

## ROMANS 15

The first seven verses of chapter 15 are a conclusion to chapter 14.

Then Paul writes about how Jesus became a servant for the good – the salvation- of both Jew and Gentile. Paul's prayer is that God would fill both Jew and Gentile saints with all joy and peace in believing, abounding in hope. Paul speaks of his ministry to the Gentiles and his aim to preach where Christ had not yet been preached. This explains why he had yet to come to Rome. But no longer "having a place in these parts," he now sees it as possible to fulfill his desire of many years to come. But he currently must complete the ministering to the needy saints in Jerusalem. He begs their prayers that when he comes to Jerusalem, he'll be delivered from unbelieving Jews and that the contribution to the needy saints in Jerusalem will be acceptable to them.

## ROMANS 15:1-7

### UNSELFISHNESS IN LIBERTIES TO THE GLORY OF GOD

“We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

{2} Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

{3} For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, ‘The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.’

{4} For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

{5} Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

{6} that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

{7} Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.”

## ROMANS 15:8-13

### JESUS CHRIST – SERVANT FOR BOTH JEW & GENTILE

“Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

{9} and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: ‘For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name.’

{10} And again he says: ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!’

{11} And again: ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!’

{12} And again, Isaiah says: ‘There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope.’

{13} Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

# ROMANS 15:14-21

## PAUL'S REASON FOR WRITING THE EPISTLE

“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.

{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,

{16} 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.

{17} Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.

{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—

{19} in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

{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,

{21} but as it is written: ‘To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand.’”

## ROMANS 15:22-24

### WHY PAUL BELIEVES HE CAN NOW COME TO ROME

“For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you.

{23} But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you,

{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.”

## ROMANS 15:25-29

### PAUL'S IMMEDIATE ITINERARY AND PLANS TO FOLLOW

“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.

{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.

{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”