

Self-Denial for the Good of Others; Future Ministry Plans

Romans 15

Group ¹	C	V	Description
Self-Denial on Behalf of Others	15	1-6	Self-denial for the benefit of others to the glory of God
		7-13	Christ is our example in accepting others
		14-21	Paul's thoughts re: the Romans and their faithfulness
		22-29	Paul's desire to see the Romans and travel to Spain
		30-33	Paul's prayer for release from prison

Reflections

This first half of this chapter contains many similar elements that are found in Philippians 2 regarding having the same mindset as Christ, being humble in giving preference to others needs, and being united in love. Through this we express our true affection for God and for our fellow Christians.

Paul then shares some thoughts regarding his ministry, future ministry plans, and his current imprisonment. It is encouraging that we have such an example for us like Paul. He is being held against his will and yet is still making plans to minister to people who he has not met and who have not heard the gospel. We would do well to follow his example.

There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study²: *my LOG vs others SPECK*. Here are some possible responses I've identified from the text that might apply to anyone.

S - Are there *sins* for me to avoid or confess?

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P - Are there *promises* from God for me to claim?

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E - Are there *examples* for me to follow or avoid?

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C - Are there *commands* for me to obey?

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K - How has this passage increased my *knowledge* about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?

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