

ROMANS 60 – 15:8-16

The God of Gentiles Also

1. Some Context...

- a. Both Jews and Gentiles in Rome, some in Christ before Paul: Rom 16:3,6,7,11
- b. He is appealing for them to glorify God together with like minds - Rom 15:2-5
- c. Paul teaches the mystery (Rom 16:25), why does he quote prophecy?
- d. Romans 15:4 he says the scriptures give hope: Jew and Gentile, Israel and church
- e. Before, the Gentiles had no hope, now it seems Israel does not, both are wrong.
- f. Rom 15:8 – Jesus did not come to deny the promises, but to confirm them.
- g. Salvation to Gentiles is not a denial of promise, or abandonment of hope Rom 5:2
- h. Paul preaches that all hope is in Christ – Acts 23:6, 24:15, 26:6-23, 28:20, Titus 1:2

2. 15:9-12

- a. Paul uses prophecy to show that all can glorify God for his mercy – Eph 1:10
- b. God is God of the Gentiles as well as the Jews, even under prophecy – Rom 3:29
- c. Prophecy said that Gentiles would glorify God – Rom 15:6, Phil 2:11
- d. These verses are not the mystery of the church, but Gentiles in prophecy.
- e. The Gentiles according to the mystery receive “unsearchable” riches – Eph 3:8
- f. This kingdom Psalm is not being fulfilled in the church - Psa 18:47-50
- g. This law passage is not being fulfilled in the dispensation of grace – Deu 32:43
- h. This Psalm is a song of praise, that has only two verses – Psa 117:1
- i. Isaiah 11:10 is not happening today either, but it speaks of Jesus – Mat 12:21

3. 15:13-14

- a. “*God of hope*” – because of Rom 4:20-21 what the scriptures said – Rom 15:4
- b. “*joy and peace*” – in expectation of some good, peace because you trust him
- c. “*power of the Holy Ghost*” – which was a witness to all of them: Jew and Gentile
- d. “*and I myself also am persuaded...*” – They had only heard... Gal 1:23, Acts 9:13, 16

4. 15:15-16

- a. “*nevertheless...I have written... boldly*” – By what authority does he write like this?
- b. “*because ... grace given to me*” – Acts 9:15, Rom 1:5, 14:14; 1 Cor 3:10, 15:10; Eph 3:2
- c. “*minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles*” – Which was different than Rom 15:8
- d. The Lord gave Paul a unique ministry of grace to Gentiles – Eph 3:2
- e. His ministry included a special dispensation of the gospel – Eph 6:19, 1 Cor 9:17
- f. Paul’s authority in every epistle is based on this ministry – Rom 11:13, 1Tim 2:7

Reasons Why Paul Quotes Prophecy

1. **It was the only inspired scripture before Paul.** – “all scripture”- 2 Tim 3:16
2. **To authenticate his apostleship** – Rom 1:1-4, Rom 3:31
3. **All scripture is profitable** – 2 Tim 3:16
4. **To reprove, rebuke, or instruct in righteousness** – 1 Cor 10:6
5. **To communicate the gospel** – “the law is a schoolmaster” - Gal 3:24, Rom 4:3, 1 Tim 1:8
6. **To communicate with Israel** – 1 Cor 9:20-22, Acts 9:15
7. **To prove Jesus was the Christ** – Acts 18:5
8. **To teach how salvation comes to Israel** – Rom 4:13, Eph 1:10, Rom 11:27
9. **To contrast another dispensation with the present** – Eph 3:9