JESUS CHRIST, THE SERVANT OF THE WORLD Romans 15:8-13

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul admonishes the Romans to receive one another
 - 1) "receive ye one another"
 - 2) "as Christ also received us"
- B. Paul now presents Christ as the universal servant, the servant of all mankind.
 - 1) He has come to serve the Jews
 - 2) He came to serve the Gentiles
- I. Jesus Came To Fulfill The Promises That God Made To The Jew verse 8
 - A. "Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God."
 - "minister" = διακονος = "an attendant", "one who serves", "service rendered to another"
 - 2) "My meaning is that Christ has become a servant to the circumcised, to show God's truthfulness."
 - B. "to confirm the promises made unto the fathers"
 - 1) "confirm" = $\beta \epsilon \beta \alpha \iota \omega =$ "to establish a promise", "to establish it's truth by fulfilling it"
 - 2) "promises" = επαγγελια = "a promise", "an offer"
 - 3) "In carrying out the promises made to our forefathers" Gspd
- C. Paul uses Christ as an example of serving others
 - 1) verse 1
 - 2) verse 7

- II. Jesus Christ Came To Fulfill The Promises God Made To The Gentiles verse 9
 - A. "And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy;"
 - "glorify" = δοξαζω = "to invest with dignity", "to honour", "to praise", "make glorious"
 - 2) "And so that the Gentiles also should praise God for His mercy."
 - B. "For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto them thy name."
 - "confess" = εξομολογεω = "to speak out the same things as another", "confess fully"
 - 2) "cause" = δια τουτου = "on account of this, denoting the ground or reason"
 - 3) Psalm 18:49
 - C. "And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people." vs. 10
 - 1) "Be glad, ye Gentiles, in company with his people"
 - 2) Deuteronomy 32:43
- D. "And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles and laud him all ye people." vs. 11
 - "And let all nations sing His praises." Gspd
 - 2) Psalm 117:1-2
- E. "The descendant of Jesus will come" Gspd vs. 12
 - 1) "He will rise up and rule over the Gentiles
 - 2) "On Him will the Gentiles rest their hopes"
 - 3) Isaiah 11:1
- III. They Should All Hope In Christ verse 13
 - A. "Now the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing,"
 - 1) "May God, who inspires our hope" Amp

- 2) "Fill you with perfect happiness and peace in your faith."
 Gspd
- B. "that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."
 - 1) "abound" = περισσευω = "to be over and above, more than enough"
 - 2) "power" = δυναμις
- C. God wants his people to abound in hope
 - 1) Hope is a product of two things, knowledge and faith
 - 2) Hope is an anchor of the soul

PAUL, THE MINISTER TO THE GENTILES Romans 15:14-19

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul had confidence in the Christians at Rome
 - "And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness..."
 - 2) "persuaded" = πειθω = "to have confidence"
- B. He believed they were capable of helping one another
 - 1) "...filled with all knowledge, ablc also to admonish one another."
 - 2) "fully equipped with every kind of knowledge"
 - 3) "able" = δυναμαι = "to have power"
 - 4) "admonish" = VOUBETELV = "to warn" It is an appeal to the mind where opposition is present. The person is lead away from a false way through warning, instruction, reminding, teaching, and encouraging and his conduct is to be corrected.
- I. Paul Had Written Boldly verse 15
 - A. "Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort..."
 - 1) "boldly" = τολμηροτερον = "more daring, or freely"
 - 2) "in some sort" = μερος = "in some measure"
 - 3) "But I have written very boldly to you on some points" NASB
 - B. "...as putting you in mind, because of the grace of God."
 - 1) επαναμιμνησκω = "to call back to mind again"
 - 2) "By way of reminding you, because of the charge with which God has entrusted me."
- II. Paul Was A Special Minister verse 16
 - A. "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God."