

Series: Romans

“An Explanation of Paul’s Role as an Apostle”

(Sunday Morning December 12th, 2021)

Passage: Romans 15:14-26

Question = Why was Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit to Explain His Role as an Apostle?

Answer = The answer is that he had been v_____ b_____

Rom 11:20-21 “20...Do not be conceited, but fear; 21 for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either.”

Virtue # 1 = They Were Full of Goodness

Virtue # 2 = They Were Full of Knowledge

Virtue # 3 = They Able to Admonish Others

I. Paul’s Role as an Apostle Involved Being a P_____

1) His O_____

1 Pet 2:9 “But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, ...”

Question = What kind of sacrifice was Paul looking forward to presenting to God?

Answer = G_____ C_____

Dan 12:3 “Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

2) His O_____

Eph 1:4 “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love”

Eph 5:27 “that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.”

Eph 5:26 “so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word”

Ps 119:9 “How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.”

The ultimate proof of our success is that the lives of men, women and children will be s_____
t_____, and there will be a n_____ c_____.

3) His O_____

Acts 15:3 “...they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in the detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren.”

Acts 15:5 “But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, ‘It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.’”

The Bible says that we are saved by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ; and even Baptism, as important as it is, is n_____ e_____ for s_____.

II. Paul's Role as an Apostle Involved Being a P_____

1) His C_____

Acts 23:1 "...Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day."

1 Cor 11:1 "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ"

2 Cor 12:12 "The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles."

2 Pet 1:20-21 "20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." (Pt = This Was a Divine Process)

Acts 5:16 "...they were ALL being healed" (Emphasis Added)

These signs and wonders were directly linked to the Apostolic age as God was establishing the d_____ of the church.

2) His C_____

Acts 20:27 "...I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God"

Col 1:25 "Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God"

The distance from Jerusalem to Illyricum was 1,400 miles, and we should not forget that Paul did that in s_____.

Acts 14:20 "But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city..."

III. Paul's Role as an Apostle Involved Being a P_____

1) His S_____

Isa 52:15 "...as it is written, 'They who had no news of Him shall see, and they who have not heard shall understand'"

A Missionary by the name of Oswald J Smith had a similar attitude, and he asked this question: "Why should anyone in the world hear about Jesus t_____ until everyone in the world has heard about Jesus o_____?"

2) His S_____

This was Paul's role as an Apostle; perhaps, the closest thing we have to this in our day is our f_____ m_____.

1 Cor 15:3-4 "3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures"