
Romans: Theology 101

"Spiritual Urges"

Romans 15:30-16:20

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Introduction: Paul is in the process of closing his letter to the Romans.

1. Paul is trying to tie off all the loose ends in his communication with the Romans.
2. It's as if his mind is going in several directions at once.
3. He has just challenged them to remember who they are in Christ & laid out his vision for ministry.
4. He wants them to succeed, to be the church God intended them to be.
5. As he works toward the close of this letter, he urges them to do two specific things that are absolutely essential to that success.
6. These practices were important in Paul's day & they still are today.

I. Successful Churches Are Praying Churches

A. The Reality of Spiritual Warfare

B. The Power of Prayer

II. Successful Churches Are Careful Churches

A. Separation From Evil

B. Dependence on God

Conclusion: Do you see what Paul is saying? It is easy for us to be quite comfortable in our faith.

1. Paul never had that luxury.
2. From day one he was in a war.
3. Guess what ... we are too.
4. Satan isn't stupid. He has used our prosperity against us.
5. Paul recognized how real spiritual warfare was, so he calls us to action.
6. As we pray, as we separate from evil, we can & will win this war!