

**Lesson 16:
The Righteousness of God in Practice in Daily Life:
A practical example: "the offering of the Gentiles"
Romans 15:14-33**

Romans 15:14-21: "that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles"

1. Despite all of the tough things Paul has written to them in this epistle, what three things does Paul say he is "confident" of, with regard to the saints in Rome? [15:14]
 - From the immediate context, how are both the "goodness" and the "knowledge" of these brethren important in their ability "to admonish one another"? [15:14; cp 14:3-4, 13, 14, 16; etc]
2. Even in his confidence, Paul has had to write some hard things to them. What is the basis from which he writes these things? [15:15; cp 12:3-8]
3. What does Paul say is the reason he has received the "grace of God"? [15:15-16; cp Acts 9:15-17; 26:16-18; 1 Cor 15:10; Eph 3:1-7; 1 Tim 1:12-16; etc]
 - In what way does Paul say his "ministering the gospel of God" helps Gentiles? [15:16; cp 1:14-15]
 - What does Paul say is the result of this in his own life? [15:17; cp 2:10, 29; 5:1-2, 11; 8:18, 30; etc]
4. Therefore, what does Paul say is the only thing he desires to speak of? [15:18-19; cp 1:14-15; etc]
 - Even further, what has been Paul's practice so that all of the glory may be Christ's? [15:20-21; cp 2 Cor 4:7; Isaiah 52:13-15; etc]

Romans 15:22-33: Paul's travel plans with regard to the offering and beyond

5. What does Paul say has been the reason he has not been able to come to them personally before now? [15:22; cp v20]
 - What, however, does he plan to do soon regarding the saints at Rome? [15:23-24, 28]
6. Before he can visit Rome, however, where is Paul going to go, and why? [15:25-26; cp 1 Cor 16:1-4; 2 Cor 8:1-5; 9:1-4; etc]
 - From whom does Paul indicate the initiative for this gift originated? [15:26-27; cp 2 Co 8:4; 9:2, 7]
 - Why does Paul say the Gentile Christians wanted to help the Jewish saints in Jerusalem? [15:27; cp 1:14; 11:25-33; etc]

ROMANS: the power of God for salvation

7. What does Paul call the gift he is taking to the saints in Jerusalem? [15:28; cp Php 4:15-18; 2 Co 9:6-15]
8. What is Paul's desire after his plan to visit with the saints in Rome? [15:28b; cp v24; cp also v27]
 - Therefore, what is Paul certain about with regard to his coming to them? [15:29; cp 1:8-15; 15:28]
9. What does Paul urgently desire from the Roman saints in the meantime? [15:30]
 - What is Paul's personal concern regarding his trip to Jerusalem? [15:31a; cp Acts 20:22-24; etc]
 - What is his prayer and concern about the gift he is taking from the Gentiles? [15:31b; cp Acts 21:17]
 - Finally, what does Paul want them to pray about concerning his travels? [15:32; cp Acts 28:15, 30-31]
10. What is Paul's "prayer" for them (again)? [15:33; cp 15:5-6, 13]