

Good morning. We ALLENS, Bruce & Dorothy & Therese are glad to finally be here to serve Jesus with you. As I will preach on the Apostle Paul's experiencing hindrances and delays, so have we. We expected Satan to keep us from getting here. He did a lot of fighting..but lost as Jesus *carried us through!* *Thank you for your patience.*

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A sent one, as Paul, who has suffered because of his zeal to proclaim Christ, will have a special affection for others, especially Christians not in the career path of Ministry, who have acted similarly. So in (v.9) Paul shares his joy and burden for the church at Rome: He thanked God for them and frequently prayed for them- Day and Night. Again Paul emphasizes *servicing God with all his heart*, not an unemotional stoic relationship with His Jesus. Many religions elevate the man over his *god* based on the servants sacrifice and stoicism regarding suffering. Christians know that their suffering can never compare to Christ's suffering on the Cross for them. Paul, and all the Bible, witnesses to a *love-slave relationship* without coercion but by choice. Jesus chose us first, but then we can chose to follow Him closely. That is the example set by the Roman Christians.

I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. We see clearly in v.8-9 that the love of the Apostle Paul for God's people included both a human desire to see the object of his affection but also to minister his gifts from God for spiritual service. Men and women called by Him share this attitude with their Lord. No one ever *loved* like He did, but He never stopped being active in serving.

II. I decided this next point or TAKE-AWAY in the Book of Romans.

Since Jesus' Presence is really *God with us*, His serving others may sometimes appear more passive than teaching, exhorting, delivering, healing, prophesying, etc. His just being with people is powerful. As the Apostle Peter spoke to the Gentile family of Cornelius in (Acts 10.35 /JBP): *You must know the story of Jesus of Nazareth—why, it has spread through the whole of Judea, beginning with Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed. You must have heard how God anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit, of how he went about doing good and healing all who suffered from the devil’s power—because God was with him.* Therefore the measure of the Holy Spirit upon Him affected everyone around Him. We Ministers and all Christians, with less anointing than our Lord, must remember being with people, saints and sinners, allows Holy Spirit to be active in their lives. God is always drawing people closer into a deeper

relationship with Himself. Trusting in God's presence with confidence is an important goal for all Christians. Therefore we can conclude that the Romans Christians were living in a *confident* trust in Jesus' presence by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Another point of correct humility is seen in Paul's great grace from God in his apostle calling. He was confident in the Holy Spirit of Jesus inside him; yet, he knew that every Christian has the same Spirit thus the ability to encourage him as he wrote in **v.12** : *....encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.* Thus God had worked Jesus' *correct humility* into one who used to be a stiff necked and stubborn Pharisee, in effect a murderer of Christians. Don't let Paul's awesome Ministry hide the source of his Ministry, God's undeserved favor to him. This grace is also available **to you in whatever life Jesus is leading you into.**

Now, in **Romans 1.12-15**, Paul expresses his heart's desire to minister and fellowship at the Church in Rome. His desire was from God ; but, his expected journey to Rome would come through imprisonment. There is an expression in baseball , *yakyu*, that I like and it also applies to Ministers as well as baseball players. "Baseball is a game for humble men, or men who soon will be!" (Ned Martin, Boston Red Sox Radio announcer, in 1960's). The Apostle Paul was about to have a burning desire in his heart to be answered by God's **WAIT!** Paul was already very humble and had felt 39 lashes from persecutors. But he was still human, and God had given him an honest confidence in his calling with success to the whole world or Gentile nations. He likely expected to continue his missionary journeys to Rome.

v.13. *I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now.* All Christians, whatever the level of success they see on this side of eternity, can identify with Paul's plans for a *good work* being prevented.

---He had experienced Satan's roadblocks that *hinder*, but cannot prevent God's plan to evangelize the whole world for Jesus.

In (2 Thessalonians 2.18) *We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan **prevented** us.*

---He had experienced God's solid NO with a new strategy from Heaven in Macedonia in (Acts 16.6): *Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time.* Paul didn't always explain what changed his progress or plans for he trusted the LORD to make his service fruitful, *sooner or later.* Paul learned while still a young boy God's Holy Scripture in (Proverbs 3.5-6) *Trust in the LORD with all your*

heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all that you do, and He will show you which path to take.

---He was about to experience apparent defeat to be turned about into Jesus' Victory, imprisonment with great testimonials before Kings and Emperors, which God promised him. As the ship he was on was caught in a typhoon, the Lord sent an angel to him in (Acts 27.23) *For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me, Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you .*

Thus Jesus met the desire of Paul's heart by a different route!

