

The Gospel in Romans-Part 22

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- Foundation 1: _____ Mandated (v. 3)
 - In Paul's day, humility was not considered a _____, it was a _____.
 - That's why in 1 Cor. 1, Paul wrote that the word of the cross was a _____ and _____.
 - But for Paul, humility was the _____ of the redeemed and renewed _____.
 - _____ is the opposite of humility.
 - Pride is, in its essence, _____. And that makes others our _____. Including _____.
 - Pride is self-_____, self-_____, self-_____.
 - The key to overcoming pride is to _____ that we are prideful, and then think of ourselves _____, rather than thinking less of _____.
- Foundation 2: _____ Required (vv.4-5)

Paul uses the human body as a _____ for the church.

 - Paul presupposes that the gospel is meant to be lived out in _____.
 - But gospel community must be characterized by _____.
 - The primary way for the church to be unified is by cultivating _____.
- Foundation 3: _____ Achieved (vv. 6-8)
 - God equips believers with different spiritual _____.
 - Gospel community in the church is achieved by _____, _____, and _____ our individual spiritual gifts to the best of our _____.
 - Humility, unity, and community are central to our _____ to the world.
 - When people see Calvary Baptist Church, they need to see us living the new _____ that God created them to _____.

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- Foundation 1: Humility Mandated (v. 3)
 - In Paul's day, humility was not considered a virtue, it was a vice.
 - That's why in 1 Cor. 1, Paul wrote that the word of the cross was a scandal and foolishness.
 - But for Paul, humility was the hallmark of the redeemed and renewed humanity.
 - Pride is the opposite of humility.
 - Pride is, in its essence, competitive. And that makes others our enemies. Including God.
 - Pride is self-inflicted, self-confident, self-destruction.
 - The key to overcoming pride is to admit that we are prideful, and then think of ourselves less, rather than thinking less of ourselves.
- Foundation 2: Unity Required (vv.4-5)
 - Paul uses the human body as a metaphor for the church.
 - Paul presupposes that the gospel is meant to be lived out in community.
 - But gospel community must be characterized by unity.
 - The primary way for the church to be unified is by cultivating humility.
- Foundation 3: Community Achieved (vv. 6-8)
 - God equips believers with different spiritual gifts.
 - Gospel community in the church is achieved by identifying, cultivating, and exercising our individual spiritual gifts to the best of our ability.
 - Humility, unity, and community are central to our testimony to the world.
 - When people see Calvary Baptist Church, they need to see us living the new life that God created them to live.