

Chap 1:8-17



ROMANS

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Romans 1:8

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.

- Thanks the Holy Spirit for His work
 - Paul, nor the Apostles planted this church
 - Most likely Pentecost converts – Acts 2:10

Romans 1:9-10a

⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers

- Paul's spirit / motivation is affirmed by God

Romans 1:10b – plan to visit Rome

...I mention you always in my prayers asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

- Visit Rome & then Spain (Rom 15:22-29)
 - Paul is unsure b/c of the visit to Jerusalem
 - His itinerary is not his own, but He prays

Romans 1:11-12 – #1 purpose of his visit

*11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—
12 that is, that we may be mutually encouraged...*

- Symbiotic need of community
 - Word, Spirit & committed relationships...

Romans 1:13

*13 ...I have often intended to come to you
but thus far have been prevented, in order
that I may reap some harvest among you...*

- *the Spirit...did not allow them – Acts 16:6-8*
- Plans w/an open hand (Prov 16:9)

Romans 1:14-15 – #2 purpose of his visit

14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

- Civilized & uncivilized / educated & ignorant
 - Universal – *among all the nations* (1:5)

Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

- Roman culture, crucifixion is shameful
- Jewish culture, scandalous – Dt 21:22-23

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- σωτηρια (sōtēría)
- Broad term = deliverance from sin

“Salvation” – comprehensive deliverance from sin

| PENALTY | POWER | PRESENCE |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| JUSTIFICATION | SANCTIFICATION | GLORIFICATION |
| PAST | PRESENT | FUTURE |

- *...we were saved* (Rom 8:24)
- *...are being saved* (1 Cor 1:18)
- *...will we be saved* (Rom 5:9-10)

Romans 1:16 - *Chairs and parachutes*

¹⁶ ...it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

- πίστις (*pístis*) – belief / faith with action
 - Confidence / conviction / reverential trust
 - Proven through / accompanied by action

Romans 1:16

¹⁶ ...for it (the Gospel) is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

- *...salvation is from the Jews (John 4:22)*
- *...you are Abraham's offspring (Gal 3:29)*

Romans 1:17

17 For in it (the Gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

- Positional – legal meaning / right standing
- Ethical – moral meaning / right, clean, pure

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- God’s attribute of righteousness
- Gift God gives to us
- Act of God in justifying us

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- Faith in the gift of God – positional faith
- For life and practice – functional faith

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- As testified by the Scripture – Habakkuk 2:4
 - God always has and will fulfill His promises

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"He who is righteous by faith, will live"

- *Positional* faith catalyzes *functional* faith
- Structure of Romans – Chap 1-4 / 5-8

Summary – the Gospel...

- Paul is thankful for and confident in the Holy Spirit's work and power
- Plans to visit Rome on his way to Spain
- And in preparation introduces his Gospel
 - Power of God which comprehensively delivers us from sin to righteous life

Have you received the Gospel by faith?

- Given by God – should motivate thanksgiving & total commitment to God for unconditionally electing you
- Chose to accept – should motivate thanksgiving & total commitment for the amazing gift / opportunity God is giving you



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