

Part V

Paul's Letter to the

Romans

Ch. 15:14-21



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| 7. He is an Example. | (v. 18) | |
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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."



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- A state of being in compliance, obedient.*
- You listen and follow directions.*
- Generally, the obedience which every slave owes his master.*

*BDAG: William Arndt et al., A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000).

OBEDIENCE AND BELIEVING GO HAND IN HAND



- ✓ Gen. 22:18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed because you have obeyed My voice."
- ✓ Throughout the OT.
- ✓how important is obedience to God?



TURN TO 1 SAMUEL 15

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1 Peter 1:1-2 “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.”

Heb. 5:9 “And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation”

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Matt 16:24-26 “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and **take up** his cross and follow Me. “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

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John 14:15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

John 14:21-24 “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him...Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. “He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.”

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Exodus 5:2—“Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD.” (Pharoah of Egypt)

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SYNONYMS!



Act 5:32 “And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to **those who obey Him.**”

Acts 6:7 “The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests **were becoming obedient** to the faith.”

John 3:36 ““He **who believes** in the Son has eternal life; but he who **does not obey** the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

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