ROMANS 1:16

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

UNASHAMED: CHRISTLIKE, COMPLETE AND COMPETENT

Rom. 15:14ff

VSS. 14-16

I'm absolutely certain

You are Christlike in service,

You have spiritual understanding, and
You can instruct one another (mutual edification).

What an encouraging word!

How did Paul understand his ministry? Holy boldness was required. Straight talk (grace and truth) was necessary. Reminders should be expected.

He sensed a priestly duty to present the Gentiles to God as an acceptable offering. (Acts 9:15)

The Gospel means not only of salvation of the lost but also sanctification of the Redeemed.

(See Matt 28:19-20)

VSS. 17-21

Paul had a clear understanding of his place in ministry:

God has used me in His work.

The work is still God's.

The success is still God's

The 'signs' were made possible through the Spirit (See Acts 14:8-18)

"I have fully proclaimed..."

Can I say that? Can you?

Paul's focus is noteworthy
Stay on task. Do the work He gave you.
You'll likely need to set aside personal ambitions in order to be faithful to His call. (v. 22)

VSS. 23-29

The Gentiles, having shared in the Jews spiritual blessings (the Gospel), now have the opportunity (vs. 27) to share material blessings with the Jewish believers in Jerusalem.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

VSS. 30-33

Here Paul spoke of physical opposition, but spiritual opposition is always present

Recall Eph. 6:10-20 Acts 20:22-24

The struggle is real. The need for prayer support is no joke. Please pray fervently for those in ministry...