

to do? What opportunities is He giving me? Is God calling me to be a pioneering missionary?

When was the last time I told someone about Jesus? Do I know how to explain the gospel? If not, what am I doing to be equipped for the job God has given me to do?

12. How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Message #123: *Let's All Boast*

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Sermon
Notes

Quotes to Ponder

Paul's goal in evangelism is not merely some kind of "conversion experience," but completely changed lives. He wants people who are obedient and holy toward God.

Timothy Keller

Paul's boast was never in himself. His boast was in the cross of Christ, in the grace and mercy of God to save unworthy sinners such as himself, & in the power of God to use him to bring other unworthy sinners to the Savior.

Even in the days of the apostles, the most miraculous authentication of the gospel was not through physical signs and wonders. The greatest miracle of miracles has always been the regeneration of a human soul from sinner to saint, from being an enemy of God to being a child of God, of being transformed from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

John MacArthur

I have one passion — it is He, it is He, it is He!

Raymond Lull

Successful ministry is always God's doing.

Douglas Moo

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering ov'r the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.*

John Bowring

God is glorified in using us ... If we will offer ourselves to God as His slaves, He will use us and will bring glory to Himself even through our natural human foolishness, our weaknesses, and our lack of worldly status.

James Montgomery Boice

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. How does Paul see his own mission (*Romans 15:15-16*)?

3. Read *Romans 3:27* and *Romans 15:17*. Does Paul contradict himself? Should Christians boast or not boast? Explain.

What do the following verses add to your understanding of boasting?
1 Corinthians 1:27-31 — *2 Corinthians 12:5, 9* —

2 Corinthians 10:17-18 — *Galatians 6:14* —

4. What role does obedience play in salvation?

What do these verses add to your understanding of this?
John 15:15, 21 — *Romans 1:5* —

John 14:23-24 — *Romans 15:18* —

John 15:10 — *1 John 5:2-3* —

5. Should we expect to see the *signs and wonders* (*Romans 15:19*) the early church saw? Explain and defend your answer with Scripture.

6. What was Paul's ambition (*Romans 15:19-20*)?

How does his example challenge/convict me? What kind of ambitions do I have for God and His glory?

7. Is it wrong to *build on another man's foundation* (*Romans 15:20*)? Explain.

8. How can we know what our ministry should be? Does our ministry change as we move through different stages of life?

9. The Great Commission (*Matthew 28:19-20*) was not given only to Paul, but to us as well. What are you doing to further it, personally or by helping others to go where you cannot?

10. Since the angels in heaven rejoice whenever a sinner comes to Christ (*Luke 15:10*), should it not be our goal and glory to work faithfully to see it happen as well? Who is God laying on your heart to share the gospel with this week?

11. **Reflection Questions:** What am I doing to serve and give and invest in gospel ministry here and around the world? What has God gifted me