

Book Study #24 ROMANS Rom. 15:14-33 – Paul the Minister to the Gentiles

Before We Begin...check the original map...


14I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another. 15I have written you quite boldly on some points, as if to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me 16to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. 18I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done -- 19by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. 20It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. 21Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."a 22This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you. 23But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to see you, 24I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while. 25Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. 26For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. 27They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. 28So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. 29I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ. 30I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. 31Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there, 32so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed. 33The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

a21 Isaiah 52:15



DEFINITION:

What does "theology" mean? and what is a "theologian?" _____

 **Let's get in gear...** How do you expect your life to be different one year from today? In ten years?

Exploration... Discovery... Revelation...

1. In verses 14-16, Paul clarifies his attitude toward the Roman Christians and defends his writing style. In the space below, restate these verses in your own words.



2. From verses 17-22, what desires motivated Paul? Why do you think he tells the Roman Christians about these desires?



3. *The Trinity*: In this passage, God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are mentioned as working together in the work of the gospel. In the space below, identify what is true of each.

GOD THE FATHER	
v. 15	v. 16
vv. 30, 32	



GOD THE SON (Jesus Christ)

v. 16

v. 18

v. 19

v. 29



GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

v. 16

v. 19



4. In verses 23-29, Paul outlines his travel plans. What reasons does he give for each stop on his itinerary?

Jerusalem:

Rome:

Spain:

Why do you think Paul included his travel plans in this letter?



5. In verses 30-33, Paul asks prayer for two specific requests. After reading what actually happened to Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:17-36; 23:12-15), summarize below what Paul's primary concerns might have been as he looked forward to the trip.

What do you think? Some "food" for thought...

- How would you characterize Paul's attitude toward God and people from this passage?
- How does this compare with your image of what it means to be a "theologian"?
- Does it surprise you or bother you that Paul's plans were not carried out as he expected?
- How do your ambitions compare with Paul's in terms of clarity? Eternal value?
- What in your life has impressed on you the importance of world missions?

 **As we complete this part of the Journey...**

HAVE FUN... "DOODLE" TO YOUR HEARTS CONTENT...

