

Following God's Call Brings His Blessing
15:14-21



- I. The **reasons** behind this letter – vv. 14-16.
 - A. To remind the already **mature** congregation – vv. 14-15.
 - B. To fulfill his **calling** as the apostle to the Gentiles – v. 16.

- II. If you're going to **boast**, might as well do it right – vv. 17-19.
 - A. When it is **acceptable** for Christians to boast – vv. 17-18.
 - i. Only **in** Christ Jesus
 - ii. Only **about** things pertaining to God
 - iii. Only **because** our fruit are Christ's accomplishments
 - B. When a believer is set on his God-given task, **heaven** moves on his behalf using all available resources to accomplish the task – vv. 18-19.
 - i. Word & deed
 - ii. Signs & wonders
 - iii. Holy Spirit.
 - iv. With the wide-ranging results – v. 19.

- III. Different **strokes** for different folks – vv. 20-21.
 - A. Some are made to **blaze** the trail – Paul – v. 20.
 - B. Everyone's ministry falls within God's **plan** – v. 21.

The Big Idea: God moves heaven and earth to accomplish His **purposes** in/through the lives of those who fulfill His **mission**.