



I. Introduction, apostleship, greetings, theme

Chapter 1: 1-17 ¹⁷ *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**"*

Merryman: says the theme is the righteousness of God.
The quality of righteousness which He is the source.

II. God's righteousness revealed in condemnation

A. **Condemnation** against pagan humanity

B. **Condemnation** according to divine standards (God to man)

2:1- 16

II. God's righteousness revealed in condemnation

C. **Condemnation** against unfaithful but responsible Jews

The Law 2:17-3:8

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Establishing rapport

I thank my God for you

I serve God in my spirit

I pray for you always

I want to come and see you

I long to share some gift with you

I may be encouraged together with you

I want to share spiritual fruit with you

I am under obligation to you

I am eager to preach the gospel to you

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

- The first point of contact with them is **thanks** to God for their faith in the gospel.
- Paul always thanks God for any grace he found in any saint.
1 Thessalonians 1:8
- A faith in Christ which was “**spoken of,**” announced as a wonder, throughout the whole **ROMAN EMPIRE.**
- Paul was thankful that in the capital of the pagan Roman empire there were those who worshipped and believed the true and living God.

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

- Man is body, soul and spirit

Soul and spirit do not mean the same thing.

- Body is consciousness of my environment
- Soul is consciousness of myself
- Spirit is consciousness of God

McCalley

- The spirits of his hearers were born again; and the Spirit witnessed to their spirits that they were born ones of God.

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

His prayers, subject to God's will.

It was God's will that he go to Rome and he knew it.

Paul made a specific prayer request.

There is no detail in life that is so small that we cannot make it a matter of prayer.

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

Longing to see them that he might convey to them “some spiritual gift, for their establishing” (enlarge and settle them in their faith.)

“Spiritual gift” does not refer to the “gifts” of I Corinthians 12

The burden of Paul’s heart, therefore, is to make known to them the heavenly secret of the church that they were not connected with the earthly, the Jewish calling; but were in the Risen, Heavenly Christ.

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

- Paul will be blessed by observing their strong faith and he will bless them by the expansion of their knowledge of the gospel.
- But their blessing would be much greater, because of the enormous gift and grace God had bestowed to Paul for them.
- Paul knows that the “spiritual gifts of Biblical understanding” are shared by believers who explore God’s Word.
- That’s why being together in God’s Word is so important to us.

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

- Paul's constant desire was for fruit unto God in the souls of others.
- This characterizes all true ministers of Christ.
- In the degree that this desire after fruit prevails, is the servant of God successful.

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¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

I am under obligation, —of being the trusted bearer of tidings of infinite importance directly from heaven; and Paul was “debtor” to all classes.

Newell

Greeks

were those that spoke the Greek language and had the Greek culture

Barbarian were those not knowing Greek, and thus “uncultured.”

Wise and foolish is more personal, not meaning merely educated and uneducated, but of all degrees of intelligence.

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

- How blessed is the readiness, the eagerness, of this Godly man to pay his debt, to preach the good tidings to those also in Rome.
- Paul owed the gospel to every member of the human race.

What obligation or gospel burden do we have (see 2 Cor. 5:17-21)?

Those who are recipients of God's good news sense a burden and yearning to pass it on to others!