

The Heart of Ministry **Romans 15:14-33**

A. Paul's Roman Ministry Thus Far (14-22)

1. Expressing his confidence in the Roman church (14)

* Three areas of confidence:

2. Expressing the nature of his teaching in the letter (15-16)

a. Some points were a reminder of what they already knew.

b. The grace given to him as an apostle was for _____.

1) Which includes writing this letter to them.

2) Which involves his future ministry among Gentiles.

- Focused on the _____

- Described with a _____ metaphor

3. Expressing his reason to glory (17-21)

a. At what Christ had accomplished through him...

1) _____: For the obedience of the Gentiles.

2) _____: signs and wonders by the power of the Holy Spirit.

b. That he had _____ preached the gospel from Jerusalem to Illyricum.

c. At his future opportunity to preach the gospel where Christ was _____.

B. Paul's Proposed Future Ministry (22-29)

1. His reasoning to visit Rome (22-23)

a. He had been previously hindered.

b. He has exhausted his opportunities in "these parts."

- c. He has wanted to visit them for years,
2. His plan to visit Rome soon (24)
- a. He would visit while on his way to_____.
 - b. He would stay with them for a while.
 - c. He would be expecting them to _____ him when he goes on to Spain.
3. His plan was to go to Jerusalem first (25-29)
- a. To minister to the saints there
 - b. The example of grace giving:
 - c. The expectation the Romans would do the same.

C. Paul's Desire for Prayers Regarding His Ministry (30-33)

- a. "Striving together"
- b. Prayer requests
 - 1) Two Jerusalem requests:
 - 2) Two Rome requests:
- c. Closing benediction