LOVE OVER FEAR

"Why We Choose Love Over Fear" Romans 1-10 NIV

November 6 & 9, 2016: Cam Huxford - Senior Pastor

The book of Romans teaches 7 spiritual realities that compels churches like ours to put love over fear:

1. Everyone has a knowledge of God. Romans 1:19-21

Paul's position: Everyone has a knowledge of God, because God has <u>revealed</u> Himself to everyone.

- 2. Everyone chooses rebellion over God. *Romans 1:21*
- 3. Everyone is guilty before God. Romans 2:17-23, 3:9-12
- 4. Everyone is <u>condemned</u> for rejecting God. *Romans 3:20; Exodus 20:3-17*
- 5. God has made a way for the <u>salvation</u> of everyone. *Romans 3:21-22*

In Christ we can all be justified and redeemed:

- Justified means that because of your life-changing relationship with <u>Jesus</u>...God will not hold your sins against you.
- Redeemed means that your sin wasn't just written off...someone took the <u>punishment</u> for your sin. That's what Jesus did for us on the cross.

John 14:6

- 6. No one can come to God apart from <u>faith in Jesus</u>. *Romans 3-6*
- 7. Jesus commands His Church to share the Gospel with everyone! Romans 10:13-15

God's strategy to save the world:

- God saves and sends His servants → His servants proclaim →
- People hear the good news → People who hear believe in Jesus →
- People who believe call out to God → Everyone who calls out to God is saved!

The kindness of **God** changes everything:

- Saved people serve people!
- Loved people <u>love</u> people!
- Found people find people!

When we were lost in our sin the love of Jesus overcame every fear to find us. Now His love <u>compels</u> us to love over fear, as well.

Ministry Opportunities

For the full list of upcoming events, visit CompassionChristian.com/events.

Welcome to Compassion Class 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 Hospitality Room

Come to this class if you'd like to know more about our church. Cam will talk about our mission, vision, values and statement of faith. You'll also have the opportunity to meet members of our children's and student ministry teams. Children are welcome to attend, but there will be no separate childcare. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at Connecting Point or CompassionChristian.com by Saturday, Nov. 12.

Global Encounter 6:30 - 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14 The Lobby

Choose Compassion and participate in one of our 2017 Global Outreach teams to serve with our missionary partners here in the U.S. and around the world. Come to this event to find out the details of the 2017 short-term trips, ask questions, meet the trip leaders and sign up to go.

Journey Serve Day 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 Bethlehem set behind The Link

Come help build and decorate the sets for this year's Journey production. Please bring tools and gloves if you have them. Ensure your name is marked clearly. Lunch will be provided. Children are welcome to participate but must be under parental supervision at all times.

Congregational Business Meeting 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23 Adult Ministry Center across the street

At this annual meeting we will give an overview of the 2017 budget and the church officers up for affirmation or reaffirmation. This meeting will be streamed live to East, Effingham and Statesboro campuses. If you have concerns about any of these men serving as church officers, contact Amy in the Executive Office at akline@compassionchristian.com.