

# The Book of Romans

## I. Paul's Introduction to his Letter

### A. His *Initial* Greetings (1:1-7)

1. *Introducing* Himself (1:1)
2. *Identifying* His Gospel Message (1:2-6)
3. *Imparting* Warm Greetings (1:7)

### B. His *Intent* to **Come** and Minister among **Them** (1:8-17)

<sup>8</sup> **First, I thank my God** *through* **Jesus the Messiah** for you all, because **your faith** is being **proclaimed** throughout the **whole world**.

<sup>9</sup> For **God**, whom I serve in **my spirit** in the **preaching** of the **gospel** of **His Son**,

is **my witness** as to how **unceasingly** I make mention of you,

<sup>10</sup> always in **my prayers** making **request**, if perhaps now at last by the **will of God** I may succeed in **coming to you**.

<sup>11</sup> For I **long** to **see you** so that I may impart some **spiritual gift** to you, that **you** may be **established**; <sup>12</sup> that is, that I may be **encouraged together with you** *while* among you, each of **us** by the **other's faith**, both **yours** and **mine**.

<sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that **often** I have planned to **come to you** (and have been **prevented** so far)

so that I may obtain some **fruit** among **you also**, even as among the rest of the **Gentiles**.

<sup>14</sup> I am under **obligation** both to **Greeks** and to **barbarians**, both to the **wise** and to the **foolish**. <sup>15</sup> So, for my part, I am **eager** to **preach the gospel** to **you also** who are in **Rome**.

<sup>16</sup> 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**.

<sup>17</sup> For in it *the* **righteousness of God** is revealed from **faith to faith**; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY **FAITH**."

## Summary Outline

- B. His (Paul's) Intent to Come and **Minister** among the **Roman Believers** (1:8-17)
1. *Applauding* their **Testimony of Faith** (1:8)
  2. *Announcing* his strong desire to **come see them** (1:9-10)
  3. *Affirming* his intent to **Minister** among **them** (1:11-15)
    - a. To **impart** some “**spiritual gift**” to **establish them** (1:11)
    - b. To **encourage** and **be encouraged** by their *mutual faith* (1:12)
    - c. To **obtain** some **spiritual “fruit”** from **among them** (1:13)
    - d. To **fulfill** his **obligation** to **preach** among **all people groups** (1:14)
  4. *Advancing* his desire to **Preach** the **Gospel** at **Rome** (1:15-16)
    - a. A *Gospel* that is the **power of God** for **salvation** (1:15-16)
    - b. A *Gospel* that **reveals** the **righteousness of God** (1:17a)
    - c. A *Gospel* that is **received** by **faith** (1:17b)

## Personal Application

### *Reflecting* on Paul's Ministry **Example**

1. *Paul* had a **thankful heart** for the **testimony** of **faith** heard “**throughout the world**” concerning the **Roman believers** (1:8).
2. *Paul* had an **active prayer life** (1:9-10a).

For **God**,..is **my witness** as to how **unceasingly** I make mention of **you**, **always** in my **prayers**...(1:9-10a)

3. *Paul* desired that his **decisions** be **according** to the **will of God** (1:10)

,..always in **my prayers** making **request**,  
if perhaps now at last by the **will of God** I may succeed in **coming to you** (1:10).

4. *Paul* had a **strong desire** to **visit** the **Roman believers**, so that he might “impart some **spiritual gift**” that would **establish** them in their **faith** (1:11).
5. *Paul* acknowledged the **importance** of **spiritual fellowship** for the purposes of **growth**, and **mutual encouragement** (1:12).

For I long to **see you** so that I may **impart** some **spiritual gift** to you,  
that you may be **established**; that is,  
that I may be **encouraged together** with **you while among you**,  
**each of us** by the **other’s faith**, both **yours** and **mine**. (1:11-12)

6. *Paul* had a **zeal** for **evangelism**, and desired to “obtain some **fruit**” among the **people** where he ministered. He felt an “**obligation**” to **preach** the **gospel** to **all people groups** (1:13-14).

...I was made a **minister**, according to the **gift** of **God’s grace**  
which was **given to me** according to the working of **His power**.

**To me**, the very **least** of **all saints**, this **grace** was given,  
to **preach** to the **Gentiles** the **unfathomable riches** of **Messiah**,  
(Ephesians 3:7-8)

7. *Paul* was “**eager**” to **preach**, and was **not ashamed** of the **gospel message** – why?
  - a. It’s a **message** that reveals the **power of God** for **salvation** (1:16)
  - b. It’s a **message** declares the **righteousness of God** by **faith** (1:17)
8. *Paul* declared that **salvation** and the **righteousness of God** are **received** by **faith** in the **gospel** (1:17).

For I am **not ashamed** of the **gospel**,  
for it is the **power of God** for **salvation** to **everyone** who **believes**,..

For in it *the righteousness of God* is revealed from **faith** to **faith**;  
as it is written, “**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man** SHALL LIVE **BY FAITH**.”

## Closing Exhortations *Following Paul’s Example*

- A. *Realizing* our **need** also to **be thankful** for the many **faithful testimonies** of **believers** “throughout the **whole world**.” (1:8)

- B. ***Recognizing*** that **we too** have “**spiritual gifts**” that **God** would have **us use** to help “**establish**” the **faith** of other **believers**. (1:11)
- C. ***Reminding ourselves*** of our own **need** for the “**personal**” ***encouragement*** and **fellowship** of other **faithful believers**. (1:12)
- D. ***Resolving in ourselves*** to **never** be **ashamed** of the **gospel message**, because **it alone** contains the ***power of God*** for **salvation** and a **righteous standing** before an **awesome** and **holy God**. (1:16-17)