

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Romans 15:30-33 – Pray for your Preachers

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Romans 15:30-33.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

30a Now I urge you, brethren, (main statement)
30b by our Lord Jesus Christ (instrumentality 30a)
30c and by the love of the Spirit, (instrumentality 30a)
30d to strive together (content 30a)
30e with me (association 30d)
30f in your prayers (circumstance 30d)
30g to God (address 30f)
30h for me, (interest 30f)
31a that I may be rescued (purpose 30)
31b from those who are disobedient in Judea, (separation 31a)
31c and *that* my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; (purpose 30)
32a so that
32b coming to you (temporal 32e)
32c in joy (manner 32e)
32d by the will of God (means 32e)
32e I might find *refreshing* rest (purpose 31)
32f in your company. (location 32e)
33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

1. What is the argument of Rom 15 that leads to the exhortation of vv. 30-33?

2. What is the primary exhortation of this passage?

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3. What does it mean to urge?
4. How does Paul address those he is urging? Why is this important?
5. How does Paul urge them? What does this add to the exhortation?
6. What is the content of Paul's urging?

❖ Day 2

Read Rom 15:30-33 again.

7. What does it mean "to strive together"?
8. Who are they striving together with? What does this tell us about Paul? What does this tell us about the responsibility of the preacher?

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9. Who are their prayers directed to? Why does this matter?
10. Who are their prayers for? How does this inform our understanding of the nature of prayer?
11. What are they to pray for?
12. Who are “those who are disobedient in Judea”?
13. Who was Paul serving according to v. 31?
14. What does “prove acceptable” mean?
15. Why are they to pray this?

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❖ Day 3

Read Rom 15:30-33 again.

16. Notice the in-person emphasis of v. 32. Why is this so important to Paul?

17. Look back to Romans 1:11-13. How does this bookend the letter with 15:30-33?

18. Why does Paul conclude this exhortation with v. 33?

19. What does the urgency of this passage suggest regarding the urgency of the need for praying for our preachers?

20. How should this passage shape how you pray for our preachers?

In preparation for Sunday, pray for our preachers in light of this passage!