



Romans 1:8-15

The Heart Of Gospel Ministry

- I. Introduction:** Paul wrote Romans to express his appreciation for them and to say that he desired to come to Rome soon so that he could preach the gospel there.

- II. The Heart Of Gospel Ministry (Rom 1:8-15).**
 - A. Paul's Appreciation (v. 8).**
 - 1. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Roman believers because they had a strong testimony for Jesus, which he had heard of in Corinth while writing this letter.

 - B. Paul's Petitions (vv. 9-10).**
 - 1. Paul wanted to let them know that he was constantly praying for them, so that they might be firmly established and he might finally come to visit them.

 - C. Paul's Intentions (vv. 11-12).**
 - 1. Paul loved the Christians in Rome, and wanted them to know that he longed to see them soon, so he could preach the gospel and encourage them.

 - D. Paul's Preparations (v. 13).**
 - 1. Paul wanted to come to Rome to preach the gospel, and this letter is meant to lay the groundwork for the salvation he longed to proclaim.

 - E. Paul's Obligations (vv. 14-15).**
 - 1. Paul believed that he was indebted to humanity to preach the gospel, since God had commissioned him as an Apostle to the Gentiles.

- III. Conclusion:** Paul wanted to come to Rome to minister to the believers in the city, but until now, he hadn't had the opportunity to go and strengthen them.



Questions About: The Heart Of Gospel Ministry

1. What are some reasons people enter into pastoral ministry? What are the right motives for doing ministry? (**Rom 1:8-15**) How was Paul surprisingly tenderhearted? (**1 Thess 2:7-8**)
2. Why did Paul thank God for these Christians? (**Rom 1:8**) What had the whole world heard about? (**v. 8**) What is the testimony of the church today? What is our testimony?
3. How did Paul pray for these believers? (**Rom 1:9-10**) What was a typical prayer Paul prayed for a church? (**Eph 3:14-19**) What were Paul's specific prayers for this church? (**vv. 9-10**)
4. Why was Paul unable to come to Rome? (**Rom 1:9-10; 15:15-33**) How did Paul end up coming to Rome? (**Acts 27:1-28:10**) What were Paul's future plans? (**Rom 15:23-24**)
5. Why did Paul want to come to them? (**Rom 1:11-12**) What did Paul want God to do through him? (**v. 11**) How did he anticipate their time would be mutually encouraging? (**v. 12**)
6. How did Paul want God to use him? (**Rom 1:13**) What did Paul mean by obtaining fruit? (**v. 13**) How is godly character fruit? (**Gal 5:22-23**) How are converts fruit? (**Rom 16:5**)
7. Why did Paul feel obligated to preach Christ? (**Rom 1:14-15**) How had God called Paul to be an Apostle? (**Acts 9:15; Gal 2:7**) How deeply did he feel this calling? (**1 Cor 9:16**)
8. What do we learn about ministry? (**Rom 1:8-15**) How is prayer essential to ministry? Why is spiritual growth vital? (**Matt 28:19-20**) Why do we need to preach Christ? (**Rom 1:16-17**)

Prayer

1. Pray that God would help you to pray for those in your church, community, and country.
2. Ask God to help you proclaim the gospel unashamedly to lost sinners.