

Go Deep – 4.15.18 Sermon

(Romans 15:14-22)

Startup: Have you ever suffered “text regret” – you knew you shouldn’t have sent a text or email the moment you sent it, but it was too late?

Read Romans 15:14-22. Try to sum up this section in a sentence of two.

Read verse 14. What might Paul’s reasons have been for writing this verse to the Roman Christians?

If you were a Roman Christian who had just read the first 14 chapters of this letter, would you have already known Paul thought this way of you?

Is Paul using flattery in verse 14? Why or why not? (See 1 Thess. 2:5)

Is a person who is knowledgeable but not full of goodness competent to instruct? What about a person who is full of goodness but is not knowledgeable?

What should I look for in a counselor? What should I look out for?

Read verses 15-16. Describe the grace God gave to Paul. What does he mean here by the word “grace”?

In what sense was Paul a minister of Christ Jesus? What does that mean?

Why did Paul think of proclaiming the gospel of God as a priestly duty?

What does Paul have in mind when he speaks of the Gentiles becoming “an offering acceptable to God”? What kind of offering? Offered by whom?

Read verse 17. Paul glories (literally, *has boasting*) in Christ Jesus in his service to God. Is boasting not a bad thing? Explain. (Compare 1 Cor. 1:31; 5:6; 2 Cor. 1:12; 10:8, 13; 11:30; 2 Thess. 1:4)

Do you agree: “Humility is not thinking badly of yourself; it is not thinking of yourself”? Why or why not?

What would need to happen in a church for the people in it to be competent to instruct (or counsel)?

What in this text applies to our lives as individuals? To our church?