



Introduction

Theme of Romans: The Righteousness of God

- A. The *Righteousness of God Revealed* - **(Blessings)** - 1:1-17
 - 1. **Blessings** to Paul - 1:1
 - 2. **Blessings** of The Gospel - 1:2,3
 - 3. **Blessings** of Who Christ Is - 1:3,4
 - 4. **Blessings** of Who We Are In Christ - 1:5-7
 - 5. **Blessings** to the Roman Believers - 1:8-15
 - 6. **Blessings** of The Gospel & God's Righteousness - 1:16-18

- B. The *Righteousness of God Required* - **(Condemnation)** - 1:19-3:20
 - 1. The Gentile world **condemned** - 1:19-2:16
 - 2. The Jewish world **condemned** - 2:17-3:8
 - 3. The whole world **condemned** - 3:9-20



Blessings to the Roman Believers

- 1:10 -15

Rom 1:10

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

Question: What is Paul's prayer conditioned on ? - James 4:13-17; Phil 2:13

Question: Was it God's will that Paul have a prosperous journey?

- "prosperous" - "easy to travel through" - difficulties removed - Acts 27 & 28

Rom 1:11

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

Question: What is Paul's purpose toward the believers in Rome ?

Question: Is "some spiritual gift" the gift/s of the Holy Spirit as in 1Cor 12 ?

- "impart" - To share with someone, to impart, communicate & not giving
- It is sharing the things of Christ for the purpose of "establishing" believers
- "establish" - "to make steadfast in mind, confirm, strengthen" – in the faith

- Note: God's purpose is to reproduce our Lord Jesus Christ in the life of every believer through edification via the word of God - Eph 4:11-15



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Rom 1:12

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

Question: How are believers mutually comforted by each other ?
What does this look like ? - 2 Cor 1:3-6

Rom 1:13 (NAS)

And I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order that I might obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

Question: What was another purpose for Paul desiring to visit Rome ?

Question: What fruit is Paul speaking about ?

- Is it the same fruit he had among other Gentiles (soul winning) e.g. Acts 13:42-48 ?
- Or is it to have fruit in the lives of Roman Christians (edification) e.g. Rom 6:20-23 ?
- Or was it both ?



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Rom 1:14

I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

- “debtor” - “one who owes anything to another,”

Question: Why would Paul be a debtor or owe something to :

- The Greeks & the Barbarians – This was a division of mankind made by the Greeks
 - Greeks – were cultured, educated, & civilized
 - Barbarians – all other peoples, those not speaking Greek
- The wise & the unwise – Those possessing or not possessing God’s wisdom

• The answer lies in the following reasons:

- Paul owed them all his life and ministry because of the grace God bestowed on him
- He was a debtor because he was an apostle – called & selected by God

• Paul paid his debt by his preaching and writing

Rom 1:15

So, as much as in me is, I am ready (eager) to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

Question: Why is Paul ready (eager) to preach the gospel to those in Rome ?

Answer: Because of what the gospel contains as outlined in 1:16-18 (next week)