



11/26/23

“The Heart and Ministry of Paul”

Romans 15:14-34 (NIV)

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Glenn White

Paul's love for the church

1. Encouraged them (v. 14)

- “Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.” - 2 Corinthians 11:28

2. Reminding them of certain truths (v. 15)

- “Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.” - 2 Peter 3:1
- “Justification is the article by which the church stands or falls.” - Martin Luther

3. Longed to see them

Paul's love for the unbelieving Gentiles

- “But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.’” - Acts 9:15-16
- “For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.” - 2 Corinthians 5:14-16, 20

Paul's humility

- “Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

1. He could do nothing without Christ (vv. 17-18)

- “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” - John 15:5

2. Through the power of the Holy Spirit (vv. 17-19)

3. Asking for prayer

Paul's faithfulness to the Lord's calling

1. The message

- The gospel of Jesus Christ
 - "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." - 1 Cor. 2:2
 - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." - Romans 1:16
- A complete gospel (vv. 18-19)
 - "Faith is regarded as an act of obedience, of commitment to the gospel of Christ. Of whole-hearted devotion to Christ and to the truth of the gospel. It is to such faith that all the nations are called." - John Murray

2. Preach the gospel where never heard (19-21)

- Adoniram Judson, Hudson Taylor, David Livingston

3. Despite resistance (vv. 20-22)

- "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen." - 1 Peter 5:8-11
- "How could I spend the best years of my life in living for the honors of this world, when thousands of souls are perishing every day?" "Only one life, twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." - C. T. Studd

This Week @ Crossview

Sun 11/26	8:00am – Prayer Meeting 8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services
Wed 11/29	Noon – Prayer Meeting 6:30-8:30pm – APEX Students (Grades 6-12)
Fri 12/1	5:30-6:30pm – Women's Advent Study Begins (<i>weekly to 12/15</i>)
Sun 12/3	8:00am – Prayer Meeting 8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services

Coming Soon

Wed 12/13	5:45-7:00pm – BLAST OFF KIDS [Preschool-Grade 5, 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays]
Sun 12/24	2:00pm & 4:00pm – Christmas Eve Services * NO Sunday Morning Services *

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