
CONNECT
CHURCH
November 22, 2026

Purpose

Scripture

14 My brothers and sisters, I myself am convinced about you that you also are full of goodness, filled
with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another.
15 Nevertheless, I have written to remind you more boldly on some points because of the
grace given me by God
16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, serving as a priest of the gospel of God. God's purpose
is that the Gentiles may be an acceptable offering, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
17 Therefore I have reason to boast in Christ Jesus regarding what pertains to God.
18 For I would not dare say anything except what Christ has accomplished through me by word and deed
for the obedience of the Gentiles,
19 by the power of miraculous signs and wonders, and by the power of God's Spirit. As a result, I have
fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum.
20 My aim is to preach the gospel where Christ has not been named, so that I
will not build on someone else's foundation,
21 but, as it is written, Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard
will understand.

30 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the
Spirit, to strive together with me in prayers to God on my behalf.
31 Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, that my ministry to Jerusalem may be
acceptable to the saints,
32 and that, by God's will, I may come to you with joy and be refreshed together with you.
33 May the God of peace be with all of you. Amen.

Romans 15:14-21, 30-33 CSB



Additional Resources

Explore the Bible: Romans, Fall 2026; *Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Romans, Robert H. Mounce*

*Notes adapted from **Explore the Bible**, LifeWay Christian Resources. All Scripture passages from the **Christian Standard Bible**

Connect Church Notes

Date _____ Speaker _____

Key Verses

Key Points

Questions / Reflections

God's Word-Devoted to Him

Identity in Jesus

Therefore I have reason to boast in Christ Jesus regarding what pertains to God.
Romans 15:17

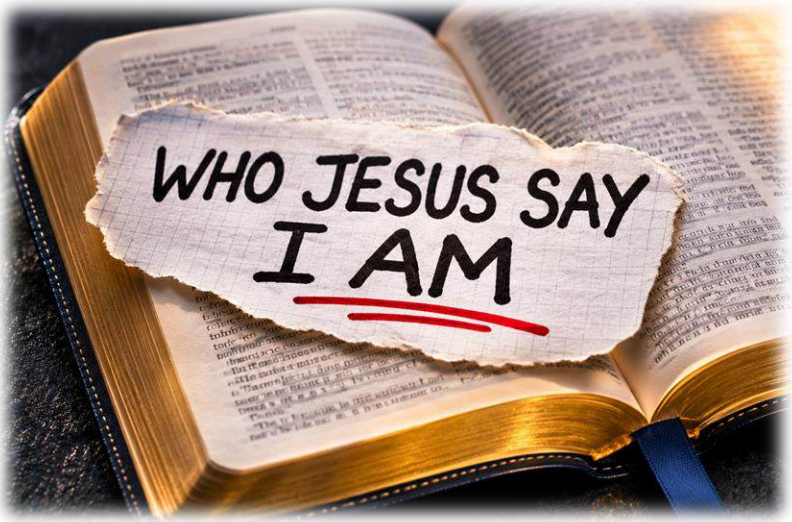
When you lack a strong and positive identity, it can be absolutely devastating. Even the most minimal conflicts and criticism can undermine your confidence. When your value is based on other people, achievements, possessions, or power, only disappointment, insecurity, frustration, and anxiety can result.

However, as a believer, your identity and worth are completely established on who Jesus says you are. And you are forever loved, empowered, and accepted by Him. Yes, it is true that you are a stranger in this world because of your association with Christ. That means that people will not always understand you or what God has called you to accomplish. However, remember that all things in this world are temporary—including the standards by which you are judged. But when God says you are His beloved child, that is forever. Likewise, what He accomplished through you is eternal.

Your value, competence, and favor do not come and go based on circumstances or the opinions of others, because you are in Christ. You have become so intimately connected with Jesus that you take on His identity. Don't take this gift for granted or forget it when others are cruel. Rather, thank God for it every day.

Jesus, my true identity is in You. I rest in who You say I am. Amen.

Charles F. Stanley – *God's Purpose For Your Life*



All the evil influences which seek to prevent our approach to God do not deserve to be compared with the attractive power of God.

