

Session #3: CONCERN FOR THE GOSPEL –PRAYER— ENCOURAGEMENT--PREACHING– “I AM A DEBTOR (OBLIGATED); I AM READY” — Romans 1:8-15

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Do you enjoy your prayer life?
- If you are convinced that you are called by God that you should do something that requires money, when do you move forward? Before you have the \$?
- What things hinder your doing God’s will? When you see that occurring, is it discouraging to you or can you see God’s hand in the hindering?
- Do you sometimes see God’s higher priority taking place over your personal desires?
- Do you ever have times you know you should witness to someone but you don’t want to?

THE CHARACTER OF THE GOSPEL - 1-7; THE CONCERN FOR THE GOSPEL - 8-15

❖ Seen in the PRAYERS of Paul - 8-12 - v. 9 - “my prayers”

1a. His **Rejoicing** – 8 –

Rom 1:8 *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. –cf. Col. 1:6; Acts 28:14-15*

Cf. - 1 Thess. 2:13 - “For this reason we also thank God without ceasing...”

1b. Controlled by his **personal relationship** to God - “my God” - cf. Ps. 23:1; Phil. 4:19

2b. **Came from the access** which He had to God - “through Jesus Christ” - Rom. 5:1-2; Heb. 4:14-16; 10:19ff

3b. **Centered in his intercession for them** - “for you all” - cf. Phil. 1:3-4

2a. His **Requests** - 9-10 –

Rom 1:9 *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.*

Rom 1:10 *making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.*

(Based on four things)

1b. Based on **his sincerity** - “For God is my witness” - cf. Rom. 9:1

2b. Based on **his service** - “whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son” - Greek: *latreuo* - religious service of priests in the temple – an act of worship! Cf. Rom. 12:1

1c. It was **internal**, not external - “the inward man” - Eph. 6:5-6 - “doing the will of God from the heart”

2c. It was **spiritual**, not carnal – cf. John 4:24- Gal. 5:13 - “do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another”

3c. It was of **salvation, not social!** - “in the gospel of His Son” - Col. 3:24 - “for you serve the Lord Christ” - cf. 1 Cor. 2:2 The gospel is the issue!

3b. Based on **his continual supplications in their behalf** - “without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers” - Col. 1:3 - “praying always for you” - 1Thess. 1:2 - “making mention of you in my prayers”

4b. Based on his submission to the will of God - "*Making request if, by some means...I may find a way in the will of God to come to you*" - "*if by some means...I may find a way*" - Greek: *euodotesomai* - Cf. 1 Cor. 16:2 - "*as He may prosper*" (If we have the money, great if not, we may need to wait on the Lord for His provision.)

3a. His **Reasons** - 11-12 -

Rom 1:11 *For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established--*

Rom 1:12 *that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.*

1b. To **exercise** a spiritual gift - "*that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift*" (Help me, LORD, to use my spiritual gifts to encourage others!!!)

2b. To **establish** the believers - "*so that you may be established*" - Greek: *sterixthenai*

3b. To **encourage** them - "*may be encouraged together with you*" (evidence of Paul's humility). Never underestimate the value/importance of encouragement!!

❖ 2. **Seen in the PLANS (PURPOSES) of Paul** - 13-15 -

Rom 1:13 *Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned(purposed) to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.*

Rom 1:14 *I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.*

Rom 1:15 *So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.*

v. 13 - "*I often planned to come to you*"

1a. The **Resistance** to his coming - "*but was hindered until now*"

1b. His **desire** was strong, but unfulfilled - v. 11 - "*For I long to see you*"

2b. His **decision** was made on many occasions, but not yet possible - "*I often planned to come*"

3b. His **determination** was hindered - "*but was hindered until now*"

1c. Hindered by his service in the work of the gospel - Rom. 15:20-22

2c. Hindered by sickness - 2 Cor. 1:8-10; 12:7-10; Philippians 2:25-30

3c. Hindered by Satan - 1 Th. 2:18

4c. Hindered by the Spirit - Acts 16:6-7

2a. His **Reason** for coming to them - 13 - *Rom 1:13 Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.*

"fruit" -

1b. The "fruit" of the **Person** of the Holy Spirit controlling our attitudes - Galatians 5:22-23

2b. The "fruit" of the **practices of holiness** controlling our depravity - Romans 6:22

3b. The "fruit" of the **people** who come to believe the gospel controlling our priorities - Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:15; John 15:16

3a. His **Responsibility to all men** - 14 - *Rom 1:14 I am a debtor (Obligated to do something) both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.*

"I am debtor" - cf. 1 Cor. 9:19-22 **No matter how it is!!! God wants to reach people!**

1b. In terms of **ethnicity** - "*both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians*"

2b. In terms of **education** - "*both to the wise, and to the unwise*" Do you feel obligated to all who are lost??"

4a. His **Readiness to preach** - 15 - *Rom. 1:15 So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.*

"I am ready to preach the gospel" - Acts 20:22-24; 21:13-14; 23:11; 27:22-25; 28:30-31