

Part VI

Paul's Letter to the

Romans

Ch. 15:14-21



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| 6. He Exhorts his people to obedience. | | (v. 18) |
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ROMANS 15:14-21

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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SHOULD CAUTION US IN AT LEAST 2 WAYS.



1. Beware of anyone **new** on the scene in Christiandom.
2. Beware of fad Christianity items that pop up suddenly that EVERYONE is reading/watching.

PERILOUS “FAD” CHRISTIAN BOOKS.



1. The Prayer of Jabez
2. Jesus Calling
3. The Shack
4. The Secret
5. 90 Minutes in Heaven
6. 23 Minutes in Hell
7. The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven.

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“God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul”

Acts 19:11

THE STANDARD OF WORDS AND DEEDS CONTINUES



- The bearer of the message must still walk by the message he bears.

WHAT DID PAUL FEAR?



“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”

1 Cor. 9:24-27

JESUS' SCATHING REBUKE!

Turn to Matthew 23



WORDS, DEEDS, AND HEART!



“Then the Lord said, “Because this people draw near with their words
And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far
from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by
rote,”

~Isaiah 29:13

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