

Romans 1:8-15

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-What was Paul's prayer?

-That somehow Paul would finally succeed (have things turn out well) in coming to Rome.

-Romans 15:22-25 (ESV) 22 This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. 23 But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, 24 I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. 25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.

-Romans 12:3-8 (ESV) 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

-To strengthen them

-That they would be mutually encouraged in the faith.

-Galatians 1:8-9 (ESV) 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

-He desired to have some fruit among them as he did among the rest of the Gentiles.

-Philippians 1:21-24 (ESV) 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

-Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

-2 John 1:8 (ESV) Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.

-2 Timothy 4:8 (ESV)

**Henceforth there is laid up for
me the crown of
righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, will award
to me on that day, and not only
to me but also to all who have
loved his appearing.**

**-James 1:12 (ESV) Blessed is
the man who remains
steadfast under trial, for when
he has stood the test he will
receive the *crown of life*, which
God has promised to those
who love him.**

**-1 Peter 5:4 (ESV) And when
the chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the unfading
*crown of glory.***

-Revelation 3:11 (ESV) I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

-Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV) 19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

-1 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (ESV) 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

-1 Thessalonians 2:13-14 (ESV) 13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. 14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,

-1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV) 1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

-Donald Grey Barnhouse: “We will suppose the case of a man who loves violin music. He has the means to buy for himself a very fine violin, and he also purchases the very best radio obtainable. He builds up a library of the great musical scores, so that he is able to take any piece that is announced on the radio, put it on his musical stand, and play along with the orchestra.

-The announcer says that Mr. Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra are going to play Beethoven's seventh symphony. The man in his home puts the symphony on his stand and tunes his violin with what he hears coming from the orchestra. The music that comes from the radio we might call foreordained.

-Ormandy is going to follow the score just as Beethoven wrote it. The man in his living room starts to scratch away at the first violin part. He misses beats, he loses his place and finds it again, he breaks a string and stops to fix it. The music goes on and on. He finds the place again and plays on after his fashion to the end of the symphony.

-The announcer names the next work that is to be played and the fiddler puts that number on his rack. Day after week after month after year, he finds his pleasure in scraping his fiddle along with the violins in the great orchestras. Their music is determined in advance.

-What he must do is to learn to play in their tempo, in their key, and to follow the score as it has been written in advance. If he decides that he wants to play Yankee Doodle when the orchestra is in the midst of a Brahms number, there is going to be dissonance and discord in the man's house but not in the Academy of Music.

-After some years of this the man may be a rather credible violin player and may have learned to submit himself utterly to the scores that are written and to follow the programs as played. Harmony and joy comes from this submission and this cooperation.”