

Where Christ Is Not Known

Romans 15:14-24

Romans 15:20 ²⁰It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

1. Paul was clear about God's purpose in His life: pioneer evangelism.

Romans 15:23a ^{23a}But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions...

2. In 1900 there were 9 million Christians in Africa. Today there are at least 350 million.

Romans 15:24 ²⁴I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while.

3. One of the main purposes of this very significant book was to persuade the Roman Christians to support Paul's pioneer evangelism in Spain.

Romans 15:15-16 ¹⁵I have written you quite boldly on some points, as if to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me ¹⁶to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

4. The goal of all this is an offering acceptable to God, what those Spanish unbelievers will one day become. That is our dream for the Fulani.