

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 124--Romans 15

Introduction: Paul continues his appeal to the Christians in Romans to seek a course of fellowship that preserves a maturing faith. He urges the strong to help the weak and both Jews and Gentiles to accept one another in order that they might glorify God together with one voice. In the latter half of the chapter Paul discusses his travel plans.

Lesson aim: To encourage each Christian to accept his fellow-believers and help them grow toward spiritual maturity.

Please your neighbor for his edification--Rom. 15:1-6

1. What does Paul urge the strong to do? (v. 1)
2. What rule should govern all of our conduct toward others? (v. 2) Who did Paul cite as an example of this rule? (v. 3)
3. What did Paul say about the things written in earlier times? (v. 4) To what is he referring?
4. What does God want all of his people to be? (v. 5) According to whom? What will this cause Christians to do? (v. 6)

Accept one another as God has accepted you--Rom. 15:7-13

1. What did Paul urge the believers to do? (v. 7) Whose example does he cite?
2. For what two groups had Christ become a servant? (v. 8) To the Jews in order to do what? (v. 8) To the Gentiles in order to do what? (v. 9) What OT verses confirm this? (v. 9-12)
3. With what did Paul pray the Romans would be filled? (v. 13) In what did he pray they would abound? By whose power?

Paul discusses his plans for the future--Rom. 15:14-33

1. What did Paul believe about the Romans (v. 14)?
2. For what purpose had Paul written boldly? (v. 15) How did Paul regard his Gentile converts?
3. In whom had Paul found reason for boasting? (v. 17) Paul affirmed he would only speak of what? (v. 18) How were these things accomplished?
4. Did Paul preach in areas where others had preached or in areas where people had not heard the gospel? (v. 20) Why?
5. Where did Paul now aspire to preach? (v. 22-24) What role would the Romans play in this effort?
6. Where did Paul indicate he was soon going? (v. 25) For what reason?
7. For whom had a contribution been raised? (v. 26) Who contributed? Why did Gentile churches do this? (v. 27)
8. What did Paul hope to do upon completing this work? (v. 28) What benefit would this be to the Romans? (v. 29)
9. For what did Paul ask the Romans to pray? (v. 30-33)