

I

Am

Debtor

Romans 1:14-17

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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.

Introduction

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.

II. To Whom Must Paul Pay This Debt?

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

II. To Whom Must Paul Pay This Debt?

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?

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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.

II. To Whom Must Paul Pay This Debt?

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?