

Preaching and Truckin'

Romans 15:14-33

Our Outline Today!

- **Paul's Praise, verses 14-21**
- **Paul's Philosophy, verses 22-29**
- **Paul's Plea, verses 30-33**

Paul's Praise, verses 14-16

- **Praise For the Bride, verse 14**
 - Three Qualities She Possessed
 - *Full of Goodness*
 - Right motives and compassion.
 - *Complete in Knowledge*
 - Paul did not give any new theology.
 - *Competent to Counsel*
 - God's plan is that whole congregation be involved in counseling.

Paul's Praise, verses 14-16

- **Patience for the Bride, verses 15-16**
 - Three Qualities She Required, vss 15-16
 - *Reminding* (built-in forgetfulness), verse 15
 - World System seeks to influence our minds.
 - *Priestly Ministry*, verse 16
 - They needed an example on how to handle life.
 - *Acceptable Offering*, verse 16c
 - G.R.A.C.E.
 - The Christian life is to no avail if not sanctified.

Paul's Philosophy, verses 17-29

- **Procedure of Paul, verses 17-21**
 - *His Principle, verse 17*
 - Rome was full of despair with empty degrading habits. He saw people change everywhere.
 - *His Practice, verse 18*
 - He was only a tool. It took Paul 10 years to arrive at this place in his understanding of himself.
 - *His Power, verse 19a*
 - Signs of Apostle - Not today
 - Power of Holy Spirit - for today
 - *His Place, verses 19b-21*
 - Everywhere: **N**.orth, **E**.ast, **W**.est, **S**.outh

Paul's Philosophy, verses 17-29

- **Planning of Paul, verses 22-24**
 - He was Pliable in his plan, verse 22, 28
 - He was Persistence in his plan, verse 23-24a
 - He used People in his plan, verse 24b
- **Passion of Paul, verses 25-29**
 - Practiced past commitments, verses 25-26 (Acts 15)
 - Practiced past commands, verse 27-28
 - If someone blesses you spiritually and the only way you can thank him is with material things, then do it.
 - Practiced power of Creator, verse 29
 - He counted on God to come through.

Plea of Paul, verses 30-33

- **Made People Aware of Need, verse 30**
 - Based on Christ and the Spirit's love.
 - Strive is word for: contending as a team. It is an athletic term.
- **Made Requests Specific, verse 31**
 - Paul always questioned as to his ministry to the Gentiles. He was attacked from the inside as well as the outside.
- **Made Joy Known, verses 32-33**
 - Joy: When you're in the will of God, there is joy, v. 32
 - Rest: has the idea of refreshment.

Plan of Action

- **Regarding Myself:**
 - Am I cooperating with the Holy Spirit's work in my life, or am I fighting it by continuing to yield to sinful habits?
 - Am I striving to apply my knowledge of Christian truth? If not, why?
- **Regarding My Ministry:**
 - Am I reaching out with the gospel, or am I keeping the message to myself?
 - Am I encouraging other believers to flesh out Christianity more consistently?
 - Am I providing them with a good example to follow?