

# The Epistle to the Romans

## Romans 15:14-16:27

### OBJECTIVES IN STUDYING THIS SECTION

**The Extension of God's Righteousness through the Pauline Mission.** Paul focuses on his calling as the apostle to the Gentiles, adding some greetings and final instructions, and ends with a great doxology, summarizing the righteousness of God as seen in the Gospel.

### SUMMARY

**Romans 15:14–33, The Establishment of Churches among the Gentiles.** Paul explains his unique ministry to the Gentiles and exhorts the Roman church to be a sending base for his mission to Spain.

**Rom. 16:1–24, Appreciation and Greetings to Coworkers in the Gospel.** Paul warmly greets those he knows in Rome who are involved in ministry, showing the love that existed among Christians. These greetings also function to support the authenticity of the Pauline gospel, for they show that respected coworkers in Rome are co-laborers in the same gospel that Paul proclaims. It is not surprising he would know so many who are now in Rome, for travel was more common than modern people might think. Further, Paul may not have known every person he greeted. Perhaps he knew of some by virtue of their reputation. Note that Paul says something specific about virtually every person greeted.

**Rom. 16:25–27, Final Summary of the Gospel of the Righteousness of God.** As stated in the note on 1:1–7, many of the themes in the introduction reappear in the conclusion, showing that the letter was written carefully.

### OUTLINE

#### I. PAUL'S PLANS TO SEE THEM (15:14-33)

##### A. THE REASON FOR WRITING THEM (14-21)

1. He is well aware of their own \_\_\_\_\_ (14)
2. Simply \_\_\_\_\_ them, as is appropriate from a "minister to the Gentiles" (15-16)
3. Though he normally aims to preach where Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ (17-21)

##### B. HIS TRAVEL PLANS (22-29)

1. To go to \_\_\_\_\_ via Rome (22-24)
2. But first, to Jerusalem with a \_\_\_\_\_ from those in Macedonia and Achaia (25-29)

**C. REQUEST FOR PRAYER, AND PRAYER FOR THEM (30-33)**

1. His request for their \_\_\_\_\_ for his safe journeys (30-32)
2. His prayer that God be \_\_\_\_\_ them (33)

**II. CONCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS & FAREWELLS (1-24)**

**A. COMMENDATION OF PHOEBE (1-2)**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ of the church in Cenchrea (1)
2. To receive her in a \_\_\_\_\_ manner, helping her along (2)

**B. MISCELLANEOUS GREETINGS FROM PAUL (3-16)**

1. To Priscilla and Aquila (3-5a)
2. To various others (5b-16)

**C. A FINAL WARNING (17-20)**

1. Against those who selfishly cause \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (17-18)
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, for God will give them victory (19-20)

**D. GREETINGS FROM PAUL'S COMPANIONS (21-24)**

1. From Timothy and others (21)
2. From Tertius, Paul's "amanuensis" [personal scribe] (22)
3. From brethren at Corinth (23-24)

**III. PAUL'S DOXOLOGY (25-27)**

**A. TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO ESTABLISH YOU (25-26)**

1. According to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ (25a)
2. According to the \_\_\_\_\_ once \_\_\_\_\_, but now \_\_\_\_\_ and made known to all nations (25b-26)
  - a. Made known by the \_\_\_\_\_ (26a)
  - b. Made known for \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ (26b)

**B. TO GOD, ALONE WISE, BE GLORY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST FOREVER! (27)**

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR THIS CHAPTER**

- 1) In his preaching, what did Paul try to avoid? (15:20)
- 2) Where did Paul hope to go after passing through Rome? (15:24)
- 3) Where was he headed for at the time he wrote this epistle? Why? (15:25)
- 4) How does Paul describe Phoebe? (16:1-2)
- 5) How does Paul describe Priscilla and Aquila? (16:3-4)
- 6) How does Paul describe those who cause division and offenses? (16:18)
- 7) Is the "mystery" referred to in verse 25 still hidden? (16:25-26)
- 8) What is the objective of the gospel according to verse 16:26?