

# The Book of Romans

## How to be Right with God

(Romans 15:14-29 pt. 2)

The Practical Application from our Justification:

(Romans 15:14-33 pt. 1)

*“The Value of the Local Church and  
the Opportunity in Their Region”*

## Outline:

1. The Apostle's Purpose vv. 14-16
2. The Apostle's Praise vv. 17-21
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4. The Apostle's Prayer vv. 30-33

## Preliminary Consideration:

- The local church is God's design in this dispensation.
- The local church is to be founded on Apostolic teaching.
- The local church is to be united in the positional truths accomplished by Christ.
- The local church is to be demonstrating its unity in *αγαπε* love.
- The believers in the LC are to exercise their spiritual gifts for mutual edification of the body.

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# 1- The Apostle's Purpose vv. 14-16

## Observation:

- Commendation v. 14

- “now”
- “I myself”
- “am confident concerning you, my brethren”
- “that you also are full”:
  - “of goodness”
  - “with all knowledge”
  - “able also to admonish one another”

\* “admonish” (νουθετεῖν) = to counsel about avoidance or cessation of an improper course of conduct, admonish, warn, instruct

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## Observation:

- Correction v. 15

- “Nevertheless”
- “I have written more boldly to you on some points”
  - Doctrine of Justification chs. 1-11
  - Agape love chs. 12-14 (Spiritual gifts, loving those in the church, loving those outside of the church, submission to government, liberty issues.)
- “reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God”

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- Calling Gentiles v. 16

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- “to the Gentiles”

- “the gospel of God”

- “that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable”

- \* cf. Isaiah 66:20

66:19–21. People outside Israel will turn to Him and worship Him. The remnant of believing Israelites will travel as missionaries to other parts of the world, to tell Gentiles about God’s glory. Those places and peoples will include Tarshish, probably in southwestern Spain (cf. 23:1, 6, 10, 14; 60:9), Libyans in northern Africa, Lydians in western Asia Minor, Tubal in northeastern Asia Minor, Greece, and distant islands. These and other peoples will be converted and will travel to Jerusalem to worship in the temple (cf. 2:2; Zech. 8:23). Some of them will even be selected as priests and Levites, thus showing that all the nations will in fact be blessed through Israel (cf. Gen. 12:3).

- John A. Martin, “Isaiah,” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

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- “sanctified by the Holy Spirit”

## 1- The Apostle's Purpose vv. 14-16

### Summary/Application:

- The church at Rome is doing well in general.
- The points Paul has made is to shore up their deficiencies.
- What are the deficiencies at FBC?
- Are we “shoring” those deficiencies up?

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## 2- The Apostle's Praise vv. 17-21

### Observation:

- The reasons for boasting v. 17

- “Therefore”
- “I have reason to glory in Jesus Christ”
- “in the things which pertain to God”

\* Is boasting wrong?

Not when it is in the work of God through us.

## 2- The Apostle's Praise vv. 17-21

### Observation:

- The substance of boasting vv. 18-19
  - “I will not dare to speak of any of those things”
  - “which Christ has not accomplished through me”
  - “in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient”
  - “in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God”  
cf. Acts 14:3
  - “so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”

**Places Paul Visited**

**GREEN 1<sup>st</sup> Trip**

**RED = 2<sup>nd</sup> Trip**

**BLACK = 3<sup>rd</sup> Trip**





## 2- The Apostle's Praise vv. 17-21

### Observation:

- The places of ministry vv. 20-21
  - “so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel,”
  - “not where Christ is named”
  - “lest I should build on another man's foundation”
  - Quotation of Is. 52:15

## 2- The Apostle's Praise vv. 17-21

### Summary/Application:

- Paul was instrumental in bringing entire Gentile regions to faith.
- Paul ONLY glories in the things God did through him.
- The Church should glean outreach principles from Paul, who was obviously successful.
- Believers should make themselves usable towards God in the same way Paul did.

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## 3- The Apostle's Plans vv. 22-29

### Observation:

- “for this reason”
- The reason for the delay to Rome v. 22
  - “I also have been much hindered from coming to you”
- Exhausting every avenue v. 23
  - “but now no longer having a place in these parts”
  - “having a great desire these many years to come to you,”

## 3- The Apostle's Plans vv. 22-29

### Observation:

- Future travel plans v. 24

➤ “whenever I journey to Spain”

➤ “I shall come to you”

➤ “to be helped on my way there by you”

➤ “if first I may enjoy your company for a while.”

## 3- The Apostle's Plans vv. 22-29

### Observation:

- Current travel plans vv. 25-26

➤ “but now”

➤ “I am going to Jerusalem”

➤ “to minister to the saints”

➤ “for it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution”

➤ “for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem”

## 3- The Apostle's Plans vv. 22-29

### Observation:

#### - Reason for Gentile obligation v. 27

- “it pleased them indeed”
- “and they are debtors”
- “for if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things”
- “their duty is also to minister to them in material things.”

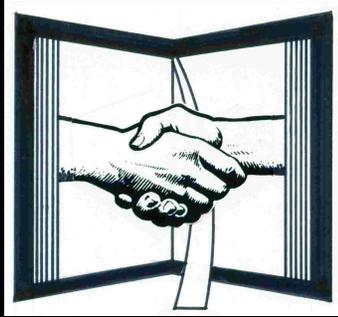
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### Summary/Application:

- Paul has been hindered in meeting the Roman believers because of his ministry elsewhere.
- Paul desires to see them but to also be supported by them and to possibly receive a gift for the Jerusalem believers.
- Paul hope to bless them with fellowship and further teaching.

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