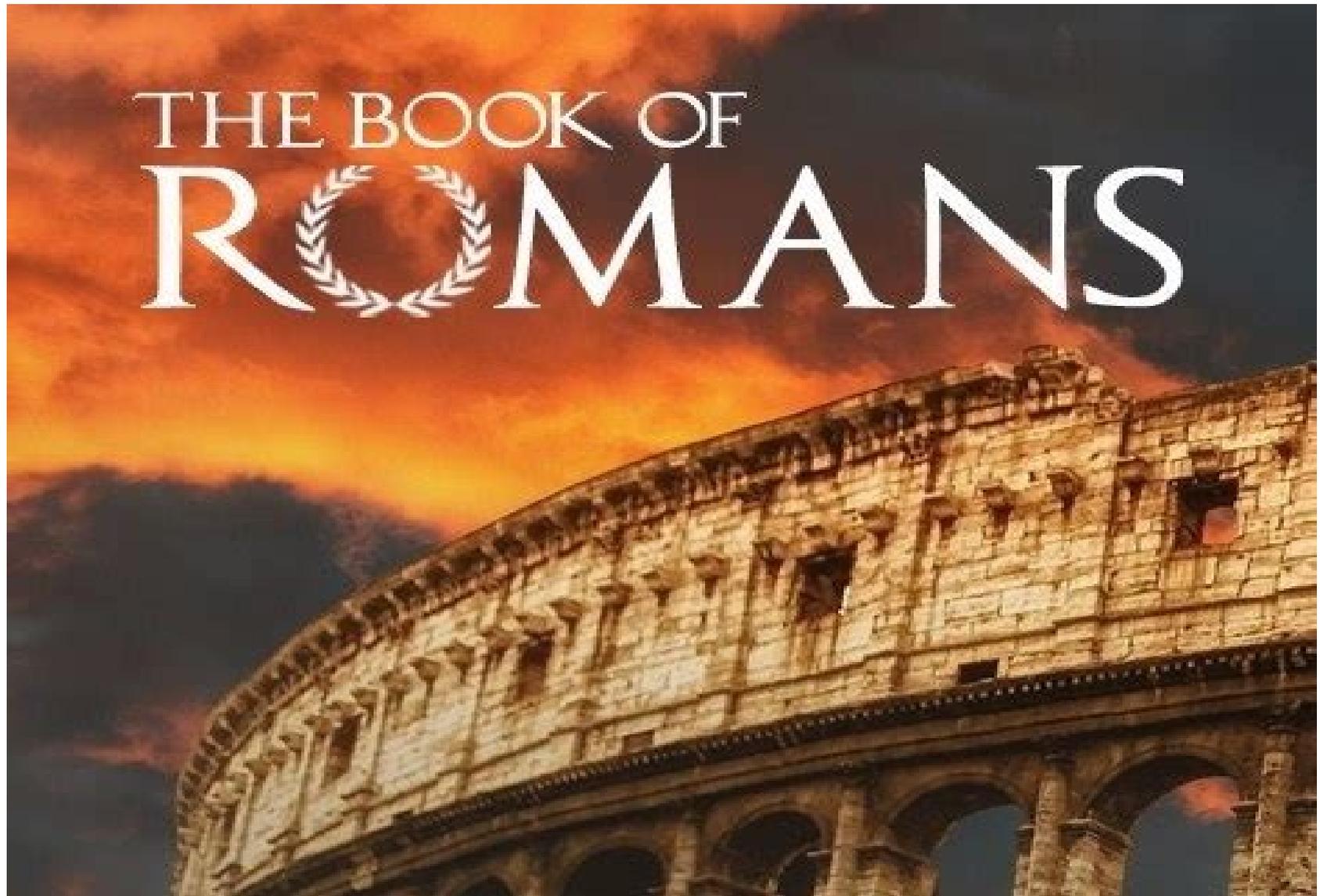


# Rom 15:30-33 Paul's Prayer Requests for His Visit to Rome



# Outline of Rom 15:14 to 33 and Rom 16 \*



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# Today's Verses



<sup>30</sup> Now I **urge you**, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

