

# How to Find Rest in The Fulness of The Blessing of Christ

## Last week

**Romans 15:20** ...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.

<sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

<sup>27</sup> Yes, they were pleased *to do so*, 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.

<sup>28</sup> 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.

<sup>29</sup> And I know that when I come to you, I will come in **the fulness of the blessing of Christ.**

## Today

<sup>30</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

<sup>31</sup> that I may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and *that* my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;

<sup>32</sup> so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find *refreshing* rest in your company.

<sup>33</sup> Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen. NASV

## Linguistic outline

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**Romans 1:9** ...God, whom I serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the* gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you,

<sup>10</sup> always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

<sup>11</sup> For I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;

<sup>12</sup> that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

**Romans 8:22** ...we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

<sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

**Romans 8:26** And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;

<sup>27</sup> and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

**Romans 12:9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

<sup>10</sup> Be devoted (lovingly affectionate) to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

<sup>11</sup> not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

<sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

**2 Corinthians 1:8** ...we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

<sup>9</sup> indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

<sup>10</sup> who delivered us from so great a *peril of* death, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

<sup>11</sup> you also joining in helping us through your prayers, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through *the prayers of many*.

**Philemon 1:22** And at the same time also prepare me a lodging; for I hope that through your prayers I shall be given to you.

**Ephesians 6:18** With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

<sup>19</sup> and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Philippians 1:12** Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

<sup>13</sup> so that my imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

<sup>14</sup> and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

**Philippians 1:18** What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.

<sup>19</sup> For I know that this shall turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

<sup>20</sup> according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I shall not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**Philippians 2:17** But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

<sup>18</sup> And you too, *I urge you*, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

**Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

<sup>5</sup> Let your forbearing *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near.

<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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