



A minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles

(Romans 15:16)



An apology, a gift and a plan

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ ...

...to all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints...

Greetings to the church	The Gospel of God	The transformed life	Personal thoughts, plans and messages
Chapter 1:1 to 1:15	Chapter 1:16 to 11:36	Chapter 12:1 to 15:13	Chapter 15:14 to 16:27

An Apology

Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points...

(Romans 15:15)

➤ Paul's confidence in the believers in Rome

- Goodness, knowledge and zeal

➤ Reminders

- To the head or to the heart

➤ Building up the saints

- *Do not neglect the gift that is in you...* (1 Timothy 4:14)

A Gift

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ἱεραουργέω (hierourgeō)
- to officiate as a priest

λειτουργός (leitourgos)
- a (willing) public servant

...that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles,
ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles
might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:16)

A sweet savour
to God

The Gentiles are
the offering

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Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus...

- Paul's joy was in what **Christ** has done
- Making the Gentiles obedient
 - By word – in the power of the Spirit
 - By deed – in the power of signs and wonders

A Gift



***“From Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum
I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”***

(Romans 15:19)

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➤ Called to be a pioneer

- Acts 9:15 – *“He is a chosen vessel of Mine...”*
- Acts 26:18 – *“A minister and a witness...”*
- 1 Timothy 1:16 – *“A pattern to those who are going to believe...”*

A Plan



(Probably from Corinth)

"I hope to see you [who are in Rome] on my journey [to Spain], and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.

*But now I am going **to Jerusalem** to minister to the saints."*

(Romans 15:24-25)

A Plan

But now I am going to Jerusalem...

(Romans 15:25)

- The gift to the saints in Jerusalem
 - *“By this all will know...”*
 - *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”*
 - The Gentiles are debtors to the Jews

A Plan

Now I beg you, brethren ... that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me...

(Romans 15:30)

- *“That I may be delivered from those ... who do not believe...”*
- *“That my service ... may be acceptable to the saints...”*
- *“That I might come to you with joy by the will of God...”*

Striving together





Now the God of peace be with you all.