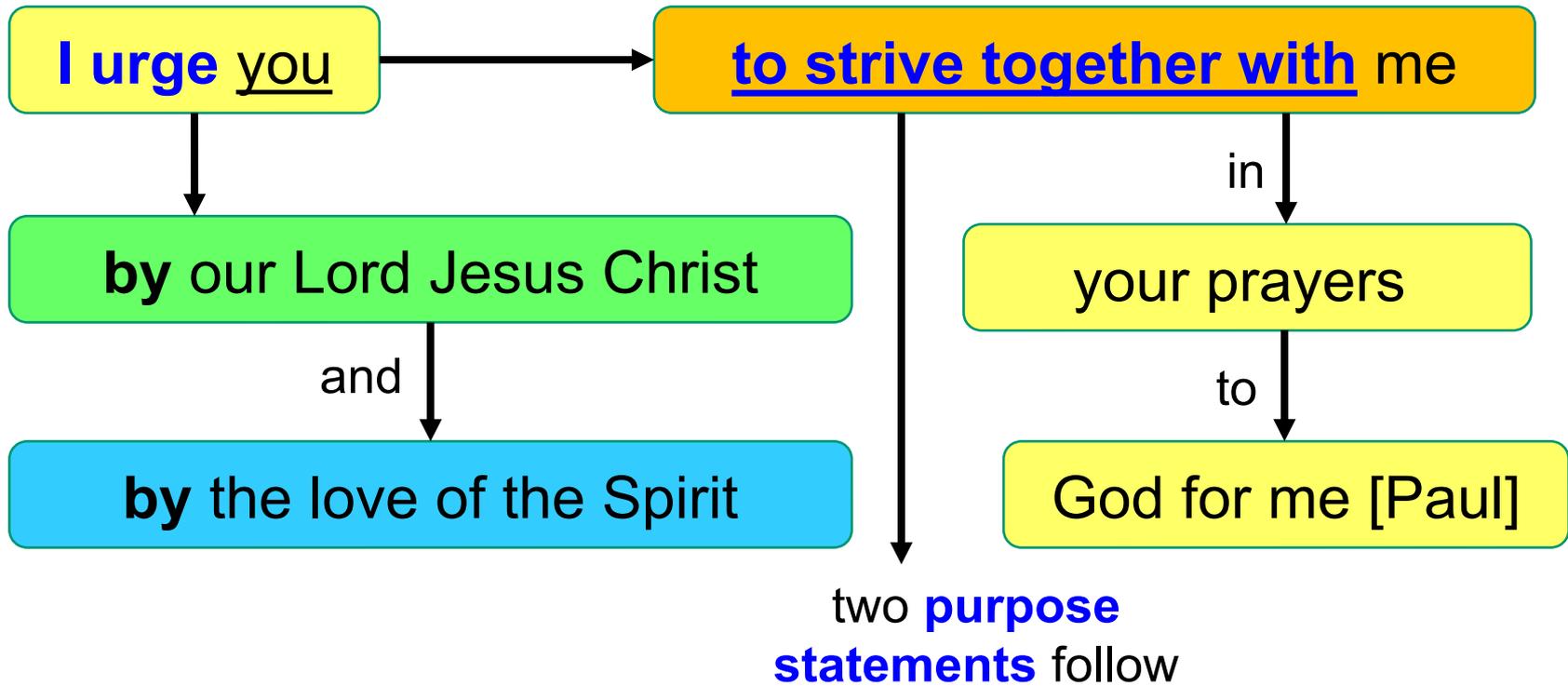
<sup>31</sup> that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and *that* my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;

<sup>32</sup> so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find *refreshing* rest in your company.

<sup>33</sup> Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Now brethren [in Rome],

Rom15:30



- Rom12:1 I urge you --- to present your bodies
- Eph 4:1 I urge you --- to walk worthy
- 2 Cor 2:8 I urge of you --- to confirm your love to him

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Now brethren [in Rome]

I urge - *parakaleo* - to call upon someone to do something to exhort, to beg - lit: to call to one's side

- urge lies between commanding and beseeching\*
- It is one of the tenderest expressions in all the Bible\*

key verse:

Philem 1:8a Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you to do what is proper, <sup>9</sup> yet for love's sake I rather appeal [*parakaleo*] to you.

