

ROMANS SERIES NINETEEN
A PASSION FOR GLORY
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Romans 9-11

Sharing the good news about Christ is not hard. In fact, it can be rather simple. In our culture successful sharing of the good news begins, more often than not, with inviting someone to dinner.

Romans 9-11 details Paul's passionate longing that his family and friends come to know Christ. Unfortunately, they are missing the glory. Paul is almost inconsolable.

TO GET THE PROPER SETTING FOR THIS PASSAGE WE MUST RETURN TO THE GLORY OF THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER.

God has a wonderful plan laid out for each of us—Foreknowledge; Predestination; Calling; Justification and Glorification.

Condemnation no longer exists for those in Christ!

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus!

PAUL WAS EXPERIENCING THE GLORY. HE WANTED EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE THE GLORY.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
2 Timothy 4:6-8
Psalm 23
John 14:1-6

I CAN'T WAIT TO EXPERIENCE THE GLORY!

Experiencing the glory of the Almighty Lover and Creator of the Multiverse
Homecoming at the Eastern Gate
Fellowshipping with loved ones
Asking questions
Worshipping with the angels
Enjoying no more pain, sorrow or suffering

GOD CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GIVE US THE GLORY.

PAUL'S HEART IS BREAKING BECAUSE HIS OWN FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE GOING TO MISS THE GLORY.

Romans 9:1-4: I speak the truth in Christ-I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit- 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel.

The man who saw the resurrected Christ—who was caught up into Heaven for indescribable experiences—who knew of the glory to come—was ready to give it all up.
Why? *for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel.*

Israel had it all (Romans 9:4-5); but they lost it (Romans 9:30).

Paul was a worn-out man. He had boxed one too many rounds. He was ready to die and go to Heaven; but He wanted to hang around as long as possible to help others find and share in the glory (Philippians 1:21-26).

THE ONLY WAY FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT THE GLORY IS FOR SOMEONE TO TELL THEM.

Romans 10:8-10: "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:14-15: How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

“COME AND SEE” EVANGELISM AT CASAS IS SIMPLE. WE CAN ALL BE INVOLVED.

SW + ABF = Closing The Gap (This is our *roadrunner*).

Sunday Worship Gives An Experiential Opportunity To Taste The Glory Of Jesus Christ.

God wants in our Sunday Worship for us to experience a tiny sliver of glory.
We want our lost friends to taste a bit of that glory, too.

Adult Bible Fellowships Allow Us To Taste And Experience Relationships.

Paul lived for the people in his Adult Bible Fellowships: “I thank God for every remembrance of you;” financial aid; visits in prison; the Ephesian elders and the Athens depression—
ALONE.

People need to know and be known, love and be loved.

Salvation becomes secure in a relational context.

Biblical life change occurs in relational ways. In an ABF context it is conversational and wrapped around real life.

Colossians 4:7-15 and Romans 16:1-16 are heart-warming lists of Paul’s relationships.

MAY I CLARIFY WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP OTHERS EXPERIENCE THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

“I will actively cultivate relationships with lost people.”

“At the right time I will invite them to ‘Come and See’ Sunday Morning Worship at Casas.”

“As my friends progress in their spiritual journeys I will help them become involved in my ABF.”