



The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God

Romans 15:30 - 33

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- The Nature of the Request, 30 “**I urge you,**” (παρακαλέω), Cf. 12:1; 16:17.
- The Recipients of the Request: “**brethren.**”
- The Bases of the Request...
 - ✓ “**by our Lord Jesus Christ**” and
 - ✓ “**by the love of the Spirit**”

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- The Intensity of the Request, 30 “**strive together with me,**” (ἀγωνίζομαι), Cf. Colossians 4:12.
- The Attitude of the Request, “**in your prayers**” (προσευχή)
- The Person of the Request: “**to God.**”
- The Personalness of the Request, “**for me**”

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- The Content of the Request, 31...
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 - ✓ “*that* my service (διακονία) for Jerusalem may prove acceptable (as in 15:16) to the saints”

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- The Goal of the Request, 32...
 - ✓ “so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God (Cf. 1:9-10) and...”
 - ✓ “*so that I may find refreshing rest in your company*”
- The Closing of the Prayer, 33 “Now may the God of peace be with you all. Amen.”

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- Paul left Greece, heading for Jerusalem, 20:3
- At Miletus, he met with the elders of Ephesus, 20:17-38
 - ✓ He admits that, “the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.” (20:22-23)
- At Tyre, the disciples “kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem,” (21:4)

The Aftermath of Paul's Request...(in Acts)

- At Caesarea, at the house of Philip the evangelist, the prophet Agabus “took Paul’s belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, ‘This is what the Holy Spirit says, “In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles,””” 21:10-11

The Aftermath of Paul's Request...(in Acts)

- At Jerusalem, Paul is encouraged to support Jews who have believed, who are “**all zealous for the Law**” (21:20ff) And Paul does it!! 21:26
- 7 Days later, a riot ensues, and Paul has to be rescued by Roman soldiers, 21:30-40
- When he is allowed to address the crowd, he recounts a trance...and a dialogue he had with Jesus, 22:17-21

HE WAS ARGUING WITH JESUS!!!

The Aftermath of Paul's Request...(in Acts)

- As a result, Paul spends 2 years in prison in Caesarea, 23:33; 24:24-27.
- Paul appeals to Caesar, and is sent to Rome and experiences a shipwreck, 27:1-28:16.
- In Rome, Paul spends 2 more years under house arrest, 28:30-31.

REMEMBER THE CONTENT AND GOALS OF
PAUL'S REQUESTED PRAYER...

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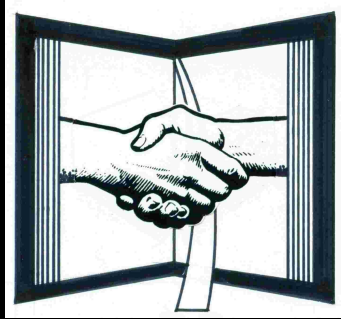
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APPLICATIONS:

- Pray for those in Christian ministry!
- Even great Christian leaders can be disobedient!
- Good intentions do not excuse disobedience!
- Arrogance and thinking we know better than God are always dangerous!
- God can forgive and still mightily use those who have sinned in the past!



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