

Gospel-Leaning Posture

I. Introduction

Luke 6:32-34

³²“If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! ³³And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! ³⁴And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.”

Tribalism – “a strong affinity and loyalty towards a select group of people with whom we identify exclusively.”

"Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart."

- Charles Spurgeon

II. Scripture Lesson

Romans 15:1-6 (ESV)

¹We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. Big Idea

Life’s relational challenges are God’s invitation to reflect and grow in Christ by willingly and lovingly seeking to please, not pain one another.

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- Inspired to Cross the Line

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VI. Conclusion