Adolph Saphir

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...faith and family

DAILY BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE - Read the passage of the day

OBSERVATION - Write the point of the passage

APPLICATION - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

PRAYER - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

Prayer

Main Passage for November 30 – 1 Samuel 1:9-18, 24-28

Monday – 1 Samuel 1:9-11
Tuesday – 1 Samuel 1:12-16
Wednesday – 1 Samuel 1:17-18
Thursday – 1 Samuel 1:24-25
Friday – 1 Samuel 1:26-27
Saturday – 1 Samuel 1:28

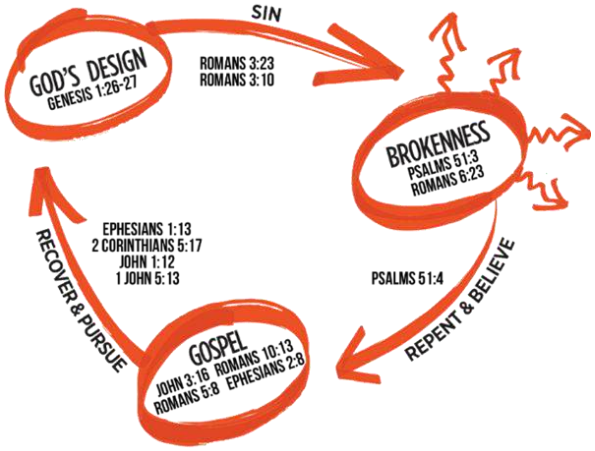
Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 2:1

My heart rejoices in the Lord; my horn is lifted up by the Lord.
My mouth boasts over my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.

Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ





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The Gift of Giving!

In Romans 12, Paul lists seven spiritual gifts, including prophecy, serving, teaching, mercy and giving. I'm convinced that of all these gifts, giving is the one least thought about in the western church.

Of course, all of us are called to serve, show mercy and give even if we don't have those specific gifts. But I believe that in different times of history God has sovereignly distributed certain gifts more widely (such as the gift of mercy during devastating plagues).

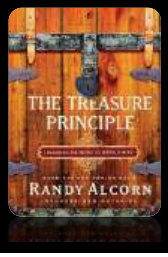
Suppose God wanted to fulfill His plan of world evangelization and help an unprecedented number of suffering people. What gift would you expect Him to distribute widely? Perhaps the gift of giving? And what might you expect Him to provide for those to whom He's given that gift? Perhaps unprecedented wealth to meet all those needs and further His kingdom?

Look around. Isn't that exactly what God has done? The question is, what are we doing with the wealth He's entrusted to us to reach the lost and help the suffering?

We regularly see the gift of teaching and know what it looks like. We hear testimonies about miraculous healings, restored marriages and nearly everything else but giving. We know of prayer warriors and Bible students, but rarely do we hear stories of people giving most of their incomes to the Lord.

It's increasingly common for Christians to ask one another the tough questions: How is your marriage? Have you been spending time in the Word? How are you doing in terms of sexual purity? Have you been sharing your faith? But how often do we ask, "how much are you giving to the Lord?" or "have you been robbing God?" or "are you winning the battle against materialism?"

To be continued from…
The Treasure Principle









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Parents of Young Children - 9:00 AM - Marlon Francis: m4francis@gmail.com
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Adults - 9:00 AM - Sam Jay: jays717@bellsouth.net
Adults - 10:30 AM - Clayton Hutcheson: claybmw@bellsouth.net
Adults - 4:00 PM (online)
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Men - 6:00 PM - Mike Herod: mike.a.herod@gmail.com

MONDAY

Men - 7:00 PM - Edgar Gregory: egregoryac@gmail.com

TUESDAY

Ladies - 9:30 AM - Tryna Groat: atgroat619@hotmail.com
Men - 7:00 PM - Chip Hausman: jwmhausman@gmail.com
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THURSDAY

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Winter 2026-2027
Preparing to Hear God Speak

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AWANA – Veggie Tale Night
December 2nd

CT – Christmas Worship Night
December 2nd

MCN – The Warrior's Breakfast
December 5th

Christmas Gala Women's Ministry
December 5th

The End Times According to Jesus
December 6th

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Merry Christmas

Christmas Worship Night

Connect Teens

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Activity Center

For more information: tristan.nelson@cc.today

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