

In Defense and Boldness, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 15:14-21.

B. The Roman church was capable of effective ministry.

C. Paul views himself as a priest, a preacher and a pioneer. (2 Corinthians 11)

II. The preacher has every right to boast in what God has done. (2 Corinthians 10, Philippians 3, 1 Timothy 1, Galatians 6:4, 2 Corinthians 12:11-12)

A. It is wrong not to give credit to God for what he is due.

B. Paul rejoices when the message takes root because of the glory of God. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

C. There are five virtues of a master preacher.

1. He claims nothing but what Christ has done through him. (Acts 14:27; 15:12; 2 Corinthians 10:13)

2. He is faithful to the message of obedience.

3. He has personal integrity.

4. His work was given divine affirmation. (2 Corinthians 12:12, Mark 15:20)

5. His work is completely fulfilled.

III. Paul was called to the unreached people as a pioneer.

A. Some are called to pastor and some are called to be a missionary—both are needed.

B. Paul was called to be a missionary.

C. However, we should all seek to be a part of Christ being preached in new places.

Application Questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says it is wrong for Christ to boast?

2. Why is it sometimes difficult to give God credit?

3. In what ways are we all called to be preachers? Explain.
