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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

The readings for the last two months have been in Romans. The book of Romans is foundational to a Christian understanding of why and how God saves us *in* Jesus Christ. God works through His Word in our lives despite our weaknesses and shortcomings. Not only does he bless us with peace, hope, and his mercy, but he works in us and through us to accomplish his purposes. Paul goes to great lengths to show how Jesus came to us while we were weak and needy. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are comforted and can depend on the guidance, direction, empowerment from the Lord in his time and according to his plan. What great freedom we can find in these pages of scripture!

Romans 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us. He has richly supplied all we need.

Romans 8:5 Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh; but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace,

Not only does he give us the direction but provides a way for us to accomplish what is before us!

Praise be to Christ Jesus,

Pastor David Hardin

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