

The Righteousness of God

Made Bold
by the Gospel

Romans 1:8-15 (ESV)

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

¹⁵ So **I am eager to preach the gospel** to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For **I am not ashamed of the gospel**, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Two primary reasons Paul wanted to go to Rome:

- 1) To _____ and _____ believers
- 2) To be part of a spiritual _____ of *new* believers

To this 2nd end, Paul pronounced that he was _____ and _____.

What made Paul so **eager**?

In a word, _____*

As Christians, we are _____ by the Gospel!

1 Corinthians 9:16 - For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For **necessity is laid upon me**. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

1 Cor. 4:1 – "stewards of the mystery of God"

Gal 2:7, 1 Thess 2:4, 1 Tim 1:11 – "entrusted with the gospel"

Titus 1:1-3 – "the preaching with which I have been entrusted"

This **eagerness** presupposes ...

I _____ something that I can _____!

Jesus knew the disciples would be tempted to be ashamed of the gospel ...

Mark 8:38 (ESV)

³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Paul knew the real challenges of saying and living the Gospel in a godless culture ...

1 Corinthians 1:18, 23 (ESV)

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God ... ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles ...

1 Corinthians 2:3 (ESV)

³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling ...

What made Paul so **bold**?

In a word, _____

As Christians, we know the _____ of the Gospel!

(And we know it will have that same effect on everyone who receives it!)

Rom 10:13 – "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

1 Tim 2:4 – "desires all people to be saved"

Titus 2:11 – "salvation for all people"

Rev 5:9, 7:9 – "every tribe and language and people and nation"

This **boldness** presupposes ...

I have _____ something that I can _____!

Peter and John:

Acts 4:20 (ESV)

²⁰ "...we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."