

A Reader's Guide to Discipleship©: Readings in the New Testament

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The sufficiency of the scriptures for all things pertaining to life and godliness
(II Tim 3:16)

Romans: Setting our sights on the mission of God for all people (based on Arthur Glasser)

I. God's mission to all mankind 1:1 – 1:17

-authenticity of the call 1:1-7

-Paul recognizes God's mission with the gospel and wants the gentiles to be included 1:8-17

II. The foundation for the mission of God 1:18-11:36

A. All the world is guilty before God 1:18-3:20

B. But God's grace abounds and offers justification to all through the redeeming work of Jesus 3:21-5:21

C. God's grace then abounds to the justified so that they may live in holiness and fruitfulness through the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence and power 6:1-8:39

D. This grace also extends to the nations and to Israel in particular despite her failure to carry out this mission 9:1-11:36

III. Setting things in order for the mission 12:1-15:13

A. Sacrificial living 12:1-21

B. Submission to authorities 13:1-7

C. Love is the glue that binds the church in all its diversity together to accomplish its mission 13:8-15:6

D. It is God's plan that Jew and Gentile should work together for the expansion of His glory 15:7-13

E. Paul's strategy for Rome 15:14-15:33

IV. Concluding remarks

A. Personal greetings 16:1-15

B. Avoiding doctrinal deceptions 16:16-20

C. Greetings from fellow workers and doxology 16:21-27