



WHEN GOD'S LOVE FLOWS THROUGH A CHURCH,
GIVING IS NO PROBLEM



What is your participation in the church fellowship?

The Gentiles ministry to the Jews (23 – 33): Paul and his co-workers had received a special offering from the Gentile Christians in Greece for the suffering Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. Details of these gifts are recorded in 2 Cor. 8 & 9. It was an expression of love on the part of the Gentiles Saints toward their Jewish brethren. It was a bond that brought the Jesus and Gentiles closer together. The Gentiles had received spiritual wealth from the Jews and now they wanted to offer the material help, paying their debt. What a beautiful picture of Christian fellowship that we see here. When God's love unites people from different walks of life together, this kind of concern and love can be seen. Our obligation to Israel should be that we at least pray for the nation of Israel.

The Gentile offering was also a fruit (v.28). – the natural result of their walk with the Lord (John 15:1 – 8). When God's love flows through a church, and the Spirit of God is at work, giving to God and His ministry becomes natural. Paul was anxious that this gift should be accepted by the Jews, He was also concerned that He should be rescued from the unbelieving Jews in Judea. Hence, he requests the Roman Christians to join with him in his struggle by praying for him. Christians ought to learn to pray earnestly for one another prompted by the love of the Spirit. 'Strive together' suggests an athlete giving his best in the contest. He concludes this chapter by asking the Romans to pray for him so that during his visit to Rome all may be refreshed in the Lord.

*Lord , give me the grace to give my time, money and talent to You
and to Your cause.*