

Paul says he came to preach the gospel to “you who are in Rome”. Why should he preach the gospel to Christians? Don’t they already have it?

**1:5b** “. . . call people from among the gentiles to \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from \_\_\_\_\_.”

**2 Cor. 9:13** “Because of the service by which you \_\_\_\_\_  
Yourself, men will praise God for the \_\_\_\_\_  
That accompanies your \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
gospel of Christ”

*Vv. 16-17 is the theme of the letter. Why is Paul not ashamed of the gospel?*

**1:16** “because it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God for the \_\_\_\_\_  
of everyone who believes . . .”

*Why might believers possibly be ashamed of the gospel?*

*Paul says the gospel is the power of God for salvation. What are we saved from and what we are saved to?*

*What does Paul mean that the gospel is first to the Jew, then for the Gentile?*

**John 4:22; Rom. 9:4-5; Luke 24:46-48**

**Acts 1:8; Acts 13:4, 13, Acts 14:1, 16:13**

*Paul gives the reason why the gospel is the power of God.*

**1:17** “For in the gospel a \_\_\_\_\_ from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by \_\_\_\_\_.”

*May 29/22 sermon follow up*

## **“Paul’s Passion and Purpose”**

*Romans 1:8-17*

*“I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and to the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.” [Rom. 1:14-15]*

Paul’s purpose to preach and teach the gospel is quite obvious but he was committed to working with other believers to do that. His passion for the unsaved was equally matched for his love for the body of Christ. Paul knew wherever he went he needed to enlist believers’ help to reaching their community (Rome, Philippi, Ephesus, etc.) with the gospel. Here in his intro to his letter to the Romans, Paul not only share his purpose for the gospel but also his passion for impacting people for eternity.

### **“Paul’s Passion for People”** **(1:8-13)**

*What does Paul almost always say first about the people to whom he writes his letters?*

**1:8** “First, I \_\_\_\_\_ my God through Jesus Christ  
For all of you because your \_\_\_\_\_ is being reported all over the world.”

*What other community had Paul said their faith was prominently heard “everywhere”?*

\_\_\_\_\_ **1:4-10**

**1:4** “We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.

**1:5** “We continually remember before our God and Father  
Your \_\_\_\_\_ produced by \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_  
prompted by \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_  
inspired by \_\_\_\_\_.”

What is the evidence Paul says that one actually has faith?

**1 Thes. 1:6** “You became \_\_\_\_\_ of us and of the \_\_\_\_\_ In spite of severe \_\_\_\_\_ you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.”

How did Paul say that other’s had heard about the Thessalonian believers?

**1:8** “The Lord’s message \_\_\_\_\_ out from you not only In Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become Known \_\_\_\_\_.”

How did Paul say he knew the Romans had faith in Jesus?

**Rom. 1:5** “Through Him and for His Name’s sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among the Gentiles to the \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from faith.”

In Rom. 1:9-10 Paul says something amazing when you consider he has never been to Rome or met most of these Christians.

**1:9-10** “God, whom I \_\_\_\_\_ with my whole \_\_\_\_\_ in preaching the gospel of His Son is my \_\_\_\_\_ how \_\_\_\_\_ I remember you in my prayers at \_\_\_\_\_ times . . .”

**\*Why mention ‘as God is my witness’ when he said he was praying for them?**

Paul often mentions (Corinthians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians and Thessalonians) that he regularly prayed for them. Why did he do that?

**2 Cor. 11:28**

What specific request had Paul been praying for concerning the church in Rome?

**1:10** “. . . that the \_\_\_\_\_ may be opened for me to \_\_\_\_\_ to you.”

Paul mentions that he had planned (1:13) to come before but had “been prevented” from doing so. What was his main reason for not having been there yet?

**Read 15:17-23**

His original plan was to visit Rome on his way to take the gospel somewhere else. Where was that?

**15:24** “\_\_\_\_\_”

In 1:11-12 Paul shares his passion for these people. What did he want to do for them?

**1:11** “impart to them some spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to make you \_\_\_\_\_”

**1:12** “that is that you and I may be mutually \_\_\_\_\_ by each other’s \_\_\_\_\_.”

**1:13** “in order that I might have a \_\_\_\_\_ among you, just as I have had among other \_\_\_\_\_”

### **“Paul’s Purpose from God”** **(1:14-17)**

Paul starts out with a very personal tone, establishing a relationship with these Christians – many he has never met before - by focusing on their relationship with Christ and a genuine concern to see them. Now he turns specifically to his main purpose.

**1:14** “I am \_\_\_\_\_ both to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, both to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**1:15** “That is why I am \_\_\_\_\_ to preach the \_\_\_\_\_ to you who are in Rome.”