV): We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” 4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 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.” 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.

Discuss:

1. What is the purpose of scripture (v.4)?
2. What is the standard a person use to accept others (v.7)?
3. Whith what does God want to fill us (v.13)?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He never gives up on us, His children. Praise the Lord that He has entrusted you with His precious truth of salvation in Jesus Christ. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for greater faithfulness in the stewardship of the gospel by sharing with those you come into contact with. Pray for the work of home missions as the gospel is shared to people who think they are okay. Pray for our church as we minister here in Eau Claire and ask the Lord to give us 3 new families this year. Pray for Mark and Leslie Boyd as they minister in Germany. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (March) *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
Romans 6:23 (ESV)

Music: As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels thy blood so freely shed for me.

A heart in every thought renewed and full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good, a copy, Lord, of Thine!

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; come quickly from above.
Write Thy new name upon my heart, thy new, best name of Love.

“O for a heart to Praise My God”; The Celebration Hymnal, #650, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

Romans 15:1-13

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