

Romans 1:4-8

“... Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world ...”

Romans 1:9-13

“For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have ...”

Romans 1:13-15

“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. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.”

(ESV)

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A Reputation
Worth Having

ROMANS 1:5-15



Romans 1:7-8

“To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.” (ESV)

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Their Faith was Genuine

“Your faith is proclaimed in all the world ...” (1:8)



Faith

- **What matters most is not just the presence of faith, but the object of that faith.**
 - We should ask, “Is what I believe really worthy of my trust?”

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- *“To bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations”* (Rom 1:5, ESV)
- *“I thank my God ... for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.”* (Rom 1:8, ESV)

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Their Faith was
Contagious

*“Your faith **is proclaimed** in all the world...” (1:8)*



The Gospel is About change

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The gospel has transforming power! Those who have tasted the goodness of God, and who have experienced the forgiveness of sins, should exhibit in their lives—passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

To Ephesus

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“You have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.”

(Rev 2:4, ESV)

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Their Faith was
Encouraging

*“I long to see you ... that we may be **mutually encouraged** by each other’s faith” (1:11-12)*



2 Corinthians 11:23-27

“I have worked harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked ... in danger ... I have labored and toiled ...” (NIV)

2 Corinthians 4:8

“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.” (ESV)

2 Corinthians 11:28

“And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.”

(ESV)

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Their Faith was
Life-Changing

*“To bring about **the obedience of faith** for the
sake of his name” (1:5)*



James 2:14-17

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ... Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

(ESV)

Romans 1:5

- *“To bring about the obedience of faith.”* (ESV, NASB)
- *“To the obedience which comes from faith”* (NIV)
- *“To the obedience that is associated with faith”*
(God’s Word)
- *“So that they will believe and therefore obey.”* (NLT)

John MacArthur

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“We cannot truly ‘accept Christ’ without accepting him as both Savior and Lord. We accept him as Savior by trusting in his redeeming work; we accept him as Lord by committing ourselves to obey his will.”

Hebrews 11:6

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

(ESV)

1 John 5:4

*“This is the victory that has overcome the world—
our faith.”* (ESV)

Romans 16:19

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“For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you.”

(ESV)

A Reputation worth having

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- My prayer is that **Eagle Christian Church** will be known as ...
 - A church that believes the Bible
 - A church that lives the Bible
 - A church that preaches the Bible
 - A people of genuine, living faith

D. Martyn Jones

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“A revival never needs to be advertised; it always advertises itself ... Read the history of the church. When a revival breaks out in a little group ... the news spreads and curiosity is awakened and the people come and say, ‘What is this? Can we partake?’”

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A Reputation
Worth Having

WILL YOU COMMIT TO
BECOMING A PERSON OF FAITH?



Next Steps

- I am thankful for the grace of God which enables me to be obedient to him.
- I want to be known as a passionate follower of Jesus who is committed to spreading his gospel message.
- I am committed to helping ECC foster a reputation of faithfulness among the communities we serve.
- I will encourage others with my faith this week by
