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A. He *Expresses* **Personal Comments** concerning His **Calling** and **Ministry** (15:14-33)

1. *Recognizing* the **Character** of the **Roman Believers** (15:14)

<sup>14</sup> And concerning **you, my brethren**, I myself also am **convinced** that **you** yourselves are **full of goodness**, filled with **all knowledge** and **able** also to **admonish one another**.

2. *Reminding* them of His **Ministry Calling** (15:15-16)

<sup>15</sup> But I have **written very boldly** to you on some points so as to **remind you** again, because of the **grace** that was **given me from God**,

<sup>16</sup> to be a **minister of Messiah Jesus** to the **Gentiles**, ministering as a **priest** the **gospel of God**, so that **my offering** of the **Gentiles** may become **acceptable, sanctified** by the **Holy Spirit**.

### 3. *Recounting* the **Power** and **Scope** of his **Ministry** (15:17-21)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore **in Messiah Jesus** I have found reason for **boasting** in things pertaining to **God**.

<sup>18</sup> For I will **not presume** to speak of anything **except** what **Messiah** has **accomplished through me**, **resulting** in the **obedience** of the **Gentiles** by *word* and *deed*,

<sup>19</sup> in the **power** of **signs** and **wonders**, in the **power** of the **Spirit**; so that from **Jerusalem** and round about as far as **Illyricum** I have **fully preached** the **gospel of Messiah**.

<sup>20</sup> And thus I aspired to **preach the gospel**, **not** where **Messiah** was *already* named, so that I would **not build on** another man's **foundation**;  
<sup>21</sup> but as it is **written**,

**"THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE,  
AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND."**

### 4. *Repeating* his **intent** to **Visit them** (15:22-29)

<sup>22</sup> For **this reason** I have often been **prevented** from **coming to you**;

<sup>23</sup> but now, with no further place for me in **these regions**, and since I have had for many years **a longing to come to you**

<sup>24</sup> whenever I go to **Spain**—for I hope to **see you** in **passing**,

and to be **helped** on **my way** there by **you**, when I have first enjoyed **your company** for a while—

<sup>25</sup> but now, I am going to **Jerusalem** *serving* the **saints**.

<sup>26</sup> For **Macedonia** and **Achaia** have been pleased to make a **contribution** for the **poor** among the **saints in Jerusalem**.

<sup>27</sup> Yes, they were **pleased to do so**, and they are **indebted** to them.

For if the **Gentiles** have **shared** in their **spiritual things**, they are **indebted** to **minister** to them also in **material things**.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore, when I have **finished this**, and have **put my seal** on this **fruit** of theirs, I will go on **by way** of you to **Spain**.

<sup>29</sup> I know that when I **come** to you, I will **come** in the **fullness** of the **blessing of Messiah**.

### 5. *Requesting* **Prayer** for his **Journey to Judea** (15:30-33)

<sup>30</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, by our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**  
and by the **love** of the **Spirit**,  
to **strive together** with me in your **prayers** to **God** for me,

<sup>31</sup> that I may be **rescued** from **those** who are **disobedient in Judea**,  
and *that* my **service** for **Jerusalem** may prove **acceptable** to the **saints**;

<sup>32</sup> so that I may **come to you** in **joy** by the **will of God**  
and find **refreshing rest** in your company.

<sup>33</sup> Now the **God of peace** be with you all. Amen.

## Paul's Closing Comments— A Brief *Description* of Paul's "Amazing" Ministry

### 1. A *Ministry* of characterized by personal **Encouragement** (15:14)

<sup>14</sup> And concerning you, **my brethren**, I myself also am **convinced**  
that you yourselves are **full of goodness**,  
**filled** with all **knowledge** and **able** also to **admonish one another**. (15:14)

### 2. A *Ministry* by the **Grace of God** (15:15)

<sup>15</sup> But I have **written very boldly** to you on some points  
so as to **remind you again**,  
**because** of the **grace** that was **given me** from **God**, (15:15)

### 3. A "Priestly" *Ministry* specifically to the **Gentiles** (15:16)

a. *Ministering* "as a **priest** the **gospel of God**" to the **Gentiles** (15:16a)

b. *Ministering* as a **priest** with the goal of **sanctifying**, and making "acceptable"  
the "**offering**" of the **Gentiles** (to **God**) (15:16b)

### 4. A *Ministry* that he "found **reason** for **boasting**," but *only* in what **Messiah** had **accomplished through him** (15:17-18)

a. A *Ministry* that **resulted** in the **Obedience** of the **Gentiles** by *word*  
and *deed* (15:17-18)

b. A *Ministry* characterized by **Power** (15:19)

1) the *power* of **signs** and **wonders** (15:19a)

2) the *power* of the **Spirit** (15:19b)

c. A *Ministry* that had "**fully preached** the **gospel**" from **Jerusalem** to  
**Illyricum** (15:19c)

5. A **Ministry** focused on **Missions** to **unreached people** (15:20-21)

<sup>20</sup> And thus I aspired to **preach the gospel**,  
**not** where **Messiah** was *already* named,  
so that I would **not build** on another man's **foundation**; (15:20)

6. A **Ministry** that prioritized **Benevolence** to the **poor** and **needy** among them (15:25-27)

<sup>25</sup> but now, I am going to **Jerusalem** *servicing* the **saints**.

<sup>26</sup> For **Macedonia** and **Achaia** have been pleased to make a **contribution** for the **poor** among the **saints in Jerusalem**.

7. A **Ministry** that embraced the **importance** and **need** for **prayer** (15:30-32)

<sup>30</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, by our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**  
and by the **love** of the **Spirit**,  
to **strive together** with me in your **prayers** to **God for me**,

8. A **Ministry** that **valued** and **understood** the need for **spiritual Fellowship** (15:22-24, 32)

<sup>32</sup> so that I may **come to you** in **joy** by the **will of God**  
and find **refreshing rest** in **your company**.

## Closing Comments