

FoDCC: 13th April - Tim Cracknell

Key words from Romans

1. The Gospel has the power to change my life

"For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes" Rom 1:16

- i. Makes us right with God

"This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight." Romans 1:17

- ii. Saves us from God's judgment (wrath)

"And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation." Romans 5:8

2. God's grace alone releases me

- i. Into a place of privilege

"Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand" Romans 5:2 (ESV)

- ii. To receive and give forgiveness

"But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ." Rom 5:15b

- iii. Into living right

"But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ." Rom 5:17

3. God's deep love is for everyone

- i. To receive

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:35-36

- ii. To share

"Owe nothing to anyone - except for your obligation to love one another." Romans 13:8

"And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people."

Romans 16:17-18

4. My real life starts and finishes with faith in Jesus

"This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." Romans 1:17b

"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ." Romans 3:22a

"So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ." Romans 10:17

"For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen." Rom 11:36