**ROMANS 15**

1 Strong = can tell essential from non-essential

 Weak = can not tell the difference

 Strong should --

 A. Bear the infirmities of the weak

 B. Not pleas self

2 All should please their neighbor

 This is best for him

 Will edify (strengthen, build up)

3 Christ did not please self

 Ps. 69:9 - Reproaches fell on me.

4 Written aforetime = Old Testament

 For our learning

 Through patience - waiting for God to do His will

 Comfort - I Thess. 4:18

 Have hope

5 God is a God of patience

 Consolation - comfort, assurance

 You can be like this, too!

 Be this way toward each other

 Be this way toward Jesus Christ

6 One mind and one mouth

 Mind = heart, intellect, will

 Mouth = speech, outward acts, behavior

 Our heart and our actions should be united

 Hypocrite = mind and actions not united

 Sing, pray, read Bible, L. S., give - -

 Is your heart and your voice at the same place?

7 Receive one another = accept, love, support

 AS Jesus accepted us

8 Jesus was a minister to the Jews (circumcision)

 He confirmed the promises made to that nation

9 AND TO THE GENTILES -

 They were also promised - That promise was kept

 When did Jesus minister to the Gentiles?

 Gaderenes, Samaritans, Grateful leper, Good Samaritan,

 God has always been concerned about Gentiles

 Sodom, Ninevah, Cornilus

10 Deut. 32:43 quoted

 Rejoice with his people. All one, united. Not two churches (Jew - Gentile) (Black - White) (Male - Female)

11 Ps. 117:1 Shortest psalm - shortest chapter in Bible

 Gentile = nations Ther were Jews and everybody else

 Gentiles were to praise the Lord, Laud Him

12 Is. 11:1, 10

 Root of Jesse (David) = Christ

 Reign over gentiles

 Gentiles shall trust in Him

 NOTE: This text describes a peaceful kindgdom

 Wolf and lamb lie down together (6-8)

 Earth shall be full of knowledge of God (10)

 This is not about a 1,000 year reign of Christ

 This describes the early church.

13 Paul's prayer for ALL (Jew and Gentile)

 God of hope

 Joy

 Peace in believing

 Abound in hope

 Power of Holy Spirit

14 P.S. And I know that God already has blessed you.

 You are full of:

 Goodness

 Knowledge

 Able to admonish one another

 NOTE: Admonish - counsel, encourage, support

15 I have written more boldly

 Reminding you

 Because of the gift I have (revelation)

 2 Cor. 12:7

16 Paul was chosen to minister to the Gentiles

 Acts 9:15 chosen vessel

 Ministering the gospel

 Offering of gentiles is acceptable

 Sanctified by the Holy Spirit

17 I have much to boast about -

 What Jesus did through me

 In things that pertain to God

18 BUT - I do not dare to mention them

 Christ wrought by me

 To bring gentiles to obey in word and deed

19 Throught miracles (signs and wonders)

 Power of Holy Spirit

 From Jerusalem to Illyricum

 Illyricum farthest point in Greece. As far as Paul had travelled up to this point in his life.

 Fully preached the gospel of Christ

20 Not where Christ was already known

 He did not want to build on another man's foundation. He laid foundations for others to build on.

 I have preached where others have labored before me. I have been involved in helping to establish congregations from ground zero.

21 Is. 52:15

 Not taught - shall see

 Not heard - shall understand

22 Paul has had much hinderance to come to Rome

 He wants to go there (1:10-15)

 So many places - so little time

 So many demands - so far to travel

23 I am about to run out of territory

 This has been his goal for many years.

24 When I go to Spain

 I will come to you

 I trust to see you, to be assisted by you, filled with your company (encouraged)

25 One more obstacle -

 Go to Jerusalem

 Minister to the saints in need

26 Macedonia and Greece have sent money to help poor saints in Jerusalem.

 NOTE: "Saints Only" teaching -

 Gal. 6:10 all men, esp. Christians

 2 Cor. 9:13 them (saints) and all men

27 Gentiles - partakers of spiritual things fro Jerusalem

 Gentiles should share in their physical needs

 Preacher supported today - same reasons

28 Finish one job - then start another

 Many today start many projects - complete none of them

29 When I get there - it will be good

 Come in the fullness of the blessings

 Come in the gospel of Christ

30 I am begging (asking) you

 For the Lord Jesus Christ's sake

 For the love of the Spirit

 Strive together with me

 Pray to God for me

31 Paul knew that he was facing opposition in Judea

 From them that do not believe (Jews)

 Pray that the service (money) for saints will be accepted by the Jewish brethren

32 Pray that Paul can come to Rome in

 Joy

 The will of God

 And be refreshed

33 Standard greeting, salutation and close.

 Jews say, "Shalom" Hawaii, "Aloha"

 Tennessee, "Howdy"