

## Romans Lesson 2 | Chapter 1:8 - 1:17

- 8) First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
- 9) For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;
- 10) Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.
- 11) For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;
- 12) That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.
- 13) Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.
- 14) I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.
- 15) So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.
- 16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
- 17) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

### Q. What was Paul thankful to God for?

A. "That your \_\_\_\_\_ is spoken of throughout the \_\_\_\_\_."

#### Study Point

Faith is what honors God because faith believes what God says. The news of their faith was heard of everywhere, and that was without television, telephone or computers. Do your family, friends and neighbors know about your faith?

### Q. How did Paul serve God?

A. "For God is my \_\_\_\_\_, whom I serve with my \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel of his Son."

#### Study Point

Paul did not need a temple or holy garments to serve God; he served God in his heart with the right attitude. This is the service God is pleased with.

### Q. When Paul prayed for the Roman believers, what did he pray for?

A. "For I \_\_\_\_\_ to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be \_\_\_\_\_."

### Q. What was going to comfort Paul?

A. "That is, that I may be comforted \_\_\_\_\_ with you by the \_\_\_\_\_ both of you and me."

#### Study Point

Even though Paul was the great apostle and knew more about God and the Scriptures, he still was comforted by the faith of other believers. Even the greatest believer needs to have fellowship with other believers. Each member of the body of Christ is necessary.

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**Q. Paul said that he was hindered from going to see the Romans. What may be the reasons for this? See Romans 15:20-22 for hint.**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. Paul called himself a debtor, what was the debt he had to pay?**

A. "So, \_\_\_\_\_, I am \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to you that are at Rome also."

### **Study Point**

Paul was entrusted with the greatest message the world would ever hear. So he felt that he owed a debt to the world to tell them. If you had great news, would you tell someone? Have you told someone the gospel?

**Q. Verse 16 says that Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Why was Paul not ashamed?**

A. "For \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God unto \_\_\_\_\_ to every one that \_\_\_\_\_; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

### **Study Point**

Paul was so proud of the gospel because the message carried with it all of God's saving power. Make sure that we do not hang up any of our own power lines by adding to the gospel. The message of Christ dying for our sins and rising again for our justification is enough.

**Q. Paul says that there is something "revealed" in the gospel. What is revealed?**

A. "For therein is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God revealed from \_\_\_\_\_ to faith: as it is \_\_\_\_\_, The just shall live by \_\_\_\_\_."

### **Study Point**

The gospel shows that God is righteous. Righteous simply means RIGHT. God is doing the right thing in the gospel. What right thing is God doing? Since God only does what is right, He must punish sin. Sin is like a crime, when a crime is committed, the law must punish the offender. To let an offender get off free would not be right. If we heard that a court let a murderer go free, we would all be angry at such an injustice. If such is true in human courts, how much more in God's court. In the gospel, God is punishing sin on the cross. And since He punished our sins by taking it out on Christ who became our substitute, he can let the sinner go free, and be RIGHT in doing it. Christ paid for our crimes, and the law has no