

Romans 15:14-21

Paul's Reason for Writing So Boldly

- ◆ My friends: I myself feel sure that you are full of goodness, that you have all knowledge, and that you are able to teach one another. But in this letter I have been quite bold about certain subjects of which I have reminded you. I have been bold because of the privilege God has given me of being a servant of Christ Jesus to work for the Gentiles. I serve like a priest in preaching the Good News from God, in order that the Gentiles may be an offering acceptable to God, dedicated to him by the Holy Spirit. In union with Christ Jesus, then, I can be proud of my service for God. I will be bold and speak only about what Christ has done through me to lead the Gentiles to obey God. He has done this by means of words and deeds, by the power of miracles and wonders, and by the power of the Spirit of God. And so, in traveling all the way from Jerusalem to Illyricum, I have proclaimed fully the Good News about Christ. My ambition has always been to proclaim the Good News in places where Christ has not been heard of, so as not to build on a foundation laid by someone else. As the scripture says, “Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.”
- ◆ Paul is now concluding his letter. Firstly he states how he is sure of the capabilities of Gentiles in Romans; they are full of goodness, they’ve knowledge and are able to teach one another. This is also true of us, we’ve the same capabilities and we should exercise them always.
- ◆ Paul boldly emphasized the message of Gentiles being an offering acceptable to God, and them dedicated to God by the Holy Spirit. He wants the Gentiles to partake in the life with Jesus Christ as their saviour, this is achieved by faith in Jesus Christ.
- ◆ In these verses Paul also speaks of how God enabled him to carry the good news about Jesus Christ to the Gentiles as a priest with boldness, in words and in deeds. He was able to perform wonders and miracles by the power of the Spirit of God. Paul’s ambition was to preach to those who had not heard the word, for the scriptures says “Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.” The message has now been passed down to us and we now also live life as those who belong to God, Christ being our saviour.
- ◆ All this being said, we need to praise God for his love for us and his greatness, God’s power was seen through all that Paul did. Glory to God, now and forever.