

Grace Compels Us
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Romans 1:8-15

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.

Abby becoming PTA

- God's grace in Gospel compels Christians to serve and pray for one other.

Romans 1:14-15

in light of salvation/call (Gospel to Jew/Gentile) obliged/compel take gospel to all and loves it.

- As Jew, expect divide by Jew/Gentile but instead Greeks/barbarians.
 - Greeks viewed foreigners uncultured, uneducated, unintelligent *bar-bar-ians*.
- Obligation not burdensome because heart transformed. Gets to do!
 - Honored God give sinner like him privilege of preaching gospel.

Eager preach gospel to Christian/lost: gospel saves/sanctifies. Romans 1:8, 11-13, Romans 10:17

- Gospel for evangelism and edification for Christians.....Preach gospel to self/Christians
 - Easy to forget God's blessings that come as result of gospel of grace.
 - Gospel truth is so vast you'll never grasp/fathom all of it.
 - Gospel is motivation/means for perseverance and godly living.
 - Faith grows as hear gospel which leads to obedience.

Wanted to impart spiritual gift, mutual encouragement, have fruit among them.

- Paul desired go to Rome to serve Christians/church there, not be served.
 - Serve them through his spiritual gift of insight/teaching.
 - Goal/purpose of gifts to establish faith and produce spiritual fruit. John 15:16, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 12:7

View Jesus' body/church like Paul: opportunity to serve not just personal resource.

- We are compelled/obliged use spiritual gifts in body as extension of God's grace
 - Like Paul, your calling revealed by spiritual gifts Holy Spirit gives.
 - If gift of teaching, then God called you to teach...what are YOU doing?
- bless/encourage one another by serving body with your gifts...SG.
 - Fruit is mutual encouragement... you'll both give and receive.

Another way God's grace compels us to serve one other is by praying. Romans 1:9-10, Isaiah 55:8

- "serve with my spirit" does not mean "with all my heart" rather serves gospel by praying.
 - Not physically there so two ways served Romans: pray and write epistle.

Lessons from Paul on serving gospel and one another by praying.

- Be patient and persevere: more than 2 years before answered. prayed lot longer.
- Pray for believers/lost you don't personally know....missionaries, nations
- Trust/submit prayers to God's sovereign will.....His ways are not our ways.
 - Often God answers through delays or ways we don't envision. Acts 28:16
 - en route to Rome, shipwreck, snake, arrive as prisoner.
 - God hindered Paul from going sooner...and we have Letter to Romans
 - other epistles base Paul personally taught and church/fix problem
 - Not visit Rome so foundational teaching, not recorded elsewhere.

God's grace in gospel compels us to serve and pray for one other. 1 Peter 4:10, Garnall

- Not do as debt to God...Grace not paid back like debt or it's not grace.
 - His grace toward us compels us serve/pray for and other...Get to!