

Theme: Life in the Spirit (Romans)

Title: "The Healthy Church"

Reading: Isaiah 52.13-15 (p. 779) † **Text:** Romans 15.14-21 (p. 1208)

Paul Is Satisfied by Their **Morality** (Full of Goodness)

Paul Is Satisfied by Their **Intellect** (Filled With All Knowledge)

Paul Is Satisfied by How They **Function** (Able to Instruct)

What's Next?: Be on the lookout to help others. As I have stated so much over the past year, people are in need of love and hope. So, this week, who will you love and help to find hope. As you do, you will find yourself sharing goodness, sharing knowledge, and proving yourself faithful to the function that God has given you.

Prayer: "God, let me accept others, and let others accept me, even if we may think differently on some (or many) issues, as we seek to bring glory to You."

Weekly Nugget: Was Paul an atheist? According to the understanding of the day, most would have considered Paul an atheist. The Romans believed in many gods, but Paul did not. He believed in the one true God. But for many people throughout the Roman Empire, that would have seemed absurd. Thus, many would have considered Paul an atheist because he did not believe in their god or gods.