

## **“FINDING THE HEART OF TRUTH”**

### **Romans 15:5-13**

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The question of truth has been in the minds of men in every generation. They have raised the question, “What is truth?” They have raised this question, too, “Where can truth be found?” Some have sought and looked for the truth in the words of famous men, and every country has its famous men. Some have looked for truth in their words.

Others have sought the truth in the reasonings of the philosophers. And some philosophers have reasoned very sharply. But the question is still asked today, “Where is truth?”

Paul’s writing to the Romans has the answer. FINDING THE HEART OF TRUTH is Paul’s theme in Romans 15:5-13.

5. *Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:*

6. *That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

7. *Wherefore receive ye one other, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.*

8. *Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:*

9. *And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.*

10. *And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.*

11. *And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.*

12. *And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.*

13. *Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*

Let me point you to the POSITIONS which show the heart of truth.

EMPHASIZE THE GLORY OF GOD is the first position. This is expressed in unity. The Apostle Paul appeals to his readers to be likeminded. Notice verse 5, “You are to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus.” And then he goes on to say in verse 6, “That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God.” So emphasize the glory of God. See how important it is to be likeminded, gathered around Jesus and having one mind and one mouth centered on Jesus! In other words, think and talk alike.

Speak about the glory of God. It is exemplified in Jesus. He received us and so we ought to receive one another to God’s glory and for God’s purpose. Pay special attention to verse 7, “Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.” Think where you were before. Think where you were before and where you are now that God has brought you safely through all life’s experiences.

Now then you should glorify God. Oh yes! Glory be to God for His plan. Reflect on how our position has ministered to us for we are now in the family of God. That's the heart of truth. The heart of truth emphasizes the glory of God. All glory belongs to Him!

MAGNIFY THE MERCY OF GOD is another position. I bring you especially to verses 8 and 9. There is the truth of God in verse 8 and there is the mercy of God in verse 9. His great purpose is that Jesus should come to His own people. This is based on the promises of God. That "Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision" refers to the Jewish people, "for the truth of God, to confirm the promises which God made unto the fathers." God promised to Abraham so many years ago that all nations would be blessed through his seed. There God was referring to Jesus and that is the mercy of God that we magnify.

We magnify the mercy of God for what it means to us and to all people. You see, God's purpose is broader than just the Jewish people for verse 9 tells us, "that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy." So God had in mind the Gentiles and I am a Gentile. You may be Jewish or perhaps you are a Gentile. Who ever you are, think of this broad purpose that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy.

So all are included, Jew and Gentile. Everybody, everywhere, no matter what race or color or creed. God so loved the world, my friend. We need to magnify the mercy of God if we are going to find the heart of truth. The mercy of God makes it possible for Him to forgive anyone and everyone who believes in Jesus Christ. That is the heart of truth, my friend. Praise God!

RECOGNIZE THE POWER OF GOD is the third position. Oh, what a wonderful truth that is. Look on through these verses to find the power of God. We rejoice in His greatness because He is the only true God. He is God alone. There is no other God. The God of Isaiah many years ago said, "Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth for I am God and there is none else." So friend, it is important for us now to know that He is God alone. We can rejoice in His greatness. Praise Him, laud Him. Rejoice in him, rejoice with His people.

We can also rejoice in His rule. We are told in verse 12 that there will "be a root of Jesse" which refers to Jesus Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. The prophet predicted that He would come. He would be the root of Jesse and He would reign over the nations; and in Him shall the nations trust. Oh, yes! We must recognize the power of God.

And we must also then rejoice in His peace. That is the wonderful benediction of verse 13: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." What an anointing God brings to us. It is the power of His Holy Spirit pouring upon us. We find the heart of truth when we recognize the power of God.

These positions reveal the heart of truth. So if you wish to find the heart of truth then emphasize the glory of God, magnify the mercy of God and recognize the power of God. From these positions you will find the heart of truth.