

SERMON SERIES



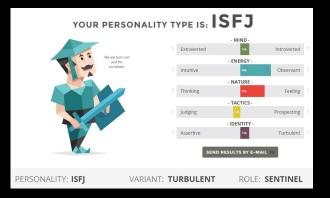
United in Purpose

Romans 15:1-13 Week 54











Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

1 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,

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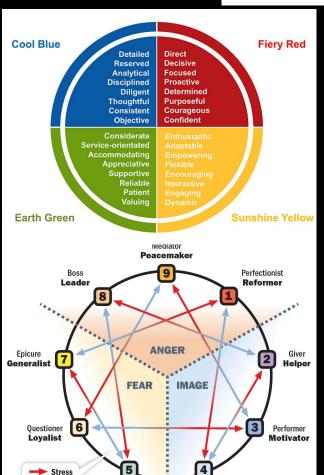
As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

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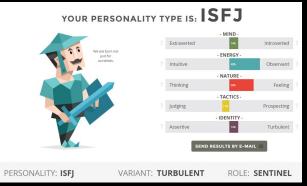
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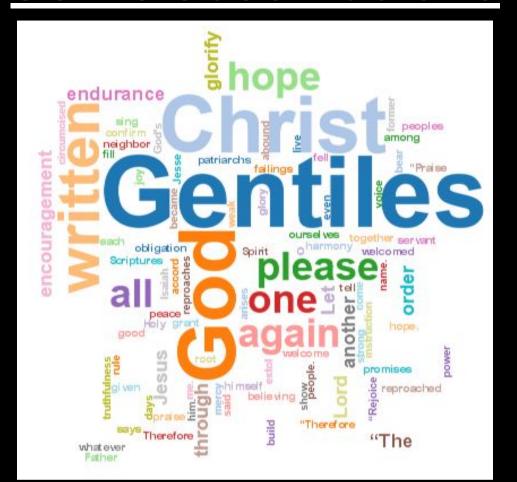






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Romans 1:20

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world...

Romans 10:12-13

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 11:32-33

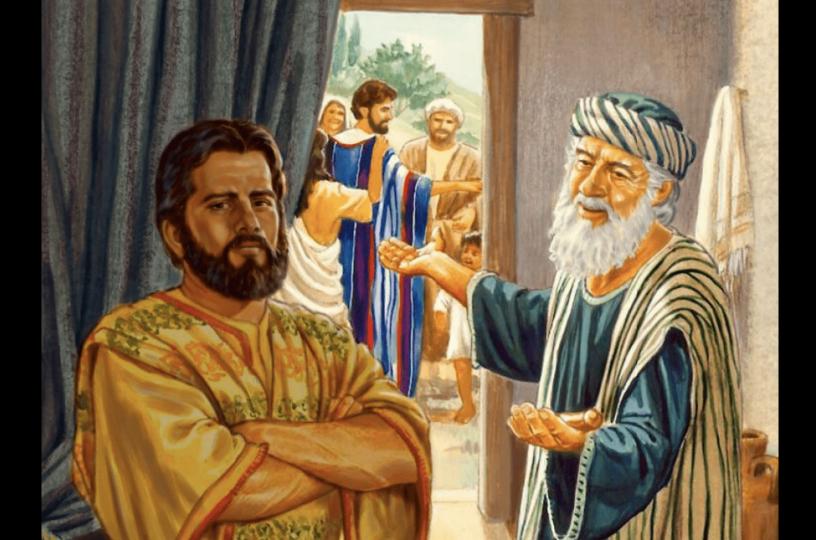
32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

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The way of Christ draws others in



From last time...

Gospel Application

Our freedom in Christ should lead us away from superiority complex

In all of our relationships – keep the raft of Jesus Christ that keeps us out of the waters of eternal death - the main focus.

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7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Is this only for the church?

What is this supposed to look like?

7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you...

- Nicodemus
- The rich, young ruler
- The Samaritan woman
 - The older brother
 - The two thieves

Principle vs. practice

Christ-like grace at all times, in all ways

Be like Christ, with truth and grace?, and welcome anyone in need of a Savior

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Only in Acts!

One more time

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Unity in purpose will let minor conflicts fall away, and elevate God's glory

Gospel Centrality

Biblically Focused
Prayer and Care
Community

Serving the City
Hospitality
Evangelism

Gospel Response

Jesus has welcomed you into the fold

Will you join us in committing your life to Him?

Will you let a greater mission and unity

overtake quarreling and division?