

# Christ Proclamation Church – Core Values

Bible Study; Monday, August 11, 2014; Steve Thiel

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## Gospel-Driven Diversity and Acceptance

We value diversity in the body of Christ because the gospel is the power of God to save sinners from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation with all sorts of differences (age, race, socio-economic status, and cultural background) and bring them together to fellowship, worship, and glorify God. This diversity is only possible when we value acceptance and forbearance toward one another in all matters neither addressed nor clearly mandated by Scripture, which also keeps the gospel and its proclamation central in our community.

### **I. Gospel-Driven Diversity → Read Genesis 12:1-3 and Genesis 15:1-6**

- A. What did God promise to Abraham and how did he respond?
- B. In what ways is the illustration in Genesis 15:5 helpful in understanding God's promise?
- C. How does Galatians 3:6-9 clarify God's promise for us? (Also Galatians 3:16, 28-29)
- D. How does the universal offer of the gospel consistent with God's promise? (Ex. John 3:16)
- E. How is the picture in Revelation 5:6-9 and 7:9-10 confirmation of God's promise to Abraham?

### **II. Gospel-Driven Acceptance → Read Romans 14:1-23 and Romans 15:5-7**

- A. How would you describe the issue that is taking place in the church in Rome?
- B. According to Romans 14:4 and 15:7, why should we not judge our brother or sister in Christ?
- C. How should we treat them instead? (Romans 14:13-15)
- D. By implication, why is it wrong to impose your preferences on other people?
- E. What's the connection between unity and glorifying God? (Romans 15:5-6)

### **III. Application → Call to Grow in Gospel-Driven Acceptance**

- A. What convictions do you have that are preferences and not gospel essentials?
- B. What things can you do to keep yourself from imposing preferences on others or judging people for not having the same convictions that you have about things?

#### **CORE VALUES COVERED**

Study 1 - The Bible  
Study 2 - The Gospel  
Study 3 - The Gospel in the Old Testament  
Study 4 - The Miraculous Nature of Saving Faith  
Study 5 - Saving Faith is Fruitful

#### **CORE VALUES COMING**

Study 6 - Saving Faith is Hopeful  
Study 7 - Gospel-Driven Community  
Study 8 - Diversity and Acceptance  
Study 9 - Gospel-Driven Leadership  
Study 10 - Worship and Missions