For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. v.15 So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News. Paul shares the burden in his heart for the lost mankind. His *sense of obligation , or under obligation* (NASB) is sharing Jesus' burden for lost people in all levels of society, and in all nations of the world. It is important for us to note that he was not obliged to Jesus. Being obligated to Jesus would deny the FREE GIFT OF SALVATION. He desires that we love Him, but not be obligated to Him. Many Christians miss this freedom and try to *pay back to Jesus* for their Gift of Salvation. Obligation to sinners in the world is a humble attitude knowing they need God's gift of Jesus as much as we did. A gift they don't deserve, neither do we!

This Feeling of obligation to the LOST flows into Paul's emotional expression of his life commitment to know Him and make Him known in verse 16

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight.

There is no room for shame in the heart of a Christian giving his life to reach souls for Jesus. Let your mind imagine Paul's **fire of Heavenly Love** to reach people for Jesus. Christians may not have Paul's gifting or outward thinking personality, but we can all have the fire of Heavenly Love to reach mankind. Paul understood **the fundamentals of humanity's sin problem and God's salvation solution**. And he also was called by Jesus to **communicate God's solution of Mankind's problem with power of Holy Spirit**. In such a complicated world we Christians can easily forget why the **Church is still on Earth and not yet brought up to Heaven**.

We are here for the primary purpose to persuade men to believe the Good News of Jesus. We, as Jesus' Church, are not here to change governments.

Individuals may be called to government work; but all Christians should share Paul's obligation to solve Mankind's fundamental problem of sin that separates them from the God who loves them. All Christians are called to communicate God's solution, Jesus' Sacrifice for sin.

Briefly reviewing some TAKE-AWAYS of Romans 1-

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Now Paul further develops what is the Good News or Gospel of Jesus Christ.

v.8 Not one to flatter, Paul gives a singular praise to the Roman Christians. It is true that even Letters with harsh corrections, Paul starts these communications with a positive encouragement. But the Book of Romans has no particular correction to these Christians, but greater theology for their maturity. They were in Rome, Caesar's headquarters, therefore they must have had many trials to continue in the faith. Yet they didn't hide their Christianity under a bushel basket, as Jesus had taught His disciples in Matthew 5:14-15/JBP : “*You are the world’s light—it is impossible to hide a town built on the top of a hill. Men do not light a lamp and put it under a bucket. They put it on a lamp-stand and it gives light for everybody in the house.*” They were led by Holy Spirit to follow Jesus' teaching so that Paul could say *your faith in Him is being talked about all over the world.* (v.8).

A sent one, as Paul, who has suffered because of his zeal to proclaim Christ, will have a special affection for others, especially Christians not in the career path of Ministry, who have acted similarly. So in (v.9) Paul shares his joy and burden for the church at Rome: He thanked God for them and frequently prayed for them- Day and Night. Again Paul emphasizes *servicing God with all his heart*, not an unemotional stoic relationship with His Jesus. Many religions elevate the man over his *god* based on the servants sacrifice and stoicism regarding suffering. Christians know that their suffering can never compare to Christ's suffering on the Cross for them. Paul, and all the Bible, witnesses to a *love-slave relationship* without coercion but by choice. Jesus chose us first, but then we can chose to follow Him closely. That is the example set by the Roman Christians.

I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. We see clearly in v.8-9 that the love of the Apostle Paul for God's people included both a human desire to see the object of his affection but also to minister his gifts from God for spiritual service. Men and women called by Him share this attitude with their Lord. No one ever *loved* like He did, but He never stopped being active in serving.

II. I decided this next point or TAKE-AWAY in the Book of Romans.

Since Jesus' Presence is really *God with us*, His serving others may sometimes appear more passive than teaching, exhorting, delivering, healing, prophesying, etc. His just being with people is powerful. As the Apostle Peter spoke to the Gentile family of Cornelius in (Acts 10.35 /JBP): *You must know the story of Jesus of Nazareth—why, it has spread through the whole of Judea, beginning with Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed. You must have heard how God anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit, of how he went about doing good and healing all who suffered from the devil’s power—because God was with him.* Therefore the measure of the Holy Spirit upon Him affected everyone around Him. We Ministers and all Christians, with less anointing than our Lord, must remember being with people, saints and sinners, allows Holy Spirit to be active in their lives. God is always drawing people closer into a deeper

relationship with Himself. Trusting in God's presence with confidence is an important goal for all Christians. Therefore we can conclude that the Romans Christians were living in a *confident* trust in Jesus' presence by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Another point of correct humility is seen in Paul's great grace from God in his apostle calling. He was confident in the Holy Spirit of Jesus inside him; yet, he knew that every Christian has the same Spirit thus the ability to encourage him as he wrote in **v.12** : *....encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.* Thus God had worked Jesus' *correct humility* into one who used to be a stiff necked and stubborn Pharisee, in effect a murderer of Christians. Don't let Paul's awesome Ministry hide the source of his Ministry, God's undeserved favor to him. This grace is also available **to you in whatever life Jesus is leading you into.**