- the idea: encouraging the believer to do something
- it's present tense - continuous action

\* Constable quoting others

<sup>30</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,



by [*dia*] our Lord Jesus Christ

- *dia*, used here means "through" in the sense of an intermediate agency Denney
- so it's through "Christ's life" in the believers at Rome Paul is making his appeal to

by [*dia*] the love of the Spirit

- *dia* in this case also is the idea of intermediate agency
- It's the Spirit's love working in these believers that Paul is appealing to
- This divine love is produced by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the saints – Gali 5:22a But the fruit of the Spirit is love --- Wuest

30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,



**to strive together with** - *sunagōnizomai* - from *sún* - together and *agōnizomai* - to strive, contend for victory

- to contend along with, to share in a contest \*
- Paul asks the Roman saints to contend with him in prayer. \* \* Wuest
- **I urge [you]** is receiving the action of the infinitive “**to strive together with**” since it’s a direct object Leedy
- “**to strive together with**” **is** an event [to do something] since it is aorist tense

**in your prayers to God for [on behalf of] me**

- He realized that in view of the spiritual forces antagonistic to his ministry, energetic praying was necessary. Constable

Now brethren,

Rom15:30

I urge you

to strive together with me

- now Paul will give us the first of two purposes for striving in prayer with Him

that

Rom15:31

1<sup>st</sup> Purpose

I may be rescued

from

those who are disobedient in Judea

and *that*

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<sup>31</sup> that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and *that* my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;

**that** – *hina* - with a purpose that

**I may be rescued** - *rhyomai* - to be preserved from, to be delivered from – aorist, subjunctive, passive

- It's largely synonymous with *sōzō*, "to save" Vine
- the passive voice: Paul is trusting God for this
- subjunctive – so God's will is involved

**from those who are disobedient in Judea**

**those** – who is Paul referring to?

**are disobedient** - *apeitheō* - to refuse to be persuaded, to refuse to believe – present tense, cont. action

- *apeitheō* from *peithō*, "to persuade", which makes the verb mean "**not to persuade.**"
- The noun form is "**non-persuasive.**" This describes Israel, stiff-necked, obstinate.

# Who are disobedient in Judea?

## I. Opposition of hostile **unbelieving Jews**\*

- Acts 9:29 And he was talking and arguing with the **Hellenistic Jews**; but they were attempting to put him to death.

## II. Also the distrust of **Jewish Christians** \* Constable

- 2 Tim 3:11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and **out of them all the Lord rescued me!**
- 2 Tim 4:17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and **I was rescued out of the lion's mouth.**

<sup>31</sup> that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and *that* my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;

my service for Jerusalem

service - *diakonia* - in the sense of aid meaning relief as spoken of alms, contributions (Acts 11:29; Rom. 15:31)

- Acts 11:29 and the disciples --- determined, each one of them, to send things which would minister to the needs of those brethren who were residing in Judea.

may prove acceptable to the saints

may become well pleasing to the saints

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- Paul wants the Jewish Christians to receive the monetary gift of their Gentile brethren.

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Now brethren,

Rom15:30

I urge you

to strive together with me

that

in joy having come to you

through

the will of God

I may rest with you

- now this is the second of the two purposes for **striving in prayer with Him**

Rom15:32

2<sup>nd</sup>  
purpose

<sup>32</sup> that in joy having come to you through the will of God  
I may rest with you. Interlinear

**that** - *hina* – with a purpose that – **2<sup>nd</sup> purpose stated**  
**in joy** - *chara* - joy, rejoicing, gladness

- Paul looks forward to a time of joy with believers in Rome. Wuest

**having come** – *erchomai* - to come, or to go, signifies the act rather than the arrival

- aorist tense: an event that will happen by the will of God **to you** [believers in Rome]
- The apostle probably also had in mind the blessing that would come to the Romans through his ministry among them. He did not know at this time that he would arrive in chains (Acts 28:15). Constable

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## through the will of God

- Rom 1:10 always in my [Paul's] prayers making request, if perhaps now at last **by the will of God** I may succeed in coming to you [in Rome].

**I may rest with** – *synanapauomai* - to refresh or take rest

- to refresh oneself or be refreshed with someone, in his company Zodhiates
- The goal was: Paul's joyful arrival in Rome in God's will and his refreshment in the fellowship of the Roman saints. Constable

## Alas, how differently things turned out:

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- Ordered to stay away from Jerusalem as a sphere [domain] of his ministry and sent to the Gentiles by the Lord Jesus,
- But, Paul chose to continue to Jerusalem even though warned,
- Paul entered Jerusalem and was mobbed by the Jews,
- Rescued by the Romans, arrested by the latter when charges were made against him,
- And sent to Rome in chains for his hearing before Caesar.
- But, think about the wonderful Prison Epistles that God had planned for Paul to write while in prison in Rome.  
[Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon]

<sup>33</sup> Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

- God is the source of peace and giver of peace

Rom 16:20 *The God of peace* will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus *be with you*.

