*Northwest Bible Church – Sept. 25, 2005              Worship Service – Alan Conner***Rom. 15:30-33***Paul’s Prayer*

**INTRO**  
**A. TWO AMAZING THINGS ABOUT THIS REQUEST.**  
  
    1) The giftedness of Paul  
  
  
    2) The doctrine of Paul.   
  
  
  
**B. PAUL’S REQUEST FOR PRAYER (vv. 30-33).**  
        Paul knew the power and importance of prayer. He frequently requested in his letters to the churches that they pray for him (cf. Eph. 6:18-19; Col. 4:2-3; 2 Thess. 3:1).  
  
  
    1) The exhortation to the Romans (v. 30). “I urge you.”  
  
  
  
  
    2) The motivations to pray (v. 30).  
  
  
        a) by the Lord Jesus Christ - cf. all that has been said so far in the latter about Christ.   
      
  
  
        b) by the love of the Spirit - the love that the Spirit has produced in our hearts.  
  
  
  
  
    3) The labor of prayer (v. 30). “to strive together with me”  
  
        sunagonizomai: to join with someone else in some severe effort — ‘to join fervently in, to join vigorously in,’ ‘to join fervently with me in prayer to God on my behalf’ Ro 15:30.  
          
  
              
        Prayer is often a battle.   
  
        Encouragement of striving prayer:   
  
  
  
    4) The specific requests (vv. 31-32).  
  
  
        a) safety - FROM WHOM? The disobedient Jews. WHY?   
  
              
  
        b) service - Paul wanted his ministry to bring a blessing to the saints at Jerusalem.   
  
  
  
        c) joyful and refreshing fellowship with them –   
  
            (a) How do you refresh an apostle?   
  
              
  
            (b) “by the will of God” – Paul knew that his future was totally in the hands of God. This is not the revealed moral will of God which can be broken but God’s sovereign will.  
  
  
  
**C. PAUL’S PRAYER FOR THE ROMANS (v. 33).**  
    Benediction –   
  
    “Peace”   
  
    The word “amen” is a most remarkable word.   
  
  
**CONCLUSION**