# Am Debtor

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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.

#### Introduction

- A. Some think the world owes them something Matthew 23:4-7
- 4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. 5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
- 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
- 7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

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B. Warnings against thinking you are entitled Galatians 6:3

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

**James 4:6** 

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

#### Introduction

## Paul thought he owed the world something

#### I. Paul, The Man In Debt (v 14)

A. A man in debt is a man who has received something Proverbs 22:7

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

**B.** Paul has received something - salvation Ephesians 1:7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

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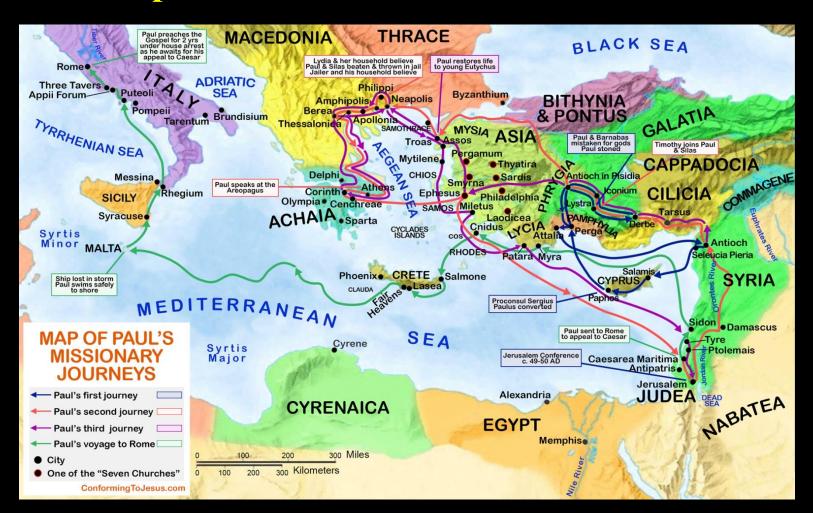
- C. Paul's debt is not a debt of sin but of gratitude
  - 1. Gratitude for having been saved
- 1 Timothy 1:15
- This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
  - 2. Gratitude for God's grace toward him
- 1 Corinthians 15:10
- But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

- A. Our debt of gratitude must be paid in service to men
  - 1. Important to know where the debt must be paid
  - 2. Examples of why this is true
    - a. The good news
    - b. Grace
    - c. Forgiveness

- B. How to minister to the needs of Jesus
- Matthew 25:35-40
- 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
- 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

- B. How to minister to the needs of Jesus
- Matthew 25:35-40 continued
- 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
- 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
- 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

#### C. The scope of Paul's indebtedness



#### III. Paul Is Ready To Pay His Debt (vv 15-17)

- A. We are to pay our debts as we are able
- B. Makes no sense to not meet debts when you have the resources

**Romans 8:12** 

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

- C. Paul was willing and ready
  - 1. Not ashamed of the gospel
  - 2. Realized the power of God
  - 3. Right thing to do
  - 4. Lived by faith

### Are You Ready?