

THE PRIESTLY DUTY

Romans 15:14-33

Key Verse: 15:16

1. Read verses 14-15. What did Paul know about the Roman Christians? (1:7-8)

Why was he writing them? (1:11-13)

2. Read verse 16. What was the grace God gave Paul? Why does he call proclaiming the gospel of God a priestly duty? (Ex 19:5-6a; 1Pe 2:9-10)

3. What does it mean that the Gentiles become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit?

4. Read verses 17-19. What does it mean that Paul glories in Christ Jesus in his service to God? What was the purpose of his ministry to the Gentiles? How had God blessed that ministry?

5. Read verses 19b-21. What was the extent of his pioneering ministry? What can we learn here about his strategy as a missionary?

6. Read verses 22-29. Why did he want to go to Rome? (Ro 1:10-14) To Spain? (Ac 1:8) Why did Paul plan to visit Jerusalem? Why was it so important for him to go? Why did he want his Gentile converts to show their appreciation to the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem?

7. Read verses 30-33. What were his prayer requests? What were the two big problems he anticipated in going to Jerusalem? (See also Acts 21:13)