

“Admonish One Another”

(Part Three)

Romans 15: 14-16

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Outline:

1) Their Readiness to Admonish (verse 14)

2) The Requirement & Reminder to Admonish (verse 15A)

3) The Reasons for the Exhortation (verse 15b and 16)

Last Wednesday we considered verse 14 under two headings:

I) Their Ability to Admonish Acknowledged

II) Their Ability to Admonish Underscored by three qualifications

The Qualification of Salvation!

The Qualification of Sanctification!

The Qualification of Study!

This morning we considered:

2) The Requirement & Reminder to Admonish (verse 15A)

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Under the following headings:

1) The Requirement to Admonish one Another is based on the principle of Relationship

“Brethren”

2) The Requirement to Admonish one Another is given prominence by Paul’s emphasis in the text.

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3) The Requirement to Admonish one Another is given prominence by the need and use of a reminder!

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Finally:

We considered this word and idea in its wider NT context.

Under five points:

- 1) How we are to Admonish? (with passion Acts 20)
 - 2) Why do we Admonish? (to present men perfect in Christ Col 1: 28)
 - 3) What are the Means? (the word of Christ col 3:16)
 - 4) Who is particularly charged with this work? (Elders 1 Thess 5:12-14)
 - 5) With what Perspective are we to Admonish? (They are Brethren 2 Thess 3)
- I) Persistence (verse 13) II) Purpose (verse 14) III) Perspective (verse 15)

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This evening, we want to consider the third point:

3) The Reasons for the Exhortation (verse 15b and 16)

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There are five:

- 1) The Grace of God granted to Paul Himself
- 2) That He should be a Faithful minister of Christ to the Gentiles
- 3) That He should minister the Gospel of God
- 4) That the Offering up of the Gentiles might be Acceptable to God
- 5) That all this would be done of the Spirit of God

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First reason for this exhortation:

- 1) The Grace of God granted to Paul Himself

Rom 15:15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, **because of the grace that is given to me of God,**

Note 1,

Paul recognised that the grace of God was given to him for a purpose!

He says in chapter one:

Rom 1:5 By whom (Jesus Christ) we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Consider,

The Grace of God is meant to produce fruit!!

Q. Is the grace of God producing fruit in your life?

Note 2,

The humility produced by the grace of God!

We will only serve one another when we have a right view of ourselves!

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Q. Are you being humbled by the grace of God?

Q. Are we serving according to God's grace?

Read the Application in 12: 4-8

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Second reason for this exhortation:

2) That He should be a Faithful minister of Christ to the Gentiles

Rom 15:16 **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.

Note 1,

Paul was a minister of Christ and of Christ alone!

Read verses 17-19

Note 2,

It was not just Paul's notion that he was a minister of Christ!

It is the declaration of scripture!

Act 9:15 But the Lord said unto him (Ananias), Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Act 9:16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

And:

Act 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul **for the work whereunto I have called them.**

Act 13:3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

Note 3,

Therefore, he wanted all to know assuredly that he was indeed a minister of Christ!

1Co 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Note 4,

This was not just a theological persuasion but a felt reality for Paul!

As he ministered he was conscious of his relationship to Christ!

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Consider,

We need to know something of this!

Q. Do we?

Note 5,

Paul was a minister of Christ to the Gentiles!

He knew, not only whom he served but, those to whom he was sent to serve!!

Gal 2:8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

Eph 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

1Ti 2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and* lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

2Ti 1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Q. Do we know whom God has sent us to serve?

Q. Are we convinced of that?

This principle is essential to our service!!

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Third reason for this exhortation:

3) That He should minister the Gospel of God

Rom 15:16 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.

At the beginning of his letter he states this and states what that gospel is!

Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, **separated unto the gospel of God,**

Rom 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

Rom 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

Rom 1:4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

This is that gospel of the King that we considered in this verses two years ago now!

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Fourth reason for this exhortation:

4) That the Offering up of the Gentiles might be Acceptable to God

Rom 15:16 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.

Note,

This principle of sacrifice he addressed in more detail in:

Rom 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.*

Rom 12:2 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.

Q. Do we see our relationship to one another in the light of this truth?

Ie. Offering our service to one another as a sacrifice to God!!

Compare:

Php 2:17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

And:

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

Heb 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

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Finally:

5) That all this would be done of and by the Spirit of God

Rom 15:16 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.**

Note,

Only when our service is sanctified by the Spirit is it acceptable to God!

This is true in our prayers!

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints **according to the will of God.**

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In closing,

Let us read verses 14-16:

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May God bless His word to our souls.

Amen.