

A CHRISTIAN ON MISSION

Romans 15:22-33

Introduction:

- A cowboy on a horse _____ A farmer on a tractor _____
A baby in a crib _____ A lock on a entry door _____
- A Christian on mission should be as natural as a cowboy on a horse. Are you on mission? What does this involve?

Supports Mission Work F _____ (22-29)

- Paul's situation
 1. Paul had finished preaching the gospel in the Roman Empire (vv.19,20) and so was planning to go to Spain _____
 2. A famine _____ had hit the Jerusalem area and Paul was taking up a collection from the Gentile churches to feed the saints in Jerusalem.
 3. After this famine relief effort he hoped to stop and see the Roman Christians on his way to Spain.
- Paul's request was that the Roman Christians help _____ him on his way to Spain.
 1. When Paul stayed in one location for an extended period, he would support himself as a tentmaker (I Cor 9:15-18).
 2. When he was "one the move" he needed the financial support of churches – remember Paul traveled with a tent _____
- Application
 1. All missions must result in spreading _____ the gospel. No one can be saved apart from the gospel (Rom 1:16; 10:17)
 2. All churches must financially support missions through the individual contributions of its members. We have special offerings (Local, home, foreign, short-term)
 - a. It is a sacrifice _____ above what is normally given to church ministries
 - b. Those who take away from their regular giving to give to missions are pitting church ministries against missions.
 - 1) Church ministries expense _____ missions
 - 2) Taking away from church ministries diminish _____ the church
 3. There are no guarantees in rescue work (e.g. the child that fell in the well, the individuals trapped under the Twin Towers). But they attempted to rescue anyway.
 4. God does give some guarantee that in missions. God will save people _____ from every tribe, tongue, nation, and class (Rev 5:9).
 - a. So do not think in terms of diminishing _____ it costs
 - b. Think in terms of people being saved _____

Supports Mission Work P _____ (30-33)

- Paul asked for prayer because he believed prayer makes a difference _____
 1. To deliver him from the unbelievers in Jerusalem _____
 - a. Paul was not asking that he not be persecuted. God already told him that he must sacrifice _____ for Christ's name (Acts 9:16)
 - b. Paul was asking for momentary safety so he could get the offering _____ to Jerusalem.
 2. That the offering would be a gift _____ by the Jerusalem saints.
 - a. Tension existed between believers in Jerusalem (all Jewish) and Gentile believers because of the Jewish Law _____
 - b. Paul feared that the Jerusalem saints would not accept the offering since it was from Gentiles _____.
- Paul asked the Roman Christians to stand _____ with him in prayer.
 1. The Greek word is where we get our word apostle _____

2. The word was often used to describe an a_____ putting his body to the extreme limits.
- God honors prayers that are p_____
1. Read the parable of persistent prayer (Lk 11:5-8)
 2. Read the application of the parable (Lk 11:9) – the Greek emphasizes ongoing action – keep on asking, etc.
 3. Will you agonize with me in prayer for the lost here, in Michigan, in the U.S., in the world? – God will not respond to h_____heartedness.

Conclusion:

A cowboy on a h_____

A baby in a c_____

_____ on mission

can you put your name here?