Lesson 25 Paul's Personal Plans and Prayers (Romans 15:14-33)

Questions

1. Of what was Paul confident concerning the saints at Rome (15:14)?
2. Why did Paul write to the saints at Rome (15:15)?
3. How does Paul describe the nature of his preaching work in verses 16 through 21?
4. What does Paul say about his future plans and why does he want to see the Roman brethren (15:22-24)?
5. What does Paul plan to do at Jerusalem before he can come to Rome (15:25-27)?
6. Paul wanted to visit Rome on his way to what place (15:24,28)?
7. With what would Paul come to Rome (15:29)?
8. What does Paul want the saints at Rome to do for him (15:30)?
9. For what specific things does Paul want the saints to pray (15:31-32)?

10. How is God described in verse 33 (compare with 15:5,13)?
Digging Deeper
How does verse 16 related to Old Testament Levitical sacrifices?
2. Where is Jerusalem, Illyricum, and Spain located on a map (15:19,24,28)?
3. What Old Testament scripture is quoted in verse 21?
4. How does Romans 15:22-24,32 relate to Romans 1:8-13?
5. What are the "spiritual things" and the "carnal things" in verse 27?
6. What do these words mean: "come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ" (15:29)?
7. What other NT passages tell about the contribution of local churches to needy saints?
8. How was the prayer of verses 31 and 32 answered according to Acts 21-28?
9. Did Paul ever make it to Rome? If so, when, how, and what did he do there?
10. Did Paul ever make it to Spain?

• Applications for Today

- 1. Local churches today should strive for the same qualities found at Rome: goodness, knowledge, and admonishing one another (15:14).
- 2. We will convert more people today if we, like Paul, <u>make it our aim</u> to preach the gospel (15:20).
- 3. While individual Christians may contribute to saints and non-saints alike, contributions from local churches are to be given to needy saints only (15:25).
- 4. It is important to pray for our brethren (15:30).
- 5. God may answer our prayers in a way that we do not want or expect (15:31-32; see Acts 21-28).