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

ROMANS

Romans 15:14-33

Lesson 17

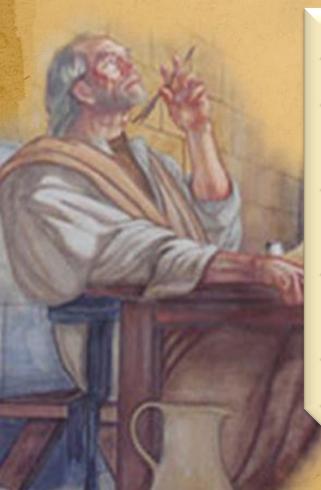
The Epilogue – Paul's Ministry and Future Plans

The Just Shall Live By Faith

Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV)

of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

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)

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

Romans 15:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ 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)

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

Romans 15:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ 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)

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

Romans 15:14-16 (NKJV)

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)

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

Romans 15:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ 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)

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

Romans 15:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ 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)

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

Romans 15:17-19 (NKJV)

19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God,

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 - 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)

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

Romans 15:19-22 (NKJV)

19.... 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)

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

Romans 15:19-22 (NKJV)

²⁰ 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)

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

Romans 15:19-22 (NKJV)
²¹ 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)

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

Romans 15:19-22 (NKJV)

²² 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)

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

Romans 15:23-24 (NKJV)

²³ 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)

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

Romans 15:23-24 (NKJV)

²⁴ 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 desired their fellowship (1:12; 15:28)

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

Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)

²⁵ But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. ²⁶ 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)



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

Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)

²⁷ 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)

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

Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)

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

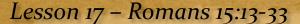
Paul speaks of their gifts as fruit (John 15:4; 1 Cor. 9:7)

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

Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)

Jo 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, John 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)



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

Romans 15:25-33 (NKJV)

³² that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you. ³³ 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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