



Romans

Lesson 22: Romans 15:14–33

Imagine those of us at Faith Bible Church receiving a letter from a pastor we have never met, teaching us about doctrine and how we are to live. How would we respond? The Apostle Paul has done that in the book of Romans. Coming to the end of his letter sent to a church he did not found and has never met, except for a few individuals, Paul understands that his letter has been both warm and loving, but also bold and direct. He has taught them doctrine and commanded them to put that doctrine to practice in their lives. However, Paul did not want to jeopardize his relationship with them by seeming unloving or insensitive, so he shares his heart with them. In Romans 15:14–33, Paul encourages this church he loved and cared for by revealing his heart for them. Let's dive in and see Paul's pastoral heart for this amazing church in Rome.

➤ Read Romans 15:14–21

1. In verse 14, what are the three commendations from Paul to the church at Rome?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. According to verse 15, how did Paul write to this church? Why could he write like this? (hint: see verse 1:8, 11–12 and 15:14).

Application: Think back to how you have been taught over the years. Why are reminders necessary in teaching? How does this relate to studying God's Word?

3. According to verse 15, how was Paul able to remind the Romans of God's truth?

4. According to verse 16, who was Paul's main ministry to? What was his desire for them?

Application: As Christians, we have been called to make disciples (Matthew 28:19–20). Does this mean only winning a soul to Christ? Why or why not?

5. According to verses 17–18, what did Paul boast in?

6. According to verse 18, what was the result of Paul’s preaching ministry?

Application: In verse 18, Paul says he preached by “word and deed” meaning he lived out what he preached. Why is this so important in evangelizing the lost?

7. According to verse 19, how did Paul perform “signs and wonders”?

8. According to verses 20–21, what was Paul’s primary mission? Did he always function this way? (see 1 Corinthians 3:6)

➤ **Read Romans 15:22–29**

9. In verses 22–24, what is Paul’s great desire in relation to the Romans?

10. Paul wrote Romans from the city of Corinth. According to verses 25–26, why could Paul not see the Romans after leaving Corinth?

11. According to verse 27, what was the attitude of the Gentiles who gave?

12. According to verses 28–29, in what manner is Paul predicting he will arrive in Rome?

➤ **Read Romans 15:30–33**

13. In verse 30, what is Paul request from the Romans?

Application: How does prayer bring fellowship, partnership, and unity among believers?

14. In verses 31–32, what specific prayer request does Paul give?

Application: In verse 33, Paul gives a one-line benediction for the believers in Rome. Write a one-line benediction for your brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith Bible Church.

Application: What one verse impacted you the most in this study? Explain.