

An Essential Evidence of Christian Love
Romans 15:25–28

Some Background History

1. Acts 2:45
2. Acts 4:32, 34–35
3. Acts 11:28–30
4. Gal 2:10
5. 1 Cor 16; 2 Cor 8-9
6. Rom 15:25–28

☞ Before Paul would minister the gospel to Rome and Spain, he must minister to the poor saints of the Jerusalem church.

What were Paul's reasons for going to Jerusalem first, the complete opposite direction from Rome?

1. Paul had to deliver the financial help from the Macedonian/Achaian churches to poor Christians in Jerusalem, 26

2. The Macedonian/Achaian churches were indebted to the Jerusalem church for the gospel and thus needed to minister to their material needs, 27

What did this have to do with Paul?

3. Paul therefore went to minister this gift to the Jerusalem church on behalf of the Macedonian/Achaian churches, 28

Application

Why did the Macedonian/Achaian churches do this? Was it optional or required?