

Paul I Am
Romans 1.8-16a
7.13.25

⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. ⁹God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. ¹¹I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong, ¹²that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. ¹³I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. ¹⁴I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. ¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

- **Jesus is the only way to do anything _____ God.**
- **Where we see faith we see the _____ of God in action.**
- **Serving puts _____ to our gratitude.**
- **God is our _____ - He is the God Who sees.**
- **Jesus is to be the _____ of my universe.**
- **You have a "charisma" that can help turn someone to _____.**
- **God sends each of us to _____ one another.**

Further reflection/discussion

What do you like about this passage?

What questions do you have?

What do we learn about people? God's heart?

What is something you need to ask/trust the Lord to help you to apply based on this passage?

-----**(Specific questions)**-----

How would you gauge your level and your actual expression of gratitude towards God?

Who might be some Christians or groups of Christ-followers that you are particularly thankful for? Why is that?

What would you say are some ways you personally are "serving the Gospel"? Or what might be some reasons why you are not serving the Gospel?

What would you say is one charisma (grace-gift) that God has given you that helps turn people to Jesus when you use it?

How strong is your sense of indebtedness to what Christ has done for you?

Next time: "The Great Good Message of Hope" (1.14-17)