

The Just Shall Live by Faith "The Messenger and His Ministry" # 2 Romans 15:22-33

Qualities Of an Effective Minister as Illustrated in the Life of the Apostle Paul.

- From Romans 15:14-21: Gracious, Bold, Faithful, He glorified only in the things that pertained to Christ. He never lost sight of his calling.
- From Romans 15:22-33
 - He did a thorough work where he was.
 - Paul endured the problems. Paul completed his ministry assignment.
 - He had a world-wide vision.
 - Paul desired to reach the limits of what was then, the "known world."
 - Paul **desired to enlist the help of others** to join him in that mission vision.
 - He had a heart of compassion for those who were suffering because of their faith.
 - Paul was burdened for the believers in Jerusalem and he encouraged the believers in Macedonia and Achaia to take up an offering to help them.

- The Gentiles received the gospel from the Jews, now the Gentiles needed to help the Jews with physical needs.
- He **served in the gospel of Christ** not in a man-made organization.
- He maintained that world-wide vision.
- He had no other goal in life but to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- He **begged others to join him in prayer** for what God had called him to do.
 - That he might be **delivered** from those who wanted to bring him harm.
 - That his ministry would **be accepted** by those whom the Lord had called.
 - That he would **be able to fulfill** his world-wide vision of ministry and missions.
 - That he would **be refreshed** by the testimonies of those who believed his message of Jesus Christ.
- He **set the example** through intercessory prayer.
- In Acts 21-27, Dr. Luke gives us the account of the last two years of Paul's life.
 - In human terms, Paul was a failure!
 - In God's eyes, Paul was a faithful servant of God, until God called him home.