

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Romans Overview

- I. Letter Introduction (1:1-17)
 - Greetings (1:1-7)
 - Thanksgiving and Occasion (1:8-15)
 - Theme (1:16-17)
- II. Exposition of the Gospel (1:18-11:36)
- III. Ethical Outworking of the Gospel (12:1-15:13)
- IV. Letter Closing (15:14-16:27)

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

⁹For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the* gospel of His Son, is my witness as *to* how unceasingly I remember you

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

¹¹For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;

¹²that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

¹³I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

¹⁴I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

¹⁵Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

(Romans 1:8-15)

The Heart of Paul (1:8-15)

Central Point:

- *Paul expresses his longing to establish these believers in his gospel*

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1. Paul's Service

- his life was a wholehearted service of worship to God
- the gospel was the central thrust of all of his ministry

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2. Paul's Prayer

- Unceasing – *“always in my prayers”*
- Personal – *“remember you”*
- Specific – *“I may come to you”*
- Conditional – *“if perhaps by the will of God”*

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3. Paul's Desire

- He longs to visit these believers in Rome in order to strengthen them in his gospel
 - to “share some spiritual gift with you” (v.11)
 - to “have some fruit among you” (v.13)
 - to “preach the gospel to you” (v.15)

The Heart of Paul (1:8-15)

- The Book of Romans is Paul's spiritual gift to us to strengthen and establish us in our faith