

Romans 1:8-17 (Handout)

Paul's Desire To Visit Rome (vv.8-15)

Paul gives THANKS to God for the Christians at Rome because their REPUTATION.

The church at Rome was known ALL OVER THE WORLD because of their FAITH.

The church at Rome was constantly in Paul's PRAYERS.

Both the UNIVERSAL church and the LOCAL church, where we hold membership, should be in our prayers CONSTANTLY.

The Greek word for "church" is EKKLESIA.

Paul had not visited the church at Rome and prayed for the opportunity to FELLOWSHIP with them.

Paul wanted to share MUTUAL encouragement in the faith with the church at Rome.

Paul believed that he could IMPACT them and BENEFIT from them as he had experienced with others.

The "harvest" that Paul desires is most likely both SPIRITUAL and MONETARY in nature, in support of his next mission to Spain.

Paul's Basic Convictions About The Gospel (vv.16-17)

Paul makes it clear that he is not ASHAMED of the gospel.

What is the gospel? The good news about Jesus Christ.

What does Paul note about the gospel?

- It is the POWER of God
- It brings SALVATION
 - Salvation is available to EVERYONE who BELIEVES, Jew and Gentile
- It reveals the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God
- It teaches that righteousness is BY FAITH
 - The righteous will LIVE by faith
 - The Greek word for "righteous" is DIKAIOS, and is also translated as JUST.