



Talk it Over

PASTOR DAVID - ROMANS 15:13-33 – 5/24/26

KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 15:14–33 (NASB95)

14 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 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,

16 to be a minister of Christ 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.

19 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 Christ.

20 And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation;

21 but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard shall understand."

22 For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you;

23 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

24 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—

28 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.

START TALKING

How was your Memorial Day weekend? Does the unofficial start of summer mark any specific transition for you?

START DISCUSSING

READ ROMANS 15:14-16

MARKS OF A MATURE CHURCH

Romans 15:14 — A Mature Church and a Bold Ministry

When you hear the phrase "a mature church," what qualities come to mind first?

Have you ever had a conversation with an older believer whose life experience deepened your sense of God's work in history?

GOODNESS — KNOWLEDGE — ABLE TO ADMONISH

The Roman believers were full of goodness, filled with knowledge, and able to admonish one another.

Why do these three traits belong together?

What does goodness look like in an ordinary church?

Why is knowledge alone not enough?

Why is gentle admonition a sign of maturity rather than harshness?

Why must doctrine and practice stay connected?

How does right knowledge lead to right living?

A PRIEST MAKING AN OFFERING

READ ROMANS 15:14-16

The sermon highlighted Paul's unique language: he pictures his ministry like a priest offering the Gentiles to God.

Think of **this** use of word sacrifice/offering as a gift (not necessarily giving up).

Sometimes the picture of the sacrifice is of a fragrant aroma coming to God and his response would be one of pleasure.

Discuss:

What does this image teach about the dignity of gospel ministry?

How does it change the way you think about evangelism and discipleship?

Why is it striking to think of people redeemed by Christ as an offering to God?

OTHER N. T. REFERENCES TO THE WAY A BELIEVER SACRIFICES

Our Body: Rom. 6:13, 12:1; 2, 15:16; 2Cor 8:5; Phil 2:17; 2Tim 4:6

Praise: Hebrews 13:15

Monetary Gift: Philippians 4:18

Doing Good: Hebrews 13:16; 1 Peter 2:5

Prayer: Revelation 5:8; 8:3–4

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Think about the three marks of a mature church—goodness, knowledge, or the ability to admonish.

In which do you contribute to the maturity of our church?

Which is an area needing growth in your life?