

MISSIONS SUNDAY

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“The gospel is good news only if it gets there in time.” - Henry

Romans 15:15-24

Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation. Rather, as it is written:

“Those who were not told about him will see,
and those who have not heard will understand.”

This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you.

But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to visit you, I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to see you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while.

I. First, Paul was driven by his clear call to the Never Reached.

- *“If you take Missions out of the Bible, all you have left is the covers.” – Gunter*
- *“We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.” – Stott*

II. Secondly, Paul was driven by a singular conviction: The Power of the Gospel.

- *“In the vast plain to the north I have sometimes seen, in the early morning light, the smoke of 1000 villages where no missionary has ever been.” – Moffat*

III. Finally, Paul was driven by a one consuming passion: The Glory of God.

- *“Sympathy is no substitute for action.”* – Livingstone
- The story of God is still being written, and He wants to write a chapter through your life.