

## PAUL'S PLANS AND PRAYERS

(Romans 15:22-33)

- A. **The Injunction for All Church-age Believers (15:7)**
- B. **Christ's Purpose for All Jewish and Gentile Believers (15:8-13)**
- C. **Paul's Prayer for Every Believer (15:13)**
- D. **Paul's Conviction Regarding the Roman Believers (15:14-15)**
- E. **Paul's Preaching Ministry (15:15b-21)**

### F. **Paul's Ministry Plans within the Providence of God (15:22-33)**

#### 1. **Paul's future plans to go to Rome and Spain. (vv. 22-24, 28-29)**

- a. The reason that the apostle was delayed in coming to Rome was either due to his priority to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel or because Satan \_\_\_\_\_ him. (v. 22)
  
- b. Having evangelized his current location, he expressed his \_\_\_\_\_ for wanting to see the believers in Rome for \_\_\_\_\_; he was hoping it would now become a reality. (v. 23)
  
- c. Paul had a long-range goal to go to \_\_\_\_\_ on the western edge of the Roman Empire to evangelize, but he also wanted to stop and \_\_\_\_\_ all the believers in Rome. (v. 24a)
  
- d. He had hoped he could be financially \_\_\_\_\_ by them, and at the same time enjoy wonderful \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 24b, cf. 2 Cor. 1:16; Titus 3:13; 3 John 1:6)

\* What practical principles does this passage teach us about how missions are to be done?

#### 2. **Paul's immediate plans to go to Jerusalem. (vv. 25-29)**

- a. The apostle wanted to give a \_\_\_\_\_ that was collected from the Gentile Christians to the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. (vv. 25-26, cf. 2 Cor. 8 & 9)

- b. Under grace, believers are generally \_\_\_\_\_ by God to financially give in support of the ministry, and yet God \_\_\_\_\_ in that giving. (v. 27)
  
- c. Under grace, even financial giving can be considered \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of God. (v. 28)
  
- d. Despite the fact that Paul had \_\_\_\_\_ tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ for the cause of Christ (Acts 21-28), he knew that he was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord. (v. 29)

**3. Paul's Prayers within the Providence of God (15:30-33)**

- a. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ and begged (*parakaleo*) the Romans to pray for him with great \_\_\_\_\_, and with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ (*sunagonizomai*). (v. 30)
  
- b. His prayer requests included \_\_\_\_\_ from the unbelievers who were persecuting him, as well as \_\_\_\_\_ among the Jewish and Gentile Christians. (v. 31)
  
- c. The apostle also prayed that he would be able to come to the church in Rome with much \_\_\_\_\_, and that it would be in accordance with God's will; in addition, he wanted a profitable time of being \_\_\_\_\_ with them. (v. 32)
  
- d. In closing his prayer, he hoped that God's amazing \_\_\_\_\_ would be with them all. (v. 33)

\* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life today?