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Romans 15:14-17

A COMMENDATION OF THE ROMAN CHURCH

1. Confidence expressed in the Roman Church

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Romans 15:14

- a) They are full of goodness
- b) Filled with all knowledge
- c) Able to admonish one another

2. This was Paul's personal understanding

- a) Of the Roman Church
- b) This is a general statement
- c) Not an assessment of every individual in the Church

A TESTIMONY OF PAUL AS A MINISTER TO THE GENTILES

1. The Ministry to the Gentiles was already proven to be a Biblical one

2. Paul explains and expands on his ministry to the Gentiles

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Romans 15:15-16

- a) He was following the example of the Lord Jesus Romans 15:8-9
- b) He was sure of this ministry because there was Scriptural support (Deuteronomy 32; Psalm 18, Psalm 117; Isaiah 11:2)

3. A reminder

- a) Of the grace of God
- b) His ministry to Gentiles was because of the grace of God given
- c) Grace was a key element in the Gospel of God

4. The Gentiles as an Offering to God

- a) All Gentile believers may be described as an offering to God
- b) The gift described further:
 - i) Acceptable
 - ii) Sanctified by the Holy Spirit

A REASON TO GLORY IN GOD

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Romans 15:7

1. Paul was appointed as an apostle to the Gentiles
2. As Peter was appointed to minister to the Jews Galatians 2:7

3. Glorifying

- a) This is valid
- b) It is glorying in the Lord Jesus Christ
- c) It is glorying in the things which pertain to God
 - i) In God's plan
 - ii) Within His will
 - iii) With clear and good fruits arising