

VISION FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

Romans 15:14-16:27
Key Verse 15:16

Lesson 15

* A PRIESTLY DUTY (15:14-22)

1. What does Paul say about the general spiritual maturity of the Christians in Rome? (see also 1:8)
2. What has he written about in this letter, and why? (15) What, in particular, do these things concern? Why is Paul qualified to write about them?
3. Who were the Gentiles? How were they different from the Jews? What is the modern spiritual equivalent to the Gentiles of Paul's day? Why did Paul's ministry to Gentiles make him so unpopular?
4. Why does Paul see his work of proclaiming the gospel of God to the Gentiles as a 'priestly duty'? (See Ex 19:4-6; I Pe 2:9,10)
5. What does he mean by, "so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God"? Why "sanctified by the Holy Spirit"? How does becoming an offering to God affect the lives of those offered?
6. How does he describe his past service to God? What was the main point of his teaching? (17-21) What was the extent of his ministry? In what respect was he a pioneer?
7. What is the project in which he is involved as he writes this letter? What are the dangers and difficulties involved? Why is it so important to him that he visit Jerusalem with this gift?
8. What is his plan for the future? How and why does he want the believers in Rome to share with him in his ministry? What are his prayer requests?

* PERSONAL GREETINGS (16:1-27)

9. What can you learn from these greetings about the church in Rome? What was Paul's relationship with the believers there?
10. What warning does he give, and what promise? (17-20) what does this mean to us?
11. Who were Paul's coworkers at the time of his writing this letter?
12. In his benediction, what is the hidden mystery he mentions? (Eph 3:4-6) What is his hope--his great missionary goal? (25-27)