

# Romans

Paul the Minister to the Gentiles ([Romans 15:14-21](#))

**Read: Paul the Minister to the Gentiles (15:14-21)**

**Explain: Paul the Minister to the Gentiles (15:14-21)**

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What do the words mean?

**14 I myself am satisfied** [perfect middle indicative; convinced, assented, rely, agreed, assured, believed, have confidence in, contented, make friend, obeyed, \_\_\_\_\_, trusted, yielded] **about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are** [present middle indicative] **full** [replete, full] **of goodness** [goodness, virtue, beneficence], **filled** [perfect middle participle; replete, crammed full, leveled off, furnished, satisfied, executed, finished, verified, accomplished, completed, ended, expired, filled up, fulfilled, perfected, supplied] **with all knowledge** [knowing, knowledge, science] **and able** [*dynamai*; present middle participle; able, possible, be of power] **to instruct** [present active infinitive; to put in \_\_\_\_\_, to caution or reprove gently, admonish, warn] **one another.** **15 But on some points** [piece, part, portion, some] **I have written** [aorist active indicative] **to you very boldly** [more daringly, with greater confidence than otherwise, the more boldly] **by way of reminder** [present active participle; to remind of, put in mind], **because** [*dia*] **of the grace** [*charis*] **given** [aorist middle participle] **me by God** **16 to be** [present middle infinitive; exist, be] **a minister** [*leitourgos*; public servant, functionary in the Temple or Gospel, worshipper of God or benefactor of man, minister] **of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles** [*ethnos*] **in the priestly service** [present active participle; a compound word consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, officiate as a priest, minister] **of the gospel** [gospel, good \_\_\_\_\_] **of God, so that the offering** [presentation, oblation (bloodless) or sacrifice, offering (up)] **of the Gentiles** [*ethnos*] **may be** [second aorist active \_\_\_\_\_] **acceptable** [well received, accepted, acceptable], **sanctified** [perfect passive (Robertson) participle; to make holy, purify, consecrate, venerate, hallow, be holy, sanctify] **by the Holy Spirit.** **17 In Christ Jesus, then, I have** [present active indicative] **reason to be proud** [boasting, whereof I may glory, glorifying, rejoicing] **of my work for God.** **18 For I will not venture** [future active indicative; boldness, venture, act, courageous, bold, dare] **to speak** [present active infinitive] **of**

anything except what Christ has accomplished [aorist active indicative; work fully, accomplish, finish, fashion, cause, do, perform, work out] through me to bring the Gentiles [ethnos] to obedience [attentive hearkening, compliance, submission, obedience]—by word and deed [works, toil, labor], 19 by the power [dynamis; force, miraculous power, ability, abundance, meaning, might, miracle, strength, violence, mighty work] of signs [indication, miracle, sign, token, wonder] and wonders [prodigy, omen, wonder], by the power [dynamis] of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem [the capital of Palestine] and all the way around to Illyricum [a region of Europe—possibly the westernmost area Paul had evangelized up to that point] I have fulfilled [perfect active infinitive; replete, \_\_\_\_\_ full, leveled off, furnished, satisfied, executed, finished, verified, accomplished, completed, ended, expired, filled up, fulfilled, perfected, supplied] the ministry [note: the words, ‘the ministry’ are not present in the original—also why we won’t be using the ESV going forward after 2017] of the gospel [gospel, good message] of Christ; 20 and thus I make it my ambition [present middle participle; a compound word from the words \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: to be fond of honor, eager or earnest to do something, labor, strive, study] to preach the gospel [euangelizo; present middle infinitive; to \_\_\_\_\_ good news, evangelize, declare, bring glad tidings, preach the gospel], not where Christ has already been named [aorist middle indicative; uttered, mentioned, professed, called, named], lest I build [present active subjunctive; be a house builder, construct, confirm, build, edify, embolden] on someone else's [another’s, not one’s own, foreign, not akin, hostile, alien, strange] foundation [something put down, substruction, foundation], 21 but as it is written [perfect middle indicative], [Isaiah 52:15]

“Those who have never been told [second aorist middle indicative; to announce (in detail), declare, rehearse, report, show, speak, tell] of him will see [future active indicative],

and those who have never heard [second perfect active indicative] will understand [future middle indicative; puts together, comprehends, acts piously, considers, understands, is wise].”

Are there any repeated words?

Are there any repeated topics?

What are some observations of the text?

16 Paul viewed the Gentiles he witnessed to as his offering/sacrifice to God

16 Only in \_\_\_\_\_ was Paul proud of his work.

20 F. B. Meyer: The work which really told was not what Paul did for Christ, but what Christ did through Paul.

## Apply (What is the point?)

1. There is a time for encouraging talk
2. There is a time for bold talk
3. Both kinds of talk can be used to spread the gospel
4. Rejoicing in work done for God in \_\_\_\_\_ is good

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_
3. Spread the gospel
4. Rejoice in what \_\_\_\_\_ has done

## Next week: Paul's Plan to Visit Rome (15:22-33)

## Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: [Romans](#) (ESV)
- Church: [bit.ly/FlemingSS](http://bit.ly/FlemingSS)
- Tools: [bit.ly/romans2017](http://bit.ly/romans2017)

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read ([Romans](#))
- Talk (about [Romans](#)—[bit.ly/romans2017group](http://bit.ly/romans2017group))
- Send (feedback to [jim314@yahoo.com](mailto:jim314@yahoo.com) by Wed)