

## Refreshment of the Saints

Romans 15:22-33

Review: Paul urges us to refresh the saints through

1. Providing hospitality to those involved in Kingdom work
2. Sharing financial resources with Christian brothers and sisters in need, all the while getting involved in their lives
3. Praying for the success of the ministry of the Word

Go Further – Read I Peter 4

1. In verse 1, Peter points back to 3:18, recalling the reason Christ died. According to 3:18, what is the reason for Jesus' suffering and death?
2. What conclusion does Peter draw in 4:1-2 from Jesus' example of suffering? In other words, given what Jesus did for us, how should Christians conduct our lives?
3. How does Peter describe the life of those who are not living according to the will of God?
4. In verse 4, how does Peter describe the way non-believers treat Christians?
5. In verse 5, what does Peter say will happen to these non-believers?
6. In verse 6, why does Peter say the gospel has been preached to those who were spiritually dead? In other words, what change does God want to make in our lives?
7. What does Peter urge his readers to do in verse 7?
8. In verse 8, Peter urges his readers to love one another. What specific examples does he give in verses 9-10 of how they can show this love? How are these similar to Paul's exhortations in Romans 15?
9. According to verse 11, what is the ultimate goal of Christian living?

Apply:

1. How might we show hospitality to those doing the work of Christ?
2. How can we provide true help to the needy, and how can we build relationships with them?
3. In what ways have you felt pressure to live in a worldly way?
4. How has your love for others led you to cover over bad things they have done to you?