

Romans 15:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

Analysis

And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ (οἶδα δὲ ὅτι ἐρχόμενος πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἐν πληρώματι εὐλογίας Χριστοῦ ἐλεύσομαι, oida de hoti erchomenos pros hymas en plērōmati eulogias Christou eleusomai)—Oida (I know, I am sure) expresses confident assurance. Plērōmati (fullness, abundance) suggests overflowing blessing, not meager measure. Eulogias Christou (blessing of Christ) could be objective genitive (blessing from Christ) or subjective genitive (blessing that is Christ himself)—likely both. Paul expects his Roman visit will overflow with Christ's presence, power, and blessing.

This confidence isn't presumption but faith: Paul trusts that faithfully completing his mission (Jerusalem collection) positions him to experience God's abundant blessing in Rome. The 'fulness of blessing' may include mutual encouragement (1:11-12), effective ministry, gospel advancement, and preparation for Spanish mission. This models expectant faith: trusting God's blessing on faithful obedience.

Historical Context

Ironically, Paul did come to Rome 'in the fullness of blessing,' but via circumstances he didn't anticipate: arrest, shipwreck, and imprisonment (Acts 21-28). Yet even in chains, he experienced blessing—conversions in Caesar's household (Phil 4:22), writing Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, and

Acts 28:30-31's report of unhindered preaching. God's 'blessing' transcended Paul's expectations.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does Paul's confidence in coming 'in the fullness of blessing' challenge or encourage your expectations when serving God faithfully?
2. In what ways have you experienced God's blessing arriving differently than you anticipated, yet recognizably full and abundant?
3. What would 'fullness of the blessing of the gospel' look like in your current ministry or life context?

Interlinear Text

οἶδα	δὲ	ὅτι	ἐλεύσομαι	πρὸς	ὑμᾶς	ἐν	πληρώματι
I am sure	And	that	I shall come	unto	you	in	the fulness
G1492	G1161	G3754	G2064	G4314	G5209	G1722	G4138
εὐλογίας	τοῦ	εὐαγγελίου	τοῦ	Χριστοῦ	ἐλεύσομαι		
of the blessing	G3588	of the gospel	G3588	of Christ	I shall come		
G2129		G2098		G5547	G2064		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 16:11 (Parallel theme): Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Ephesians 4:13 (References Christ): Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

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