

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 15:25-29

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”



PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 19:1 - 21:14

● City



ROMANS 15:30-33

PAUL TO THE SAINTS: I NEED YOUR PRAYERS

“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,

{31} 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,

{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.”



ROMANS 16

The chapter consists mostly of greetings to and from certain brethren, many of whom Paul has been personally associated with. Warning and instruction is given in how to deal with those who bring a different teaching than what the saints had received. Finally there is a beautiful summation of the gospel's purpose – to produce obedient faith.



ROMANS 16:1-2
REGARDING PHOEBE

“I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea,

{2} that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.”







ROMANS 16:3-10

GREETINGS TO SAINTS

“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,
{4} who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

{5} Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ.

{6} Greet Mary, who labored much for us.

{7} Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

{8} Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.

{9} Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

{10} Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.”