Now, in **Romans 1.12-15**, Paul expresses his heart's desire to minister and fellowship at the Church in Rome. His desire was from God ; but, his expected journey to Rome would come through imprisonment. There is an expression in baseball , *yakyu*, that I like and it also applies to Ministers as well as baseball players. "Baseball is a game for humble men, or men who soon will be!" (Ned Martin, Boston Red Sox Radio announcer, in 1960's). The Apostle Paul was about to have a burning desire in his heart to be answered by God's **WAIT!** Paul was already very humble and had felt 39 lashes from persecutors. But he was still human, and God had given him an honest confidence in his calling with success to the whole world or Gentile nations. He likely expected to continue his missionary journeys to Rome.

v.13. *I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now.* All Christians, whatever the level of success they see on this side of eternity, can identify with Paul's plans for a *good work* being prevented.

---He had experienced Satan's roadblocks that *hinder*, but cannot prevent God's plan to evangelize the whole world for Jesus.

In (2 Thessalonians 2.18) *We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan **prevented** us.*

---He had experienced God's solid NO with a new strategy from Heaven in Macedonia in (Acts 16.6): *Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time.* Paul didn't always explain what changed his progress or plans for he trusted the LORD to make his service fruitful, *sooner or later.* Paul learned while still a young boy God's Holy Scripture in (Proverbs 3.5-6) *Trust in the LORD with all your*

heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all that you do, and He will show you which path to take.

---He was about to experience apparent defeat to be turned about into Jesus' Victory, imprisonment with great testimonials before Kings and Emperors, which God promised him. As the ship he was on was caught in a typhoon, the Lord sent an angel to him in (Acts 27.23) *For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me, Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you .*

Thus Jesus met the desire of Paul's heart by a different route!

For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. v.15 So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News. Paul shares the burden in his heart for the lost mankind. His *sense of obligation , or under obligation* (NASB) is sharing Jesus' burden for lost people in all levels of society, and in all nations of the world. It is important for us to note that he was not obliged to Jesus. Being obligated to Jesus would deny the FREE GIFT OF SALVATION. He desires that we love Him, but not be obligated to Him. Many Christians miss this freedom and try to *pay back to Jesus* for their Gift of Salvation. Obligation to sinners in the world is a humble attitude knowing they need God's gift of Jesus as much as we did. A gift they don't deserve, neither do we!

This Feeling of obligation to the LOST flows into Paul's emotional expression of his life commitment to know Him and make Him known in verse 16

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight.

There is no room for shame in the heart of a Christian giving his life to reach souls for Jesus. Let your mind imagine Paul's **fire of Heavenly Love** to reach people for Jesus. Christians may not have Paul's gifting or outward thinking personality, but we can all have the fire of Heavenly Love to reach mankind. Paul understood **the fundamentals of humanity's sin problem and God's salvation solution**. And he also was called by Jesus to **communicate God's solution of Mankind's problem with power of Holy Spirit**. In such a complicated world we Christians can easily forget why the **Church is still on Earth and not yet brought up to Heaven**.

We are here for the primary purpose to persuade men to believe the Good News of Jesus. We, as Jesus' Church, are not here to change governments.

Individuals may be called to government work; but all Christians should share Paul's obligation to solve Mankind's fundamental problem of sin that separates them from the God who loves them. All Christians are called to communicate God's solution, Jesus' Sacrifice for sin.

Briefly reviewing some TAKE-AWAYS of Romans 1-

1. BALANCE OF BEING & DOING

2. CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S PRESENCE WITH YOU

**3.MAIN THEME OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS-STAYING AWARE OF
MAKIND'S REAL SIN PROBLEM & GOD'S SOLUTION- HIS SON JESUS**

**If you sense Jesus stirring your heart in renewal to this commitment action to
communicate God's solution for Mankind, please pray now to God and see me at
the Prayer Corner.**