

# Romans Series

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**Spiritual Priorities**  
**Romans 15:16–33**



**ROMANS**

**GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS & GRACE**

# **Paul's Conclusion: Romans 15:14–33**

# 1. Like Paul, we should have serving the gospel as the central priority of life.

**Rom. 1:1, “Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God.”**

**Rom. 1:9, “For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,”**

**Rom. 1:15, “So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.**

**Rom. 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”**

### **3. The good news is that Christ has paid the penalty freeing every person from the sin penalty.**

- We are born spiritually dead. Eph. 2:1**
- We are born lacking perfect righteousness. Isa. 64:6**
- And we are born under the condemnation of Adam's original sin. 1 Cor. 15:22**
- Christ paid the penalty for the condemnation. That leaves each of us spiritually dead, and lacking righteousness. 1 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:21**

**6. At the instant of faith alone in Christ alone we are positionally, legally, totally forgiven of *all* sin.**

**We receive a new human spirit (regeneration)**

**We receive the imputation of Christ's righteousness (imputation)**

**We are declared righteous and we are given eternal life (justification)**

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### **1. Mixing faith with the promises of God.**

**Heb. 4:2, “For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”**

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**Rom. 1:8, “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.**

**2. Understanding the embedded reasoning contained within the promise.**

**Prov. 3:5, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;**

**Prov. 3:6, “In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.”**

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**3. We reach a conclusion that stabilizes our emotions and our soul.**

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**Full of goodness: an idiom describing their general character; generous, kind, upright.**

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**Rom. 1:13, “Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.”**

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**Rom. 15:24, “whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.”**

**4. Paul expressed his indebtedness to help all mankind through the preaching of the gospel.**

**Rom. 1:14, “I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.”**

**Rom. 15:27, “It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.”**

## 5. Ministering for reciprocal blessings.

**Rom. 1:11, “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—**

**Rom. 1:12, “that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.”**

**Rom. 15:29, “But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.”**

## **6. Praying for others.**

**Rom. 1:9, “For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,**

**Rom. 1:10, “making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.”**

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pres act infin  
“to warn, admonish, advising, warning, reminding,  
teaching and spurring on”**

**Rom. 15:15, “Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,**

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**Rom. 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”**

**λατρεία *latreia*  
acc fem sing  
service, worship**

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pres act indic 1  
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(*euprosdektos*),  
acceptable, pleasant,  
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**ἁγιάζω *hagiazō***

**perf pass part fem sing nom  
to sanctify, set apart, pertaining to our  
sanctification, spiritual growth**

**Rom. 15:17, “Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.**

**Rom. 15:18, “For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient—”**

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**2 Cor. 12:12, “Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.”**





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- Road
- Minor Road
- River
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- City or Town

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**“I have completely fulfilled  
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**Isa. 52:13, “Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.**

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**Rom. 15:25, “But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.**

**Rom. 15:26, “For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.**

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