

InsideOUT series  
Week 24 outline  
7.25.21  
Romans 16:1-16

## UNIFORMLY DIVERSE and UNIQUELY UNIFIED

### **I. A Mosaic of Hard Working Followers** (Romans 16:1-16)

A Story of a hospitable and grateful; hard working and highly diverse; family of saints on mission together.

- A. Experiencing God's BLESSING of hope in the face of crisis and hardship
- B. Living in God's PROVISION of peace through trials and affliction
- C. Walking in God's JOY of redemptive community and restored relationships

A BAND OF:  
FIRST CONVERTS AND EX-CONVICTS  
RISK TAKERS AND HARD WORKERS  
THE PRIVILEGED AND THE POOR  
JEWS, GREEKS  
HUSBANDS, WIVES  
MOTHERS, BROTHERS  
SISTERS, AND SAINTS

### **II. The Difference Maker: One Common Denominator**

#### **A. IN**

vs. 2: *receive her IN CHRIST*

vs 3: *co-workers IN CHRIST*

vs 7: *were IN CHRIST before I was*

vs 8: *dear friends IN THE LORD*

vs 9: *co-workers IN CHRIST*

vs 11: *those in the household of Narcissus who are IN THE LORD*

vs 12: *work hard IN THE LORD; work very hard IN THE LORD*

vs 13: *chosen IN THE LORD*

THE DIFFERENCE MAKER IS JESUS  
HE'S THE COMMON DENOMINATOR IN THEIR LIVES

## **B. The Gospel at once CONFRONTS US, CHANGES US, CALLS US, AND COMMISSIONS US**

- it's the only thing that CONFRONTS us in conviction
- CHANGES us by grace
- CALLS us to faith
- and COMMISSIONS us with love in the world we live.

THE GOSPEL IS NOT ADDED TO OR SUBTRACTED FROM:  
JESUS IS ENOUGH

## **III. Gospel Transformation From the Inside-Out**

### **A. Different to Diverse**

Jesus gives us a new identity that is defined by who God says we are, not by how we're different than everyone else.

IN CHRIST:  
WE EXPERIENCE HIS BLESSING with NEW IDENTITIES

### **B. Contacts to Community**

Jesus brings real belonging, as fully adopted sons and daughters and fully accepted sisters and brothers; freed to walk in forgiveness and grace rather than fear and avoidance.

IN CHRIST:  
WE LIVE IN HIS PROVISION with REAL BELONGING

### **C. From Work to Worship**

Rather than the toil of earning a living, the grind of gaining a status, or a performance that earns us acceptance: Jesus brings us lasting purpose that allows our work to be a part of our Worship: responding to Jesus' finished work on the cross, making Jesus known, and bringing glory to God.

IN CHRIST:  
WE WALK IN HIS JOY with LASTING PURPOSE