

Verse one mentions Paul's mission as being set apart for the gospel of God. This gospel is much of the focus of the book. The Romans had never received any apostolic teaching face to face, so in this book Paul goes into detail about many of the great doctrines of the gospel. He includes things like the total depravity of man, God's coming judgment, sin, justification by faith alone, sanctification, mission and the practical living out of these doctrines in our lives. Even in the first half of chapter one, which is mostly greetings and his purpose in writing to them, we see that he highlights the gospel. Verses 2-4 show the key elements of the gospel, all centred on Christ, His incarnation, and His death and resurrection. Later in the chapter Paul discusses how he serves God by sharing the gospel, his obligation to share it, his eagerness to share it, and his confidence to share it.

Who shared the gospel with you? How did you come to know about Jesus and what He did for you?

Read Romans 1:1-17

1. What can you tell me about Rome at that time? What type of Christians lived in Rome?
2. What does it mean that their faith was being proclaimed throughout the world?
3. How would you describe Paul's attitude toward the Roman believers?

4. What does it mean that Paul would impart a spiritual gift to them? Are spiritual gifts imparted like this today?
5. What was Paul's obligation to share with them? Are we obligated to share the gospel today?
6. If someone was ashamed of the gospel, what signs might there be of this?
7. What would help you become bolder in sharing your faith?
8. Who would you like to see come to faith in Jesus this year? What can you do differently this year, that could help you share the gospel with them?
9. What are some other verses in the Bible that tell Christians not to be ashamed of God/Christ. See John 4:34-36

Prayer Points

Please pray for all the staff and students as they return back to school.

Pray for the Alpha course, the leaders, people to come and the courage to invite others.

Pray for the ongoing relief work that the Baptist Missionary Society undertake around the world. Pray for those working in Lebanon, Bangladesh and India.

Sermon Notes



BIBLE STUDY

January 5th 2025

Verse for the Year:

I am not ashamed of the gospel

Romans 1:16-17

Perhaps you hesitate to share your faith because you're unsure of what to say. Maybe you're already sharing the Gospel, but you're not seeing people commit their lives to Christ. Are you doing something wrong?

You can't open someone's heart to the truth of the Gospel, but God can, through His Spirit. The Apostle Paul wasn't known for his eloquence, yet God used him because he relied on the Holy Spirit for guidance (see 1 Corinthians 2:1-5). Throughout the Bible, God guided many others - like Moses, who initially asked God to send someone else to lead the Israelites, and Jonah, who resisted showing mercy to the wicked Ninevites.

Remember, God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called. As Christians, we are all called to share what Christ has done.

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