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*<sup>20</sup> And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,*

*<sup>21</sup> but as it is written:*

*"To whom He was not announced, they shall see;  
And those who have not heard shall understand."*

*Romans 15:18-21*

### **UNDERSTANDING THIS TEXT**

1. This text is to be read with the earlier text (Romans 15:14-17)
2. This is an explanation of his ministry to the Gentiles

### **THE WORKS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL**

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*Romans 15:18-19*

1. The deeds of Paul  
They were described as "accomplishments"
2. They were both "in word and deed"
3. The ministry "in word"

- a) Preaching
- b) Teaching
- c) Writing

4. The ministry "in deed"

- a) Discipling
- b) Defending
- c) Establishing of churches

5. Accompanying confirmatory works

- a) Signs and wonders
- b) By the power of the Holy Spirit

**WHAT WERE THE GOALS?**

**1. To help Gentile believers**

- a) To come to faith
- b) To become obedient

**2. The work**

- a) It was not just preaching the Gospel
- b) It included the work of discipling the Gentile believers

**3. The Great Commission fulfilled**

*<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*

*<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

*<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

- a) Paul was conscious of the Great Commission
- b) He was determined to do his part fully
- c) He had fully preached the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