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Romans 15:32, **“That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.”**

Many of the older commercials on TV had a view of the mountains, or a mountain stream, or even waterfalls as the backdrop. Advertisers used this means to push their products with the idea of being refreshed by buying and then using the item. This wasn't always the case, but it was their way in attempting to sell us a bill of goods. Paul speaks of being refreshed in Romans 15:32, but does so in relation to the will of God blessing the coming together of he and the saints to be found in Rome, after going again to Jerusalem. Every time we go to the house of God to worship, we should be refreshed when we hear the gospel proclaim its wonderful message of the mercy and grace of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Paul spoke of being refreshed in II Corinthians 7:13 as he refers to Titus, **“Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.”** Seems the saints of God, found in the church of Corinth, refreshed Titus in his labors among them. Paul said that the spirit of Titus **“was refreshed by you all”** (vs 13) because of the **“fear and trembling”** manner in which they **“received him”** (vs. 15). I must admit, this has been my case many times as I have been blessed to travel among God's people in a number of states. It is a joy to be received with such hospitality and love as we have found among the churches we have visited. The end result was; our body was tired, but our spirit was refreshed. Of this, we can only say thank you. Why not go to the Lord's house often and go seeking to be refreshed with the good news of Jesus Christ and Him crucified, but now a resurrected Saviour. Then, return the favor! Help refresh the visitors at your church by welcoming them to worship with you and then invite them back. Not only will they be refreshed, you may find it to work both ways. Think about it!