

Part IV

Paul's Letter to the

Romans

Ch. 15:14-21



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14 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.

15 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,

16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may 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, so that I would not build on 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."



PROVERBS 16:18



“Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.”

PRIDE

- Exaltation of self.
- Seeing others as inferior.
- Loving self over God.
- Not seeing God as supreme and submitting to Him.
- It is SELF worship.
- And the desire to have others worship you in some way.



PRIDE

THE FIRST SIN, EVER?



“Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God...”

“You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. “You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared. “You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. “You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you.” **Ezekiel 28:12-15**

ISAIAH 14:13-15



“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

“Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.

GENESIS 3:5

SATAN TO EVE



“For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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BOASTING



- ✓ Not all boasting is bad.
- ✓ There is a boasting that is acceptable and one that is NOT.
- ✓ It all has to do with the OBJECT of your boast (who or what are you boasting about?)

THE BOASTING IN SELF

The **Pharisee** in Luke 18:10-12:

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. “The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ‘I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’”



THE BOASTING IN SELF

Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:30:

“The king reflected and said, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?’”



THE BOASTING IN SELF

Herod in Acts 12:21-22

“On an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the rostrum and began delivering an address to them. The people kept crying out, “The voice of a god and not of a man!”



Isaiah 10:15

“Is the axe to boast itself over the one who chops with it? Is the saw to exalt itself over the one who wields it?”



TURN TO
1 SAMUEL 17:33-37



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PAUL SAW HIMSELF AS UNWORTHY

1 Cor. 15:9-10 “For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.”

1 Tim. 1:15 “It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.”



IT IS GOD WHO PROVIDES FOR US ANY GOOD THAT WE DO



- ✓ Eph 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”
- ✓ 1 Cor. 3:6 “I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.”

1 COR. 1:26-29



“For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, **so that** no man may boast before God.

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