

Fully Preaching the Gospel of Christ

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was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. 22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you. 23 But now having **no more place in these parts**, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; 24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be **brought on my way thitherward by you**, if first I be somewhat filled with your *company*. 25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. 26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to **make a certain contribution for the poor saints** which are at Jerusalem. 27 It hath pleased them verily; and **their debtors they are**. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their **spiritual things**, their duty is also to minister unto them in **carnal things**. 28 When therefore I have performed this, and have **sealed to them this fruit**, I will come by you into Spain. 29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the **fulness of the blessing** of the gospel of Christ. 30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that **ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me**; 31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that

my service which *I have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; 32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. 33 Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

1. Paul believed in the Romans 15:14 And I myself also am **persuaded of you**, my brethren, that ye also are **full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.**
 - a. Full of goodness
 - i. The sinner had nothing good in him
 - ii. They are saved, the Holy Spirit lives in them, He brings something new into us Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, **goodness**, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Ephesians 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all **goodness** and righteousness and truth;)
 - iii. Paul believes that they are saved. That God has done a work of grace in them

iv. If you are saved you are not who you used to be

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

b. Filled with knowledge

i. Their minds have been transformed, renewed

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.* **2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

ii. It is not the knowledge that puffs up but the knowledge that shows me how to live out my faith

iii. It is learning what God's will is for my life

c. Able to admonish one another

i. They were able to motivate and challenge each other to live out their faith **Hebrews 10:24** And let us consider one another to **provoke unto love and to good works**: **25** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but **exhorting one**

another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

- ii. We need each other. At church we motivate each other to serve God with all that is in us!
 - iii. Paul knew that the Holy Spirit was working in each of them
- d. These things should all be present in you if you are truly saved
- i. Has God changed you? Are you full of goodness now? Does serving God, loving Him, and living for Him fill your heart and desires now
 - ii. Have you learned to discern what God wants you doing in your life now? Are you living out what God is doing in you?
 - iii. Are you actively participating in the assembly to motivate and encourage others to serve God and do more for Him than they have ever done before
2. God had specially gifted Paul and placed him in the ministry
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That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the **offering up** of the Gentiles might be **acceptable**, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

- a. Paul was given the grace, the gift, the opportunity, the ministry to share the gospel with the Gentiles
 - i. God has also gifted you to be used of him
 - ii. Paul knew that God wanted him reaching out to the totally unreached
 - iii. What has God put in your heart? What abilities to serve Him have you found in you?
 - iv. Do you realize that He has a plan for your service to Him and are you trying to live that out?
- b. Paul was serving God as he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles
- c. His desire was that His ministry might be acceptable.
- d. Paul was looking to hear that God was pleased with his service, his offering of the Gentiles to God as they got saved and began serving Jesus

- e. He knew it was the Holy Spirit that made it holy or of any value
- f. How are you using what God has done in you to offer up a gift to God of your hands
 - i. It is like the story of the talents
 - ii. He gives you the talents and you are to use them to your maximum effort blessed by the Holy Spirit to have something to give to Him when He comes
 - iii. Are you burying your gift or are you using it
 - iv. Do you serve God with all in you or has His giving you the ability and power to serve Him been wasted

I Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

3. Paul's missionary ministry **17** I have therefore whereof I may **glory through Jesus Christ** in those things which pertain to God. **18** For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, **19** Through **mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of**

God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, **I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.** 20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, **not where Christ was named,** lest I should build upon another man's foundation: 21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. 22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you. 23 But now having **no more place in these parts,** and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; 24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be **brought on my way thitherward by you,** if first I be somewhat filled with your *company.*

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- i. God had used Paul to make the Gentiles obedient to the Lord Jesus
- ii. They were obedient in not only how they said they believed but in how they lived out their faith
- iii. God had shown Himself great and strong in Paul's ministry
- iv. Paul had traveled great distances and preached Christ in many places
- v. He fully preached the gospel of Christ
 1. He made it clear that men were sinners and condemned
 2. That men could never save themselves or get things right with God
 3. But that God had come in Christ to die on the cross, pay our sin debt, and to reconcile us to Himself
 4. That Jesus, God in human flesh, had died, been buried, and risen again

5. That God was pleased with the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross
- vi. Paul did not preach a partial or man pleasing gospel
- vii. He didn't preach that Jesus was a way but the way
- b. Paul tried to preach where they knew nothing of Christ 20
Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, **not where Christ was named**, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:
 - i. Paul didn't preach where Peter or the other apostles were preaching
 - ii. He was not trying to steal their work
 - iii. He wanted to see new people saved
 - iv. He wanted to preach where no one else had ever preached
- c. Paul's ministry was to those that you might least expect to be saved 21 **But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.**
 - i. He wasn't working with the Jews
 - ii. He wasn't working with anyone that had even been mentioned by others

- d. The ministry of getting the gospel where it had never been preached kept Paul so busy that he couldn't get to Rome **22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.**
 - e. Once the foundation was laid Paul was on his way to a new ministry **23 But now having no more place in these parts,** and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;
 - i. A lesson for our missionaries-go preach, get them started and let them do the work
 - ii. Realize that in many ways your ministry should be a temporary ministry
 - f. Paul hoped that the Roman church would take care of him and hurry him on to further ministry **24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you,** if first I be somewhat filled with *your company.*
4. God's people should financially support the spiritual work around the world **25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. 26 For it hath pleased them of**

Macedonia and Achaia to **make a certain contribution for the poor saints** which are at Jerusalem. ²⁷It hath pleased them verily; and **their debtors they are.** For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their **spiritual things,** their duty is also to minister unto them in **carnal things.**

- a. The Jews had sent the gospel to the Gentiles
- b. The gospel and the church had started out in Jerusalem
- c. Paul was taking an offering back to the church at Jerusalem
- d. Those that receive spiritual things are debtors to those that give the spiritual ministry
- e. God's people ought to support and meet the needs of those who dedicate themselves to carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ

5. Applications for our church

- a. We are not finished until every person in the world has heard the gospel of Jesus Christ
- b. When there is no place to work here we find another place

- i. If you have witnessed and witnessed to one that will not hear move on to others
- ii. Just because you get one job done in the ministry doesn't mean you should not be looking for more jobs to do
- c. It is God that places those desires in you to do something great for Him
 - i. Paul desired to preach where no one else had preached
 - ii. Paul desired to get to Rome and preach
 - iii. You should realize that those hungers in you to do something for God come from God
- d. Be flexible, if the ministry isn't turning out to be what you thought, don't quit
 - i. It is doubtful that Paul ever made it to Spain but he kept trying to get to the next place
 - ii. It wasn't a matter of always succeeding but it was of always attempting
 - iii. If you are hindered from doing one ministry then seek how to do another
- e. Help the missionaries on their way
 - i. When missionaries come our way see how you can help them accomplish the will of God

- ii. The purpose of everyone of us is to get the gospel to the world.
- iii. If you aren't going then be careful to be sending
- iv. Never think that because you don't feel called to go that you shouldn't be obedient to do all in your power to get the gospel to the world