

ROMANS 62 – 15:19-26

The Poor Saints in Jerusalem

1. 15:19-20

- a. *“from Jerusalem to Illyricum”* – Paul was not sent to Jerusalem – Acts 22:18
- b. *“fully preached the gospel”* – Preached it completely, and will arrive with it known
- c. *“not where Christ was named”* – where was Christ named before? Believing Israel.
- d. *“another man’s foundation”* – who’s the other man? 1 Cor 1:12, Gal 2:7, 2 Cor 10:14
- e. Foundations are not church buildings, but men/message/ministry – Mat 16:17-19
- f. Foundations are laid by apostles – Gal 2:8, 2 Cor 11:5, 12:11-12
- g. The only foundation is Christ, but Christ did two things – 1 Cor 3:10-11

2. 15:21-24

- a. *“as it is written”* – Read Isaiah 52 is it the church? No. Is it Gentiles? Yes.
- b. He was hindered by his mystery ministry – Acts 21:21, 22:21; Rom 1:13, 1 Th 2:16
- c. He was in bonds for his mystery ministry of Christ among the Gentiles - Col 4:3
- d. *“no more place”* – that he had not preached the gospel – Acts 19:10
- e. *“desired... these many years”* – he heard of Rome in Acts 18, wrote in Acts 19:21-22
- f. *“if first I be filled”* – He wanted to be refreshed by them, and edify them -Rom 1:12

3. 15:25-26

- a. *“I go to Jerusalem”* – He was going there to give offerings – Acts 24:17, 1Cor 16:1-4
- b. *“the saints”* – the saints in Jerusalem are Peter’s little flock – Acts 8:1, Acts 15:2
- c. Why were they poor? Jesus said God would provide– Luke 12:22-33, Matt 16:6-10
- d. Jesus told them to sell everything they had - Matt 19:21, 27; Acts 2:45, 4:32-37
- e. God changed what he was doing, and a dearth occurred - Acts 11:26-20, Gal 2:10
- f. Misunderstanding their poverty has led to many economic errors and hardships
- g. Paul says by the Lord that each works for their own – 1 Tim 5:8, 2 Thess 3:10-12