

ROMANS – LESSON FIFTEEN

I. MINISTRY TO THE JEWS AND GENTILES TO THE GLORY OF GOD (15:8-33).

- A. Christ is a minister to the circumcision to confirm promises made to fathers and to the Gentiles so they would glorify God for his mercy (15:8-13).
 - 1. Gentiles praising God and hoping in God amply foreseen by Old Testament Scripture (Psm. 18:49, Deut. 32:43, Psm. 117:1, Isa. 11:10).
 - 2. Paul desires that the people in Rome will enjoy the same hope.

- B. Paul is a minister as a public servant to the Gentiles (15:14-33).
 - 1. Paul writes boldly in his letter as an apostle even though he has confidence in the brethren's knowledge to admonish their own selves (v.14-15).
 - 2. Paul glories only in the work God has sent and confirmed him to do (v. 16-21).
 - 3. Paul's work has hindered him in coming to the Romans – plans to see them on his way to Spain (v. 22-24).
 - 4. Paul writes of his mission to aid the needy saints in Jerusalem – an opportunity to show the unity that should be seen among Jews and Gentiles in the Gospel (v. 25-29).
 - 5. Paul requests the prayers of the brethren in Rome (v. 30-33).

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What did Jesus' ministry to the Jews confirm?

- 2. What causes the Gentiles to glorify God?

- 3. How does Paul confirm to the Jews that God's work in Christ included the Gentiles?

- 4. From Isaiah 11:10, describe the character of the reign of Christ in it's affect upon those ruled:

5. In what does the God of hope want us to abound?
6. What is God means of attaining joy and peace?
7. How does the Holy Spirit work to deliver joy, peace and hope to our hearts?
8. How should the brethren in Rome NOT interpret the bold admonitions in Paul's letter to them?
9. What specific goals did Paul want to accomplish in his work with the Gentiles?
10. What were the "mighty signs" in helping Paul accomplish his work?
11. What were the outer boundaries where Paul had preached the gospel of Christ?
12. What was Paul's "aim" in connection with preaching the Gospel?
How does Spain fit in with this "aim"?
13. Why had Paul not come to preach in Rome?
14. Why was Paul going to Jerusalem?
15. How did this ministry fit with the gospel of Christ, Jews and Gentiles?
16. What all did Paul want his brethren to pray for on his behalf?
How earnest was his requests before God?