



## *Aspirations*

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**Romans 15:1** Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not *just* please ourselves.

<sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.

<sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell upon Me."

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup> Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;

<sup>6</sup> that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup> For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises *given* to the fathers,

<sup>9</sup> and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, "Therefore I will give praise to Thee among the Gentiles, And I will sing to Thy name."

<sup>10</sup> And again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."

<sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord all you Gentiles, And let all the peoples praise Him."

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, "There shall come the root of Jesse, And He who arises to rule over the Gentiles, In Him shall the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.

<sup>15</sup> But I have written very boldly to you on some points, so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,

<sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, that *my* offering of the Gentiles might become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God.

<sup>18</sup> For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

<sup>19</sup> in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

<sup>20</sup> And thus **I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named**, that I might not build upon another man's foundation;

<sup>21</sup> but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard shall understand."

<sup>22</sup> For this reason I have often been hindered from coming to you;

<sup>23</sup> but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you

<sup>24</sup> whenever I go to Spain-- for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while--

<sup>25</sup> but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.

**Isaiah 52:13** Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up, and greatly exalted.

<sup>14</sup> Just as many were astonished at you, *My people*, So His appearance was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men.

<sup>15</sup> Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what had not been told them they will see, And what they had not heard they will understand.

**53:1** Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no *stately* form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

<sup>4</sup> Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

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What God can do in us as He gives us a heart for the unreached:

1. He grows us to be more like Jesus.
2. He produces an eagerness to go (both ourselves and our children).
3. He produces a wartime stewardship.
4. He increases our spiritual vitality (There is something different about people who are experiencing this work of God).
5. He increases our prayer lives. (The greatest of needs motivate prayer)
6. He produces in us a greater passion to share the good news wherever we are.
7. He motivates unity (Agreement on the greatest goals produce the greatest unity).
8. He prepares us to experience a greater joy at the judgement seat of Christ.
9. He honors the work and person of Christ