

"In Word, In Deed"

Romans 15: 14 - 21

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God Has Ordained The Salvation Of The Gentile Nations To Be An Acceptable Sacrifice Of Praise, (vs. 14 - 21)

1. The Offering Of The Gentiles Must Be An Acceptable Sacrifice In Keeping With God's Prescriptions, (vs. 14 - 16)
 - a. *An acceptable sacrifice of praise is one that is mature and able to instruct others, (vs. 14)*
 - b. *An acceptable sacrifice of praise is one that is mature and able to receive correction, (vs. 15a); "Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe." (Jude 3-5)*
 - c. *An acceptable sacrifice of praise is one that is mature and able to direct all praise to God, (vs. 15b - 16)*
 - *God is the initiator of all praise, (vs. 15b); "through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, " (Romans 1:5)*
 - *God is the ordainer of all those who lead in praise, (vs. 16a); "But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. " (Acts 9:15)*
 - *God is the prescriber of all things done in praise, (vs. 16b); "take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?— that I also may do the same.' You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it. " (Deuteronomy 12:30-32)*
 - *God is the sanctifier of all that is offered properly in praise, (vs. 16c); "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own," (1 Corinthians 6:19)*
2. The Offering Of The Gentiles Must Be An All Consuming Sacrifice In Keeping With Christ's Example, (vs. 17 - 18)
3. The Offering Of The Gentiles Must Be An Authenticating Sacrifice In Keeping With The Spirit's Work, (vs. 19 - 21)