

Romans # 192

“Sharing Blessings; Plenty to go Around”

Romans 15:20-27

Doing to others as we would want them to do to us and loving one another as Jesus Christ loves us is the application of the RFHC in the Christian life which can only be understood by consistent learning and applying biblical truth which is also the key to missionary success.

There’s a missionary ethic in the RFHC, so to be a missionary means to understand the RFHC and live by it and that requires prior preparation in learning the Word to transform the missionary’s conscience.

Going to Jerusalem is Paul’s emotional revolt but going to Spain is his reasonable, rational obedience.

Paul’s objective in coming to Rome on the way to Spain was fulfilled; not from his direct choice in following the plan of God but through divine discipline for emotional rebellion involving an unnecessary trip to Jerusalem; so what going to Tarshish instead of Nineveh was to Jonah, going to Jerusalem was to Paul.

Paul should have been inflexible in going to Spain and very flexible about visits to Jerusalem because missionary activity must be an assignment of honor, not a competition for numbers or an emotional decision.

This prophecy concerning the Second Advent says many Gentiles have never heard about this Second coming and are shocked by our Lord’s return.

In the Church Age, Jesus Christ is absent from earth, seated at the right hand of the Father and once the differences between the indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit are understood, the purpose of the filling of the Holy Spirit during our Lord’s absence is also understood.

His purpose in us is not for ecstasies or emotion, it’s to fulfil the function of the royal family explained in the NT epistles which is to have Christ formed in us but in the Millennium, Christ is present on earth and the purpose of the FHS is basically appreciation for Him, so only then is the FHS related to ecstasies, emotion and excitement.

Paul’s desires were compatible with the great genius of his soul and with the plan of God for his life.

The greatest human mind in history would certainly have a normal interest in the capital of the Roman Empire’s administrative center for the fullness of time in Galatians 4:4; *But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law. Paul’s had a very successful life learning and teaching the Word of God and when you learn a lot of biblical truth, you develop a lot of confidence, not only about the present but also about the future.*

People can't go to the mission field without support from local churches.

Paul's travelling desires are related to a tremendous amount of biblical truth he has in his soul, plus his spiritual gift and the filling of the Holy Spirit and he's not above having a few hours of social life as long as it doesn't interfere with his witnessing or teaching the Word.

A missionary must not leave behind any un-finished business as he goes into the mission field; no debt, no bills and no problems.

Missionary work begins at home, not in a foreign land, so if you can't witness to your neighbor; you can't evangelize on the mission field.

It's possible for someone to do a right thing in a right way which is of course, right; like the Macedonian believers but Paul's going to take their right choices and rationalize them.

When we start to follow someone who's right, we might turn out being wrong if we're not humbly sensitive to God's Word.

Macedonia and Achaia have decided with pleasure to make a certain contribution for the poor saints in Jerusalem, emphasizing the principle giving as a function of the Christian life without begging, gimmicks or any solicitation.

These Greek believers have done a great thing because their motivation was right and from their processed biblical truth and motivation, they've given a bountiful offering with pleasure and without coercion; it was their decision.

Gentile believers in Philippi, Corinth, Thessalonica and other parts of northern and southern Greece are aware that Jewish believers are somewhat responsible for the existence of the Old Testament Scriptures.

Being grateful for the Word and motivated by it, caused them to be anxious to financially assist the source of their spiritual blessings; Israel and that's a sign of their spiritual maturity.