

*Paul's Ministry & Closing Remarks– 15:14-16:27*

# ROMANS

Romans 15:14-33

*Lesson 17*

**The Epilogue** – Paul's Ministry and  
Future Plans

# **The Gospel – God's Power To Save Man**

## **The Just Shall Live By Faith**

### **Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV)**

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## **The Book of Romans Outlined**



- ◆ Thesis set forth – (1:1-17)
- ◆ Gentiles and Jews need salvation which is found in the Gospel – (1:18-3:20)
- ◆ Justification is by grace through faith – Not works of the Law - (3:21-8:39)
- ◆ God's promises to Israel are fulfilled in the Gospel – (9:1-11:36)
- ◆ The just shall live by faith – (12:1-15:13)
- ◆ Epilogue: Paul's ministry; Greetings & Final exhortations – (15:14-16:27)

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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

**Romans 15:14-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

◆ **Paul explains the design of the epistle in the context of his ministry to the Gentiles - (15:14-16)**

❖ **His confidence - (2 Tim 1:5; Phile 1:21; Heb 6:9)**

❖ **Full of goodness, knowledge; able to admonish - (Phili 1:11; Col. 1:8-10; 1 Thes. 5:11-13; Heb 5:12)**



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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

**Romans 15:14-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,

◆ **Paul explains the design of the epistle in the context of his ministry to the Gentiles - (15:14-16)**

- ❖ **His boldness** – i.e. with greater confidence and freedom - (2 Cor. 3:12)
- ❖ **Reminding them** - (2 Pet. 1:12,13)
- ❖ **Grace given to him** - (Gal 1:15; 1 Tim 1:11-14)

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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

**Romans 15:14-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

◆ **Paul explains the design of the epistle in the context of his ministry to the Gentiles - (15:14-16)**

- ❖ **To the Gentiles** – (Acts 9:15; 26:15-18; Gal 1:16; 1 Tim 2:7; 2 Tim 1:11)
- ❖ **The Gentiles were set apart by the Holy Spirit through the gospel - (2 Thes. 2:13,14)**

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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

**Romans 15:17-19 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore I have reason  
to glory in Christ Jesus in  
the things *which pertain to*  
God.

◆ **Paul speaks of what God accomplished through his preaching - (15:17-19a)**

❖ **His glory was in Christ – (2 Cor. 2:14-16)**



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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

### **Romans 15:17-19 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient--

- ◆ **Paul speaks of what God accomplished through his preaching - (15:17-19a)**
- ❖ **His glory was in Christ – (2 Cor. 2:14-16)**
- ❖ **Christ used Paul to bring the Gentiles to obedience - (1:5; 6:16,17; 16:26; Mat 28:18-20; Acts 26:20)**



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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

Romans 15:17-19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God,

- ◆ **Paul speaks of what God accomplished through his preaching - (15:17-19a)**
- ❖ **His glory was in Christ – (2 Cor. 2:14-16)**
- ❖ **Christ used Paul to bring the Gentiles to obedience - (1:5; 6:16,17; 16:26; Mat 28:18-20; Acts 26:20)**
- ❖ **With signs – (Acts 19:11,12; 2 Cor 12:12)**

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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

Romans 15:19-22 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> . . . . so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

◆ **Paul describes the geographical extent of his ministry - (15:19b-22)**

❖ **Fully preached the gospel from Jerusalem to Illyricum – (Acts 9:26-20:2; 20:26,27)**



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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

**Romans 15:19-22 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,

- ◆ **Paul describes the geographical extent of his ministry - (15:19b-22)**
  - ❖ **Fully preached the gospel from Jerusalem to Illyricum – (Acts 9:26-20:2; 20:26,27)**
  - ❖ **Paul's desire to preach where others had not - (Acts 13:1-4; 2 Cor. 2:14-16; 1 Cor. 3:9-15)**

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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

Romans 15:19-22 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> but as it is written:  
*"To whom He was not  
announced, they shall  
see; And those who  
have not heard shall  
understand."*

- ◆ **Paul describes the geographical extent of his ministry - (15:19b-22)**
- ❖ **Paul saw his work as a fulfillment of prophecy – (Isaiah 52:15)**



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## **Paul's Ministry - (15:14-22)**

Romans 15:19-22 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> For this reason I also  
have been much  
hindered from coming  
to you.

- ◆ **Paul describes the geographical extent of his ministry - (15:19b-22)**
- ❖ **Paul saw his work as a fulfillment of prophecy – (Isaiah 52:15)**
- ❖ **Paul's mission to places where the gospel had not gone hindered him from traveling to Rome - (1:13; Acts 25:10-12)**

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## **Paul's Plan's - (15:23-24)**

Romans 15:23-24 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you,

◆ **Paul's intentions to go to Spain after he completes his mission to Jerusalem -**

❖ **Paul had exhausted his prospects in Asia, Macedonia, and Greece and turns his attention west – (others were in the east and south)**

❖ **Paul had desired to come to them – (1:10-12)**



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## **Paul's Plan's - (15:23-24)**

**Romans 15:23-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your *company* for a while.

◆ **Paul's intentions to go to Spain after he completes his mission to Jerusalem -**

❖ **Paul did not intend to stay in Rome –** (Spain was his goal – where he could preach the gospel where others had not gone)

❖ **Paul desired their fellowship –** (1:12; 15:28)

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## **Paul's Plan's - (15:25-33)**

### **Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. <sup>26</sup> For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

**Time of the writing at the end of  
third missionary journey**

**(Acts 19:21-20:3)**

**(1 Cor. 16:1-3)**





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## **Paul's Plan's - (15:25-33)**

### **Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>27</sup> It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

**Gentiles sending material aide to  
Jewish believers in Judea**

**(Acts 24:17)  
(2 Cor. 8 & 9)  
(Gal. 2:10)**



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## **Paul's Plan's - (15:25-33)**

### **Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain. <sup>29</sup> But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

**Paul speaks of their gifts as fruit  
(John 15:4; 1 Cor. 9:7)**

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## **Paul's Plan's - (15:25-33)**

### **Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>30</sup> Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, <sup>31</sup> that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

**Paul asking for their prayers  
(Eph 6:19; 2 Thes 3:1,2; 2 Cor. 11:26)**





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## **Paul's Plan's - (15:25-33)**

### **Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>32</sup> that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you. <sup>33</sup> Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

**The need we have for each other!  
(Acts 28:15,16, 30,31; Phili 1:12-14)**



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