

PAUL, THE MINISTER TO THE GENTILES

Romans 15:14-19

INTRODUCTION:

A. Paul had confidence in the Christians at Rome

1) *"And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness..."*

2) "persuaded" = πειθω = "to have confidence"

B. He believed they were capable of helping one another

1) "...filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."

2) "fully equipped with every kind of knowledge"

3) "able" = δυναμαι = "to have power"

4) "admonish" = νουθετειν = "to warn" It is an appeal to the mind where opposition is present. The person is lead away from a false way through warning, instruction, reminding, teaching, and encouraging and his conduct is to be corrected.

I. Paul Had Written Boldly verse 15

A. *"Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort..."*

1) "boldly" = τολμηροτερον = "more daring, or freely"

2) "in some sort" = μέρος = "in some measure"

3) "But I have written very boldly to you on some points"

NASB

B. *"...as putting you in mind, because of the grace of God."*

1) επαναμιμνησκω = "to call back to mind again"

2) "By way of reminding you, because of the charge with which God has entrusted me."

II. Paul Was A Special Minister verse 16

A. *"That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God,"*

- 1) "minister" = λειτουργος = "one who performs a public service, particularly a religious service"
- 2) "ministering" = ιερουργω = "to serve as a priest, to perform a sacred function, especially to make sacrifices"

B. "...that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."

- 1) "offering up" = προσφορα = "an oblation, strictly without blood"
- 2) "acceptable" = ευπροσδεκτος = "a very strong affirmation of, [δεκτος = "elected and therefore acceptable"] "well received"
- 3) "Doing priestly service with the glad message of God" Rhm. "So that the Gentiles when offered before Him, may be an acceptable sacrifice" Mon. "Hallowed by the working of the Holy Spirit." Con.

III. Paul Fully Preached The Gospel verse 17-19

A. "I have therefore whereof I may glory, through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God."

- 1) "glory" = καυχημα = "the subject matter or theme of one's boasting"
- 2) "pertain" = τα προς = "the things pertaining to"
- 3) "In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God." KJV

B. "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me,"

- 1) "dare" = τολμαω = "to have daring", "to venture"
- 2) "wrought" = καταργαζομαι = "to work down"
- 3) "For I will venture to speak only of those things which Christ wrought through me." ABUV

C. *"to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed"*

- 1) *"obedient"* = υπακοη = "a hearing attentively",
hence, "obedience as the result of attentive hearing"
- 2) *"word"* = λογω = "in word"
- 3) *"deed"* = εργω = "work"
- 4) "To bring the Gentiles to obedience, by word and work"

ABUV

D. *"Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God;"*

- 1) *"mighty"* = δυναμις
- 2) *"signs"* = σημειον = "a signal", "an ensign", "a sign by which anything is known"
- 3) *"wonders"* = τερας = "a supernatural event"
- 4) *"power"* = δυναμις
- 5) "Through the power displayed in signs and marvels, and through the power of the Holy Spirit" TENT

E. *"So that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Ilyricum,"*

- 1) *"round about"* = κυκλω = "in a circle" The idea in the word is that of a complete circle and Paul describes the territory already evangelized in Palestine, Syria, Asia Minor and Greece as lying in a circle; that is within the circle of the nations around the Mediterranean Sea" John Knox

F. *"I have fully preached the gospel of Christ"*

- 1) *"fully"* = πληρωω = "to perform completely"
- 2) "I have told in full the Good News of the Christ"