

Chapter 15

He proceedeth to make peace between the Chriftian Gentils and Iewes, 8. with this refolution, that the Iewes vocation is of promife indeed, but the Gentils alfo of mercie & foretold by the Scriptures. 14. Then drawing to an end, he excufeth himfelf to the Romanes for writing thus vnto them, 21. hoping now at length to fee them, after that he hath been at Hierufalem, 29. whervnto alfo he requetteth their praies.

And we that are the ftronger, muft fultaine the infirmities of the weak, & not pleafe our felues. ² Let euery one of you pleafe his neighbour vnto good, to edification. ³ For, Chrift did not pleafe himfelf, but as it is written: *The reproches of them that reproched thee, fel vpon me.* ⁴ For ^a)what things foeuer haue been written, to our learning they are written: that by the patience and confolation of the Scriptures, we may haue hope. ⁵ And the God of patience and of comfort giue you to be of one mind one toward another according to IESVS CHRIST: ⁶ that of ^b)one mind, with one mouth you may glorifie God & the Father of our Lord IESVS CHRIST. ⁷ For the which caufe receiue one another; as Chrift alfo hath receiued you vnto the honour of God. ⁸ For I fay CHRIST IESVS to haue been ^c)minifter of the circumcifion for the veritie of God to confirme the promifes of the Fathers. ⁹ But the Gentils to honour God for his mercie, as it is written: *Therefore wil I confefse to thee in the Gentils, O Lord, and wil fing to thy name.* ¹⁰ And againe he faid: *Reioyce ye Gentils with his people.* ¹¹ And againe: *Praife al ye Gentils our Lord; and magnifie him al ye peoples.* ¹² And againe Efaie faith: *There shal be the*

Pfa. 68, 10.
Pfa. 17, 50.
Deu. 32, 41.
Pf. 116, 1.
Efa. 11, 10.

^a He meaneth al that is written in the old Teftament: much more al things written in the new Teftamēt, are for our learning & comfort.

^b Vnitie in religion commended.

^c Chrift did execute his office and minifterie only toward the people of Circumcifion, that is, the Iewes.

root of Ieffe; and he that shal rife vp to rule the Gentils, in him the Gentils shal hope. ¹³ And the God of hope replenish you with al ioy and peace in beleeuing; that you may abound in hope, and in the vertue of the Holy Ghoft.

¹⁴ And I my self also, my Brethren, am affured of you, that you also are ful of loue, replenished with al knowledge, so that you are able to admonish one another.

¹⁵ But I haue written to you (Brethren) more boldly in part, as it were putting you in remembrance; for the grace which is giuen me of God, ¹⁶ to be the minifter of CHRIST IESVS in the Gentils: sanctifying the Ghospel of God, that the oblation of the Gentils may be made acceptable and sanctified in the Holy Ghoft. ¹⁷ I haue therefore glorie in CHRIST IESVS toward God. ¹⁸ For I dare not speake any of those things which Chrif worketh not by me for the obedience of the Gentils, by word and deed, ¹⁹ in the vertue of signes and wonders, in the vertue of the Holy Ghoft: so that from Hierufalem round about vnto Illyricum I haue replenished the Ghospel of Chrif.

²⁰ And I haue so preached this Ghospel, not where Chrif was named, lest I should build vpon another man's foundation; ²¹ but as it is written: *They to whom it hath not been preached of him, shal see, and they that haue not heard, shal vnderstand.* ²² For the which cause also I was hindred very much from comming vnto you. ²³ But now hauing no longer place in these countries, and hauing a desire to come vnto you these many yeares now passed:

²⁴ when I shal begin to take my iourney into Spaine, I hope that as I passe, I shal see you, and be brought thither of you, if first in part I shal haue enioyed you.

²⁵ Now therefore I wil goe vnto Hierufalem to minifter to the ^a)Saints. ²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia haue liked wel to make some contribution vpon the poore Saints that are in Hierufalem. ²⁷ For it hath pleased them: and

Ej. 52, 13.

^a He meaneth the holy persons that hauing forsaken al their goods for Chrif, were wholly conuerted to serue our Lord with al their mind. *S. Hiero. against Vigilantius.* the Heretike reprehēding the almes-giuen to such, as doe the Heretikes also of our time.

they are their debtors. For if the Gentils be made partakers of their fpiritual things; they ought also in carnal things to minister vnto them. ²⁸ This therefore when I fhall haue accomplished, and signed them this fruit, I wil goe by you into Spaine. ²⁹ And I know that coming to you, I fhall come in abundance of the blessing of Christ. ³⁰ I beseech you therefore Brethren by our Lord IESVS CHRIST, and by the charitie of the Holy Ghost, that you ^a)help me in your praies for me to God, ³¹ that I may be deliuered from the Infidels that are in Iewrie, and the oblation of my seruice may become acceptable in Hierusalem to the Saints, ³² that I may come to you in ioy by the wil of God, that I may be refreshed with you. ³³ And the God of peace be with you al. Amen.

^a In that the Apostle desired to be praied for we may be moued to seeke the same as a great benefit.