

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

PREACHING AND TRAVELING WITH PAUL

ROMANS 15:17-29



The Heart of the Matter

Last message, we learned that Paul began his epilogue in his letter to the Romans at 15:14. In these final 47 verses, he drew his thoughts to a close and, in doing so, he mentioned things here that he rarely—and in some cases never—mentioned elsewhere. Here, we get a glimpse of Paul's strategy for ministry and read of his longstanding desire to visit Rome en route to Spain. Here, we see his missionary heart and his depth of commitment. These 13 verses are thoroughly autobiographical.



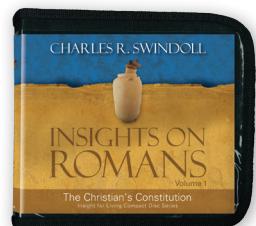
Discovering the Way

1. Paul's Thinking (Romans 15:17–21)

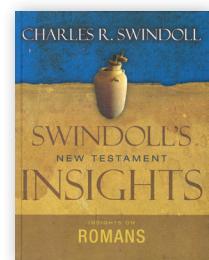
Regarding his accomplishments, Paul thought of himself as a servant; regarding his ministry, he was a pioneer.



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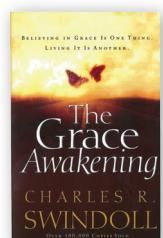
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2. Paul's Travels (Romans 15:23–28)

Paul had traveled far and wide from his home base in Jerusalem, but his great dream was to preach the gospel in Spain.

3. Paul's Attitude (Romans 15:22, 29)

Paul was both a realist and an optimist concerning his dream.



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Starting Your Journey

Remember these four timeless principles. First, life's greatest accomplishments are achieved through joint effort—stay involved. Second, joint accomplishments are never achieved without hindrances—stay determined. Third, hindrances are overcome by sustained hope in the goal—stay focused. Fourth, the essential companion of sustained hope is enthusiasm—stay positive.

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