

Romans 15 Outline

1A Exhortation to bear with others, vv.1-4:

- 1B** Obligation to the weak, prohibition against selfishness, 1: Now we who are capable ought to bear with the weaknesses of those who are incapable, and not to please ourselves.
- 2B** Exhortation to please others, 2: Let each of us please our neighbor toward good, to edification.
- 3B** The example of Christ based on Old Testament principle, 3: For even Christ did not please Himself, but, just as it has been written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on me."
- 4B** The role of the Old Testament, 4: For whatever such things were written previously, were written for our learning, that through endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

2A Call to unity which each other on the foundation of Christ, vv.5-7:

- 1B** Call to unity in Christ, 5: Now may the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same mind in one another according to the pattern of Christ Jesus,
- 2B** The aim of the unity in the glorification of God, 6: that with one accord, with one voice you might glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3B** Conclusion toward relationships, 7: Therefore take hold of one another just as also Christ took hold of you, to the glory of God.

3A Paul's ministry to the Gentiles, vv.8-21:

1B The plan of God for the Gentiles, vv.8-12:

- 1C** The first plan for the Jews, 8: Now I speak, for Christ Jesus to become a servant of the circumcision in behalf of the truth of God, for the establishing of the promises of the fathers.
- 2C** The second plan for the Gentiles, 9a: And for the Gentiles to glorify God in behalf of His mercy,
 - 1D** Documentation, vv.9b-12:
 - 1E** Introduction, 9b: just as it has been written,
 - 2E** The proclamation, 9c: "For this reason I will confess You among the Gentiles, and I will sing to Your name."
 - 3E** The call to rejoice, 10: And again it says, "Be glad, Gentiles, with His people."
 - 4E** The call to praise the Lord, 11: And again, "Praise the Lord all Gentiles, and extol Him all peoples."
 - 5E** The focus of the proclamation, rejoicing, and praise, 12: And again, Isaiah says, "There will be a root of Jesse, and One who rises to rule Gentiles; upon him the Gentiles will hope."

- 2B** The relation of the plan of God for Gentiles to the present readers, vv.13-14:
- 1C** Desire for their joy, peace, and hope, 13: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, for you to abound in hope, in the power of the Spirit of holiness.
 - 2C** Paul's confidence concerning the readers, 14: Now I myself am confident, my brothers, and I am the same concerning you, that also you yourselves are full of goodness, having been filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.
- 3B** The writing demeanor of Paul toward his role as apostle to the Gentiles, vv.15-16:
- 1C** His demeanor in writing, 15a: But I wrote you with more boldness, brothers,
 - 2C** The purpose of the boldness in ministry, 15b-16a: in part, as reminding you, through the grace given to me by God, 16 for me to be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles,
 - 3C** The manner of the ministry, 16b: priesting the Gospel of God,
 - 4C** The purpose of the ministry, 16c: that the offering of the Gentiles might become acceptable,
 - 5C** The agent of holiness for the ministry, 16d: being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- 4B** Paul's celebration in the grace of God toward his ministry, vv.17-19:
- 1C** Ministry as basis for celebration, 17: Therefore I have a cause of celebration in Christ Jesus, the things of God.
 - 2C** In grace only, 18: For I will not dare to speak any of those things which Christ has not effected through me, for the obedience of Gentiles, in word and in deed,
 - 3C** The supernatural as evidence of God's grace, 19: in powerful signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fulfilled the Gospel of Christ.
- 5B** Paul's aspiration to the spiritual wilderness, vv.20-21:
- 1C** 20 And so aspiring to evangelize (middle voice), not where Christ was named, that I might not build on the foundation of another;
 - 2C** Scriptural foundation for the ministry to the spiritual wilderness, 21: but just as it has been written, "To whom it was not announced concerning Him, they will see; and those who have not heard, they will understand."
- 4A** The possibility of a personal visit to Rome, vv.22-32:
- 1B** His many ministry hindrances, 22: Therefore also I have been hindered many times from coming to you;
 - 2B** The current open door and long-term desire, 23: and now, no longer having a place in these climes, but having a desire to come to you for many years,
 - 3B** The planned itinerary, vv.24-27:

- 1C Rome along the route to Spain, 24 as whenever I go toward Spain I will come to you; For I hope while passing through to behold you, and to be helped by you on my way there, if from you first I might be filled in part.
- 2C Paul's current journey to Jerusalem, vv.25-27:
 - 1D Current destination, 25: But now I am coming to Jerusalem, ministering to the saints.
 - 2D Reason for the journey, 26: For it pleased Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain partnership to the poor of the saints who are in Jerusalem.
 - 3D Their motivation, 27: For it was pleasing, and they are their debtors, and they serve them in the fleshly things.
- 4B The conditional timing for the journey to Spain, vv.28-29:
 - 1C The condition of the completion of the Jerusalem ministry, 28: Therefore after fulfilling this, and sealing in them this fruit, I will go out through you into Spain.
 - 2C The condition of the blessing of Christ, 29: And I know that coming to you in the fullness of the blessing Christ, I will come.
- 5B The request for travel mercies, vv.30-32:
 - 1C Call to prayer, 30: Now I exhort you, brothers, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in prayers on behalf of me to God;
 - 2C Prayer for delivery, 31: That I might be delivered from those who disobey in Judea, and that my service which is for Jerusalem might become acceptable to the saints;
 - 3C Delivery to Rome according to God's will, 32: that I might come to you with joy through the will of God, and I might be refreshed together with you.
- 5A Benediction, 33: Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.