

# Romans Series

## Lesson #157

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**The Gospel; Faith Rest Drill;  
Spiritual Growth  
Romans 15:13–16**

**OUR WORKS  
FILTHY RAGS**



**CHRIST'S  
PERFECT  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
& THE CROSS**



**ROMANS**

**GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS & GRACE**

# **Paul's Conclusion: Romans 15:14–33**

# 1. Like Paul, we should have serving the gospel as the central priority of life.

Rom. 1:1, “Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God.”

Rom. 1:9, “For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,”

Rom. 1:15, “So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

Rom. 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

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**Rom. 15:20, “And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man’s foundation,”**

**Rom. 16:25, “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began”**

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**Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”**

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**Rom. 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”**

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***leitourgos***

**acc masc sing**  
**“servant,**  
**minister”**

**Heb. 8:1, “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,**

**Heb. 8:2, “a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.”**

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**Phil. 2:25, “Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;”**

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**Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”**

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as priest”**

**εὐπρόσδεκτος  
*(euprosdektos)*,  
“acceptable, pleasant,  
welcome”**

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**ἁγιάζω *hagiazō***

**perf pass part fem sing nom**

**“to sanctify, set apart, pertaining to our sanctification, spiritual growth”**

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**εὐαγγέλιον *euaggelion* acc neut  
sing good news, gospel**

**1. The phrase “*of God*” tells us that the source of the gospel is God. He designed it in eternity past.**

**2. The gospel is *good news* to everyone, Jew and Gentile. God provided a salvation for all mankind without exception and without distinction.**

**Limited atonement: Christ died for all without distinction.**

**Unlimited atonement: Christ died for all without exception.**

### **3. The good news is that Christ has paid the penalty freeing every person from the sin penalty.**

- We are born spiritually dead. Eph. 2:1**
- We are born lacking perfect righteousness, Isa. 64:6**
- And we are born under the condemnation of Adam's original sin. 1 Cor. 15:22**
- Christ paid the penalty for the condemnation. That leaves each of us spiritually dead, and lacking righteousness. 1 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:21**

**4. Christ's payment of the penalty does not save us or give us righteousness or impart life.**

**5. Only by trusting Christ do we receive spiritual life and perfect righteousness.**

**6. At the instant of faith alone in Christ alone we are positionally, legally, totally forgiven of *all* sin.**

**We receive a new human spirit (regeneration)**

**We receive the imputation of Christ's righteousness (imputation)**

**We are declared righteous and we are given eternal life (justification)**

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by the power of the Spirit of God, so that  
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**THE ROMAN EMPIRE**

- City
- Perimeter boundary of Roman Empire
- Roman territory by the time of Julius Caesar (d. 44 BC)
- Roman territory by the time of Augustus Caesar (d. AD 14)
- Roman territory by the time of Trajan (d. AD 117)
- Territory temporarily controlled by Rome
- - - East-West division of the Roman Empire (AD 395)

**BRITANNIA**  
London

ATLANTIC OCEAN

**HISPANIA**  
Cadiz (Gades)

**MAURETANIA**  
Tingis (Tangier)

**NUMIDIA**  
Cirta

Sahara Desert

**BELGICA**

**GALLIA**

**ITALIA**  
Rome  
Cannae

**TRIPOLITANIA**  
Leptis Magna

**CYRENAICA**  
Cyrene

**EGYPT**  
Thebes

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Alexandria

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**GERMANIA**

**ILLYRICUM**  
Pola

**MACEDONIA**  
Thessaloniki

**THRACE**  
Byzantium

**ASIA**  
Ephesus  
Miletus

**GALATIA**  
Iconium

**CILICIA**  
Tarsus  
Antioch

**SYRIA**  
Damascus

**NABATEA**  
Dumah

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**SARMATIA**

**DACIA**

**BOSPORUS**

**BITHYNIA & PONTUS**  
Sinope

**CAPPADOCIA**  
Trapezus

**ARMENIA**  
Arbela

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**2 Cor. 12:12, “Truly the signs of an apostle  
were accomplished among you with all  
perseverance, in signs and wonders and  
mighty deeds.”**

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**to fill; fulfill**

**“I have completely fulfilled  
the gospel [ministry]”**

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### **1. Mixing faith with the promises of God.**

**Heb. 4:2, “For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”**

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**Rom. 1:8, “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.**

**2. Understanding the embedded reasoning contained within the promise.**

**Prov. 3:5, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;**

**Prov. 3:6, “In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.”**

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**3. We reach a conclusion that stabilizes our emotions and our soul.**

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**Full of goodness: an idiom describing their general character; generous, kind, upright.**

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**νουθετέω *noutheteō*  
pres act infin  
“to warn, admonish, advising, warning, reminding,  
teaching and spurring on.”**

### **3. Paul persevered in overcoming all obstacles in getting to Rome.**

**Rom. 1:13, “Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.”**