

Sunday – January 7, 2018

Pastor David Higa

**God's Righteousness Revealed in Relationships
Romans 16:1-27**

*"Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you."
[Romans 15:20-21]*

Here we are, at the end of our study of this great Romans Epistle. We have spent several months digging into fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith: God's Righteousness Revealed in Condemnation, Justification, Sanctification, and Sovereign Choice. You have probably grown weary with my review of these tenets of faith. But I truly believe that repetition is a key to insight and understanding.

Let's remember, too, that "faith without deeds is dead." *After doctrine comes duty. Learning must translate to living.* This has been the topic over the last few chapters: *God's Righteousness Revealed in Transformed Living.* It began with Rom 12:1: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

We are Jesus' hands, feet, eyes, ears, and heart in this life of faith. We are His body in this dispensation of the church. Our reasonable response is to serve Him because of what He has done for us. It is our response to His grace. It is a high calling and yet a privileged one.

God's church is a wonderful, powerful, and unique work that spans nations, cultures, languages, and ages. "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation" [Eph 2:14]. Jews and Gentiles; all walks of life; have become one in Christ, a mystery until the Cross of Calvary [ref. Eph 3:3-6]. There is unity in diversity and throughout geography [ref. Rom 15:14-33]. This morning Paul concludes by revealing unity amongst the saints; brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Twenty six people are specifically mentioned by name in Rom 16: Men and women, Jews and Gentiles, rich and poor, all working together toward the common cause of the Kingdom. It is a glorious work of the Father, through the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a work that we [the church] are a part of even this day.

Relationships are key; godly relationships in the pure love of the Spirit are the handles to the Kingdom. Yes, doctrine is important; but it is the exercising thereof through grace, in the purity of love, that does the work.

Weekly Ministries:

Sun Morning Services – at Rosemont ES w/ Spanish translation.
7:30 am
9:30 am with Children's ministry.
11:30 am with Children's ministry & Teens ministry [6th-9th grades].

Sun Evening Service – HT Office. *Genesis.*
6:30 pm with Children's ministry.

Mon Evening Men's Fellowship – at HT Church Office.
6:30 pm Topical Bible Study.

Tue Evening Ladies Fellowship – at HT Church Office.
7:00 pm Bible study discussing Sun sermons in Romans.

Wed Afternoon Elderly Ministry – at Hollywood Royale.
3:30 pm See Carl for details.

Wed Evening Service – at Rosemont ES with Children's ministry.
7:30 pm Old Testament Bible Study – *1 Kings.*

Thu Evening HT Bible School – **Classes begin Jan 18.**

Sat Afternoon Elderly Ministry – at City View Villas.
2:00 pm See Carl for details.

Worship Services:

**Sundays at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**

Rosemont Avenue Elementary School
421 N. Rosemont Ave., Los Angeles, 90026

Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.
Church Office - The Hidden Treasure Bookshop
1822 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, 90026

Announcements

The Hidden Treasure Bible School Begins Jan 18!

Classes at The Hidden Treasure Bible School begin again on Thu, Jan 18, at 6:00 pm. If you would like to enroll in classes please get an application at the Information Table and fill it out and turn it in. For more information, go to our website at: www.htbibleschool.com. Any questions please see Pastor Troy or Blynn.

One Year Bible Reading Plans

We're beginning a new year of reading through the Bible. Pick up a One Year Bible Reading plan at the information table and be sure to read the entire Bible along with us in 2018.

Come to our 6:30 pm Sun evening service at our Church Office to review what you've been reading the past week. This is a wonderful way to learn the Bible telescopically as we explain each book of the Bible and how it fits into the whole of Scripture.



The Hidden Treasure Bible Bookshop & Boutique is open for email & phone orders! Call 213.483.3082 or email hiddentreasure.ctr@gmail.com.

Audio messages at: www.ccEchoPark.com. CDs for \$1.

Daily Bible Reading 01/08 – 01/14: Genesis 25-42. Reading plan at Info Table.

Spanish Translation is available during our services using small remote earpiece units. Please come to the Information Table.

Prayer Requests: We are available for prayer right after the service or you can fill out a **Prayer Card** and drop it in the offering box.

As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during service.