

SRGH Bimonthly Bible Reading
11-17-18

Romans 15:8-16:27-How To Live Honoring the Gospel

- I. Implication For Christian Life in Relationships with Christians of Different Backgrounds -Christ Hope of Jews and Gentiles (Rom. 15:8-13)
 - A. Confirms God's Truthfulness/Faithfulness in Promises to the Patriarchs
 - B. Gentiles Glorify God for His Mercy
 - C. Importance of Knowledge of Old Testament Scripture
 1. *Was it written in former days for us? (v. 15)*
 - D. God of Hope
 1. *What is our hope?*
 2. *How can we have joy?*
 3. *How can we have peace?*

- II. Implication for Support of Paul's Ministry-Gospel to Gentiles (Rom. 15:14-33)
 - A. Reminds Them That Spreading the Gospel is Priestly Service
 1. *What reason does Paul have to be proud?*
 2. *How is Paul's work with the gentiles an offering to God an acceptable sacrifice? What kind of offering?*
 - B. Paul's Ministry Brings Gentiles to Obedience to Gospel (Rom 1:5, 16:26)
How is this achieved?
 1. By word and deed
 2. By signs and wonders
 3. By power through this Holy Spirit of God
 - C. Goal-To Fulfill His Ministry from Jerusalem to Illyricum
 1. Emphasis on preaching in new areas
 2. Highlights Paul's responsibility to go and preach
 - D. Practical Implications in the Gospel- exhorted to prayerfully, financially, and physically support Gospel workers
 1. Constrains our behavior (15:22-24)
 2. Encourages generous support- workers /those spreading the truth (15:25-30)
 - Paul requests to be helped along the journey to Spain
 - Principle-If one benefits spiritually from the gospel then one should serve materially regarding gospel work. *What are some examples?*
 3. Requires earnest prayer (15: 30-33) – *How is prayer requested/answered?*
 - Delivered from unbelievers in Jerusalem
 - Paul's service for Jerusalem will be acceptable to the saints
 - Paul may come to Rome with joy and be refreshed by the Roman Christians

- III. Paul's Concluding Mandates
 - A. Appreciate Christian Workers (16:1-16)
 1. Twenty-five Names, One Mother, One Sister, Several Brothers, Two Families
 2. Letter of Commendation for Phoebe

- Servant (deaconess)
 - Helper (patron of many)
 - ***What can we learn from this letter about our current use of letters of commendation in God's assembly?***
3. Greet means pay one's respect /salute
 4. Aspects to appreciate about others and imitate
 - Hard Workers
 - Devoted Workers-Priscilla/Aquila risked their necks
 - Workers who loved the Word of God
 - New converts/Old Soldiers
 - Free/Slaves-all chosen (choice)
 - Everyday Living/Difficult Trials
- B. Avoid Contentious People (16:17-20)
1. Avoid those that cause division(discord)/create obstacles (hinder/antagonize)
 2. Seek sound doctrine that you have been taught
 3. Be wise in good and innocent of evil
 4. Source of disunity-Satan- He will be crushed!
- C. Be Encouraged By Christian Leaders
1. Strong leaders thinking about Roman Christians encouraged Roman Christians
 2. ***For those who are leaders, do you acknowledge other Christians?***
- D. Glorify God-the goal for unity amongst Christians is to glorify God
1. Gospel has continuity with old testament
 2. This Gospel strengthens believers and produces active faith among all believers from all nations.
 3. God brings glory to himself through the Gospel of Christ
 4. ***What is a mystery?***
 5. ***What are the prophetic writings here?***
 6. The Gospel is the power of God. It should energize us to spread the Gospel and create in us a passion for souls and a desire to glorify God.

BASIC OUTLINE OF ROMANS

- I. Sin-Need for being right with God (1:1-3:20)
- II. Justification By Faith- Means for being right with God (3:21-4:25)
- III. Blessings-Results of being right with God (5:1-8:39)
- IV. Vindication-Jewish people-problems with being right with God (9:1-11:36)
- V. Application-Implications of being right with God (12:1-15:33)
 - A. Implications for Christians- Spiritual Commitment (12:1-2)
 - B. Implications for Christian's Life in Body of Christ (12:3-12)
 - C. Implications for Christian's Life in Relation to Secular World (12:14-13:14)
 - D. Implications for Christian's Life in Relationships with Weaker and Differing Christians (14:1-15:13)
 - E. Implications for Support of Paul's Ministry of Spreading Gospel to Gentiles (15:14-33)
- VI. Commands-Paul's Concluding Mandates (16:1-27)