

PAUL'S FUTURE PLANS
(Romans 15:21-29)

I. Paul's Confidence Concerning The Believers At Rome (15:14-15a)

II. Paul's Priestly Ministry To The Gentiles (15:15b-20)

III. Paul's Future Plans (15:22-29)

- When it comes to future plans, how do we discern the unknown will of God in this?

A. His Explainable Delay In Coming To Rome (15:22)

1. "*For this reason*" points us back to what _____ Paul from coming to them
2. Paul's delay in coming was because he had given himself to preaching the _____ where ever the Lord had opened a door.
 - What should this tell us about our priorities in life?

B. His Expectation In Seeing Them (15:23-24)

1. His stated reasons for "now" coming to them was...
 - a. "...*having no more* _____ *in these parts...*"
 - b. "... *having a great* _____ *these many years to come to you...*"
- When will this occur Paul? (15:24)
 - What are your intentions in this visit?
 - 1) for I hope to _____ you while on my journey ...

2) He hoped to be _____ to Spain, by the Roman Christians

3) but first, he hoped to enjoy their _____ & _____

- What does that teach us about your desires, your objectives, & God's Sovereign will?

C. Paul's Future Plan Explained (15:25-28)

1. Paul's plan had a previous _____! ... it was in _____, not Rome!
2. His purpose in going to Jerusalem was to bring the Jews there a _____ from the Gentile churches in Macedonia & Achaia!
3. Note the attitude of the Gentile believers in their _____ in 15:26 and 27

- How are Gentiles "debtors" to the Jews?

4. Paul saw this _____ as an act of _____ from the Gentiles to the Jews in hopes of strengthening _____ between them

5. This offering was so important, that Paul himself wanted to _____ it & _____ it (vs 28)

D. His Confidence Concerning God's Blessing In This (15:29)

1. Paul's confidence here is seen in 2 areas:

- a. He was confident that He would _____ it to Rome to _____ them personally!
- b. He was confident concerning the _____ of the _____...

2. What is the means of our full and rich blessings in Christ?