

***What Will You  
Do With  
The Gospel?***

***Romans 1:1-18***

## **Romans 1:1-18**

**1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,**

**2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)**

**3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;**

**4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:**

**5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:**

**6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:**

## **Romans 1:1-18 - continued**

**7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.**

**9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;**

**10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.**

## **Romans 1:1-18 - continued**

**11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;**

**12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.**

**13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.**

## **Romans 1:1-18 - continued**

**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.**

**18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

# Introduction

## A. The Gospel is contained in Jesus Christ (vv 3-6)

### 1. Its impact

**Acts 4:12**

**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

### 2. Its importance

**Galatians 1:6-7**

**6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:  
7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**

# Introduction

**B. The Gospel is central to our service (v 8)**

**Romans 15:16**

**That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.**

**C. The Gospel is commanded to be spread (vv 10-13)**

**Mark 16:15**

**And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

# **I. The Gospel Produces A Burden (1:14)**

**A. A moral obligation**

**B. A motivational obligation**

**1 Corinthians 9:16**

**For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of:  
for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I  
preach not the gospel**



# **I. The Gospel Produces A Burden (1:14)**

## **C. A mankind obligation**

### **2 Kings 7:9**

**Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.**

## **II. The Gospel Produces Boldness (1:15)**

**A. Paul was ready**

**Acts 9:15-16**

**15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:**

**16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**

**2 Timothy 2:15**

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

## **II. The Gospel Produces Boldness (1:15)**

**B. He was willing**

**Romans 15:19**

**Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**

## **II. The Gospel Produces Boldness (1:15)**

**C. We need to be both ready and wiling**

**1 Peter 3:15-17**

**15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:**

**16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.**

**17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.**

### **III. The Gospel Produces Confidence (1:16)**

**A. Based on its supremacy**

**B. Based on its sufficiency**

**C. Based on its simplicity**

**D. We cannot be ashamed of the Gospel**

**Luke 9:26**

**For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.**

# **IV. The Gospel Reveals God's Righteousness (1:17)**

**A. Faith in the Gospel makes us just**

**Romans 5:1**

**Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

**Galatians 3:11**

**But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.**

# **IV. The Gospel Reveals God's Righteousness (1:17)**

## **B. Just live by faith**

### **1. Empty yourself for Christ**

**Habakkuk 2:4**

**Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him:  
but the just shall live by his faith.**

### **2. Express yourself in Christ**

**Galatians 2:20**

**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I,  
but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the  
flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me,  
and gave himself for me.**

# **IV. The Gospel Reveals God's Righteousness (1:17)**

**B. Just live by faith - continued**

**3. Extend yourself for Christ**

**Hebrews 10:38**

**Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back,  
my soul shall have no pleasure in him.**



## **V. The Gospel Reveals God's Wrath (1:18)**

### **A. God is against unrighteousness**

**Ephesians 5:5-6**

**5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**

**6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.**

## **V. The Gospel Reveals God's Wrath (1:18)**

**B. God is against unbelief**

**John 3:36**

**He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

**We All Have A Responsibility With The  
Gospel.**