

ROMANS 59 – 15:4-8

Ministry to the Circumcision

1. 15:4

- a. *“written for our learning”* – We learn from every page of the Bible
- b. What do we learn? Descriptions, righteous living, and doctrine for Israel.
- c. Paul uses scripture to teach – Rom 4:23, 1 Cor 9:8-10, 1 Cor 10:1-12, Eph 5-6
- d. The Mystery does not make void the rest of scripture – Rom 3:31, 9:6, 1 Thess 5:2
- e. The Mystery does not contend with prophecy – Eph 1:10, Gal 2:6-9, Rom 3:21
- f. The Mystery must remain separate from Prophecy – 1 Cor 3:10, Rom 16:25
- g. We must study all scripture as it is all profitable – 2 Tim 3:16

2. 15:5-7

- a. *“likeminded”* – according to Christ Jesus, there are different ways to preach him
- b. *“one mind and one mouth”* – this is not the one heart and soul of Acts 4:24-32
 - i. The one heart of Acts 2:44 was prophesied in Eze 11:19-21, Jer 32:29
- c. *“receive ye one another”* – Jew/Gentile, strong/weak, circumcision/uncircumcision
 - i. For this Paul withstood Peter to his face – Gal 2:11-13

3. 15:8

- a. *“Jesus Christ was...”* – He was, but his ministry now is different – Rom 15:16, 1:1
- b. We do not know him after the flesh any more – 2 Cor 5:16-17, 1 Cor 15:3-4
- c. *“minister of the circumcision”* – Not to Gentiles → John 1:11, Matt 10:5-6, 15:24
- d. The story you don't hear at Christmas: circumcision, sacrifice, law – Luke 2:20-32
- e. *“confirm the promises”* – what promises? Luke 1:67-75; Gen 22:16, 26:4, Mark 1:14
 - i. The promises to Israel spoke of their Messiah – Deu 18:15, John 1:45
- f. *“unto the fathers”* – these are not your fathers, but Israel's – Psa 105:8-11
- g. *“promise of the father”* – the Spirit was promised – John 15:26, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4
 - i. The Spirit was prophesied – Prov 1:23, Joel 2:28-29, John 14:26, Acts 2:16