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Spiritual Priorities
Romans 15:16–33



ROMANS

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS & GRACE

Paul's Conclusion: Romans 15:14–33

1. Like Paul, we should have serving the gospel as the central priority of life.

Rom. 1:1, “Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God.”

Rom. 1:9, “For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,”

Rom. 1:15, “So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

Rom. 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

3. The good news is that Christ has paid the penalty freeing every person from the sin penalty.

- We are born spiritually dead. Eph. 2:1**
- We are born lacking perfect righteousness. Isa. 64:6**
- And we are born under the condemnation of Adam's original sin. 1 Cor. 15:22**
- Christ paid the penalty for the condemnation. That leaves each of us spiritually dead, and lacking righteousness. 1 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:21**

6. At the instant of faith alone in Christ alone we are positionally, legally, totally forgiven of *all* sin.

We receive a new human spirit (regeneration)

We receive the imputation of Christ's righteousness (imputation)

We are declared righteous and we are given eternal life (justification)

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1. Mixing faith with the promises of God.

Heb. 4:2, “For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”

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2. Understanding the embedded reasoning contained within the promise.

**Prov. 3:5, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;**

**Prov. 3:6, “In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.”**

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3. We reach a conclusion that stabilizes our emotions and our soul.

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Full of goodness: an idiom describing their general character; generous, kind, upright.

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Rom. 1:13, “Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.”

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Rom. 15:24, “whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.”

4. Paul expressed his indebtedness to help all mankind through the preaching of the gospel.

Rom. 1:14, “I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.”

Rom. 15:27, “It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.”

5. Ministering for reciprocal blessings.

Rom. 1:11, “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—

Rom. 1:12, “that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.”

Rom. 15:29, “But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.”

6. Praying for others.

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Rom. 1:10, “making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.”

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**πληρόω perf pass part
masc plur nom**

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**Eph. 5:18 commands us
to be filled by means of
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**νουθετέω *noutheteō*
pres act infin
“to warn, admonish, advising, warning, reminding,
teaching and spurring on”**

Rom. 15:15, “Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,

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“servant,
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Rom. 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

**λατρεία *latreia*
acc fem sing
service, worship**

**λατρεύω *latreuō*
pres act indic 1
sing
to serve, worship,
i.e., priestly
service**

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**εὐπρόσδεκτος
(*euprosdektos*),
acceptable, pleasant,
welcome**

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ἁγιάζω *hagiazō*

**perf pass part fem sing nom
to sanctify, set apart, pertaining to our
sanctification, spiritual growth**

Rom. 15:17, “Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.

Rom. 15:18, “For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient—”

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**2 Cor. 12:12, “Truly the signs of an apostle
were accomplished among you with all
perseverance, in signs and wonders and
mighty deeds.”**





Croatia

- International Boundary
- Road
- Minor Road
- River
- National Capital
- City or Town

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**“I have completely fulfilled
the gospel [ministry]”**

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Isa. 52:15, “So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.”

Isa. 52:13, “Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

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Rom. 15:25, “But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.

Rom. 15:26, “For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

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Rom. 15:28, “Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.

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