



## Family preparation for congregational worship on March 25, 2018

**Our Scripture-Romans 15:14-33 (ESV):** *<sup>14</sup> I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. <sup>15</sup> But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God <sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup> In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. <sup>18</sup> For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, <sup>19</sup> by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; <sup>20</sup> and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else’s foundation, <sup>21</sup> but as it is written, “Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.” <sup>22</sup> This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. <sup>23</sup> But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, <sup>24</sup> I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. <sup>25</sup> At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. <sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. <sup>28</sup> When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. <sup>29</sup> I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ. <sup>30</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, <sup>31</sup> that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, <sup>32</sup> so that by God’s will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. <sup>33</sup> May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.*

### Discuss:

1. How does Paul describe the Christians in Rome (v.14)?
2. To what does Paul credit his success (v.17-18)?
3. For what does Paul ask the people to pray (v.30-32)?

**Prayer:** Praise the Lord for his mighty acts. Praise the Lord that He has given you the fruit of the Spirit. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for greater faithfulness with your talents and gifts. Pray for the ministry of Christian Radio. Pray for our church as we minister here in Eau Claire and ask the Lord to give us 3 new families this year. Pray for Andy Buhrow and the ministry of Baptists for life. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

**Memorize: (March)** *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
**Romans 6:23 (ESV)**

**Music:** As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you-Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you-allelu, alleluia

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