



CONTINUING THE WORK OF CHRIST

Romans 15:14-22

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Good morning Church! In the last part of his letter, we see Paul explain how he could write such a straightforward, honest letter to a church he did not start and never visited. As we studied verse 13, trusting in Jesus Christ is the ONLY hope. We know about this hope because of the Bible. So when writing this letter, Paul did not want to jeopardize his relationship with the believers in Rome by seeming too insensitive or unloving. So he encouraged them and strengthen them with God's Word. God's Word is what equips the church to do what it is called to do.

*"I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. **15** But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God **16** to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. **17** In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. **18** For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, **19** by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; **20** and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, **21** but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand." **22** This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.*

1. **KNOW** the Things of God to **TEACH** them to Others. (v. 14-15)

"and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:2

2. The **WORK** of Christ in You is an Acceptable **OFFERING** to God. (v. 16)

3. ENTHUSIASM Comes When You Know CHRIST'S Work is being done THROUGH You. (v. 17-19)

*“So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.” **1 Thessalonians 2:8***

- Paul SHARED His Story and Life with OTHERS.
- The people were CONVINCED by the HOLY SPIRIT.
- The GOOD NEWS of Christ was PRESENTED.

4. God Leads Some to TEACH the Gospel where a Church has ALREADY started. (v. 20)

*“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. **6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. **7** So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”
1 Corinthians 3:5-7*

5. God Leads Some to PREACH the Gospel where Christ has NEVER been Heard. (v 20-22)

*“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” **Ephesians 4:11-12***

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision you could ever make is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death. Yet through God's love, only Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead — YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins, BELIEVE in Jesus thereby receiving His forgiveness. And identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.