

The fulness of the blessing of Christ produces:

1. a passion to reach the un

of Christ

Romans 15:15 ... 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,

¹⁶ 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.

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

¹⁸ 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,

¹⁹ 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.

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

²¹ but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard shall understand." (see Isaiah 52:13-53:6 and Luke 24:44-47)

²² For this reason I have often been hindered from coming to you;

2. local and regional out

²³ 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

²⁴ whenever I go to Spain—

3. support of and hospitality to miss

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-

4. sacrifice to help our brothers and sisters in need g_____

²⁵ but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.

²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. (see 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4 and Galatians 2:7-10)

²⁷ Yes, they were pleased to do so,

5. a heart of indebtedness to the J people

and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.

²⁸ Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain.

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²⁹ And I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

Isaiah 52:13 Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up, and greatly exalted. ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ 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?

² 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.

³ 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.

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

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

Luke 24:44 ...all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

⁴⁶ and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day;

⁴⁷ and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.

² On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

³ And when I arrive, whomever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

⁴ and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

2 Corinthians 8:1 Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,

² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability *they gave* of their own accord,

⁴ begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

Galatians 2:7 ... seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter *had been* to the circumcised

⁸ (for He who effectually worked for Peter in *his* apostleship to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles),

⁹ and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we *might go* to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

¹⁰ *They* only *asked* us to remember the poor-- the very thing I also was eager to do.

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