

WHAT GOD NEEDS

WHAT GOD CAN DO WITHOUT

Intro. Rom 10 shows God needs people to acc. purpose today. Cannot do without them, but can do without some things in them.

I. Does not need esp my program, Phil 1:12-18.

- A. P's program. Go to Jerus with money (Rom 15:28) and try to reach Jews for X, Acts 21:26. Goal good, motive good, acc to Word (to reach people). Hoped to go to Rome ther
- B. God's substitution. Capture, trials, 2 yrs Caesarea, finally confinement Rome-house arrest.
- C. The Lessons. (1) God may subst better plan for our good or (2) God may give us our desire but in diff way (Rome).
- D. P's reaction. No griping or complaining but saw hand of God in it all. v 12-advance of gospel. Progress is word. How? (1) Guard and city heard of P. e.g. Onesimus. Acts 28:16 (2) Brethren were emboldened bec saw that gospel was something precious to P bec he willingly suffered. Also may have seen that Jews had no case against him. Tho some did thru envy, strife, 15 and party spirit, 17 (selfish ambition and from impure motives, 17. P's attitude is rejoice bec gospel is preached. Don't do it their way but be glad it's being done. My program isn't the only way God works. He doesn't need it but I need proper perspective on His purpose

II. Does not need my pride, 2:1-4

- A. Reasons, 1. 4 1st class conditions. Encouragement in X, comfort in love, partnership in HS, affection.
- B. No pride in church. Centered in women, 4:2. God doesn't need but I need opposites. Unity of thot and feeling, 2 (as relates to Lord's work). No partialship, 3; no vainglory, 3; lowlymindedness, 3, accounting others before self, 3; concnd about interests of others.

III. Does not need my pedigree, 3:4-9.

- A. Not my background, 5. circum-born Jew. Benjamin-1st kg and faithful to Judah in division. Heb of-not Hellenized. Phar.
- B. Nor my accomplishments, 6. Acts 9:1-22:4 (Women). Persecuting ch and blameless before law. For Phar meant a lot. Matt 5:20. God needs people who realize sal is of grace and that they haven't arrived in Xn life, 9, 12-14. 1 Cor 4:8. ~~Food~~

IV. Does not need by ^{Paul's work} Purse, 4:14-19. P was thankful for gift 16, but rather than thinking Lord's work is dependent on my gifts I need to learn that (1) I am dependent on God to supply so I can give, 19 and (2) I need fruit, 17 and giving is one way to bear it.

Lord.

Of course, God does need programs, right guide & policies
& plans. But only if I have the right attitude of
dependence on Him.