

Romans

(3) Paul's concerns for the Romans

Paul's first thoughts about the Roman believers...1:7-10

And finally, to whom is this letter sent? vs.7

To all who are beloved of God in Rome, those called (as, to be) saints.

What is this "call"? vs.5, 6 ICor.1:9; IIThess.2:13-14

The call is to obedience that comes from faith. God's calling is always to obedience.

What is the hallmark greeting given by Paul? vs.7 ICor.1:3; IICor.1:2; Gal.1:3; Eph.1:2; Phil.1:2

Grace to you and peace from our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Note his authority...

What is Paul's first thoughts about these believers? vs.8

First, he thanks the Father through Jesus Christ for all of them.

What triggers this thanks from Paul? vs.8b

Their faith was being talked about all over the (Roman Empire) world. Great testimony!

How might this have been manifested? What about you? Would God brag on you??

Why is this (thanks to the Father...) the first thing Paul speaks of? Heb.13:15; Eph.5:20

Because a key trait of a true believer is thankfulness, for all things, in Jesus' name.

How does Paul reveal his heart about his ministry? vs.9

God, whom I serve wholeheartedly, in preaching the gospel of Jesus, is my witness!

And what did this intimate relationship between Paul and God produce? vs.9-10

Paul constantly prayed for them and also prayed that God would send him to them.

Paul's motivation to visit Rome...1:11-14

What was his dual-purpose for trying to visit the believers at Rome? vs.11-12

To impart to them some spiritual gift and to be encouraged by their faith as well.

What is it that he wants to make sure they understand? vs.13 why?

That he had tried, and been prevented, many times to come to them. He really loved them.

And what would his visit produce? vs.13

A (spiritual) harvest among them just as he'd had with other Gentiles. Their Apostle...

Why was he so eager to preach to them (vs.15)? vs.14 ICor.9:16

He was obligated (under-rower) to Greeks and barbarians, wise and foolish, to preach.

What was Paul's powerful, relevant, and unyielding position in vs.16? ICor.1:18-25, 2:14

Not ashamed of the gospel. It's God's power for salvation, Jew/Gentile/wise/foolish/...

Finally, what "old" part of the Gospel is quoted? vs.17 Gal.3:11; Heb.10:38; Hab.2:4; Lu.18:9-14

No pride. The just (Rom) shall live (Gal) by his faith (Heb). God resists the proud.