

Paul's letter to the church at Rome

Romans

Sunday, March 15th, 2009

Personal remarks and closing (15:14-16-27)

- V.8-13...the ministry of Christ is for the Jews and Gentiles alike
- V.14-33...closing remarks begin
- V.14...Christians need to be full of goodness and knowledge whenever we admonish (instruct, caution, warn) fellow believers. See also Prov. 27:6
- V.16...Paul is a "priest" who is offering the Gentiles as the sacrifice of his ministry; the gospel is what sanctifies the offering
- V.17-21...Paul's missionary work to the Gentiles has been evidenced by signs and miracles

Attitude and conduct expected by Christians at Rome (12:1-15:13)

- V.22-29...Paul's travel plans
 - V.24...his intent was to stop in Rome on his way to Spain (see also Acts 19:21)
 - V.25, 26...mentions receiving an offering for the church at Jerusalem. See I Corinthians 9:1-15
 - V.27...note Paul says the Gentiles "owe" the Jews blessings. See also I Cor. 9:1-11
 - V.29...Paul repeats his intent to "bring a spiritual blessing" to the church at Rome (see also Rom 1:11)
 - V.30, 31...the issue with Jewish leaders is in Acts 21-26.
- 16:1-16...special mention of those who have helped Paul. Many of these names indicate they are Jewish, Roman, leaders, and former slaves of Caesar
 - Phoebe (v.1)...a deacon(ness) at the church in Cenchrea
 - Priscilla and Aquila (v.3)...husband/wife that were very close friends to Paul (see Acts 18)
 - Priscilla is considered to be the more prominent of the two (Priscilla is a common name in Rome, but Aquila is a Jewish name)
 - Leaders of the church at Ephesus
 - Gave teaching counsel to a very powerful apostle named Apollos (Acts 18:24-28). It's possible that Apollos is the unnamed author of Hebrews.
 - Small business owners (tent makers)
 - Aristobulus (v.10)...very likely the grandson of Herod the Great (the king who ordered the death of all Jewish baby boys in an effort to kill Jesus)
 - V.15...likely one of the many churches that met in homes throughout Rome
 - Erastus (v.23)...Corinth City Treasurer
- 16:17-19...warnings against false teachers
 - V.17...Greek for "watch" is *skopeite*, meaning 'goal'. We are to keep our eyes on the goal. Watch out for false teachers.
- 16:25-27...the revelation of Jesus Christ

Resources used for this teaching

- www.crosswalk.com (classic version)
- www.wikipedia.com
- Robertson's Word Pictures in the New Testament, Dr. A.T. Robertson
- The Open Bible edition of the King James Version, Thomas Nelson Publishers (outline)
- John Wesley's Explanatory Notes
- Darby's Synopsis of New Testament
- Gill's Exposition of the Bible
- People's New Testament
- Matthew Henry Concise Concordance