

Romans # 27

Romans 15¹⁴⁻³³

An apostle as a person

Lord's day morning: 6 May 2007

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Children's talk: An offering acceptable to God

Introduction

A pastor's heart opened before us

1. Paul's pastoral work

Praise	What are they complete & competent for?	15 ¹⁴
Purpose	Why be bold with them?	15 ¹⁵
Priestly	Why offerings must be living and self-giving!	15 ¹⁶
Past preaching	Why can he glory in this?	15 ¹⁷⁻¹⁹
Power	What is greater than signs & miracles?	15 ¹⁸⁻¹⁹
Plans	Why man proposes but God disposes!	15 ^{22-24, 28-29}
Poor	Why go all the way to Jerusalem?	15 ²⁵⁻²⁸

2. Paul's passion

A heart for the unchurched	15 ²⁰
A heart for the church of God	1 ¹¹⁻¹²
A heart for the unity of the church of God	15 ²⁷⁻²⁸

3. Paul's plea

Pray with me	Why prayer is like wrestling!	15 ³⁰
Pray for me	Why? Because I'm weak too!	15 ³⁰
Pray concerning me	Why? So my motives will not be misunderstood	15 ³¹
Pray for us	Who wants to be refreshed?	15 ³²

Conclusion

Our hearts opened for one another



Questions answered

- How does Paul encourage the church in the use of their gifts and graces?
- Who needs reminding of things they already know?
- Do we have priests in the church today?
- What is the priestly duty of pastors & teachers today?
- Is it right to glory in past accomplishments?
- What was the purpose of signs & miracles in Paul's ministry?
- Is it right to make specific plans for our future?
- Why did Paul have a particular concern for the poor in Jerusalem?
- What were three passions that moved and motivated Paul? How can these be reflected in our own lives?
- Why was prayer such a big thing to Paul?
- Why did Paul want special prayer concerning his visit to Jerusalem?
- What does the opening of Paul's heart to us encourage us to do?



Things to pray about

- God's heart to me when I was unsaved, and my heart for the unchurched.
- God's heart for me now, and my heart for the church of God now.
- My heart for the unity of the church of God.



Search the Scriptures

- What else does the Scripture say about the priestly role of all Christians in the new dispensation (eg, 1 Peter 2^{5,9}, Rev 5¹⁰, 20⁶)? What are the implications of this for our relationship to one another?