2 Cor 13:11 Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and *the God of love and peace will be with you*.

Phil 4:9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and *the God of peace will be with you*.

1 Thess 5:23 Now may *the God of peace Himself* sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thess 3:16 Now may *the Lord of peace Himself* continually grant you peace in every circumstance. *The Lord be with you all!*

# Final Thoughts\*



- Paul, therefore in verses 30-33, beseeches [urges] and that by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and by the love wrought in believers by the Holy Spirit,
- that they [strive together with] agonize (Greek, *agonidzo*, the word used of contestants wrestling in Greek games),
- together with Paul in their prayers to God for these things:
- for the Jews being entrenched in opposition to Christ and His gospel,

\* Newell

# Final Thoughts\*



- Paul asks the Christians at Rome to pray that he may be delivered from them that are disobedient in Judea;
- again, he asks them to pray that his ministration for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints;
- and that, that he may come to the Roman Christians in joy through the will of God, and together with them be refreshed.

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# According to Thy Gracious Word, no.135

According to Thy gracious word,  
In meek humility,  
This will I do, O Christ my Lord,  
I will remember Thee.

Thy body, broken for my sake,  
My bread from Heaven shall be,  
The testamental cup I take,  
And thus remember Thee.

When to the cross I turn mine eyes,  
And rest on Calvary,  
O Lamb of God, my Sacrifice,  
I must remember Thee.

# *Hallelujah, What a Savior!, no. 111*

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“Man of Sorrows,”  
what a name for the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned he stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His Blood;  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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## *Behold! A Spotless Victim Dies, no. 125*

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Behold! A Spotless Victim dies,  
My Surety on the tree;  
The Lamb of God, the Sacrifice,  
He gave Himself for me!

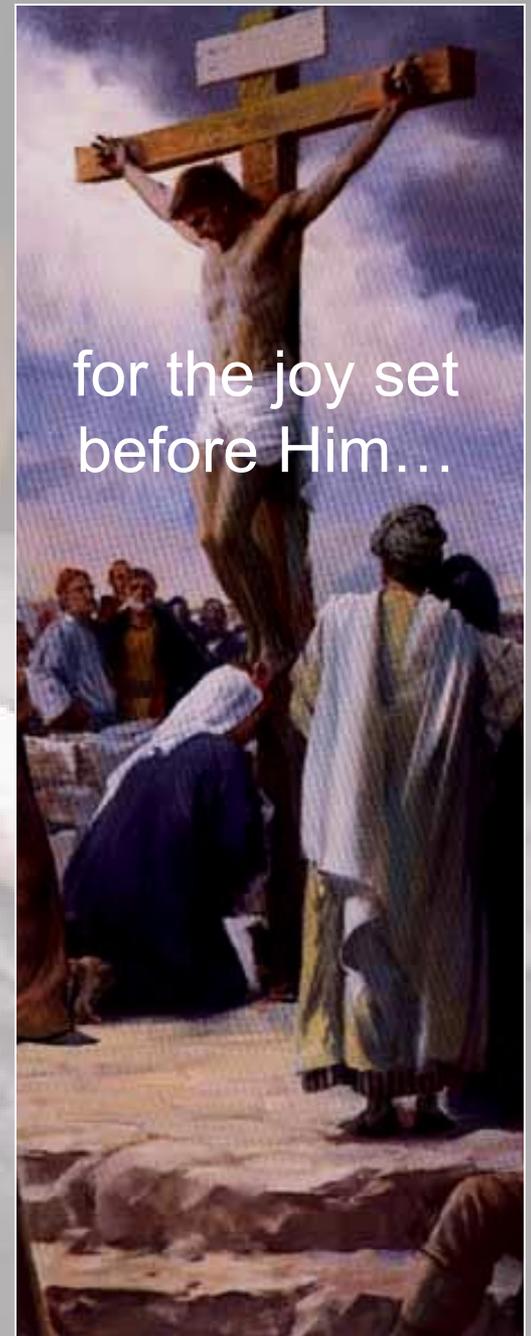
Whatever curse was mine, He bore;  
The wormwood and the gall,  
There in that lone, mysterious hour,  
My cup— He drained it all!

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## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



for the joy set  
before Him...

