

PAUL'S PERSONAL PROCLAMATIONS.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Text: Romans 1:8-16.

B. Regarding the text:

1. We need to look to others and imitate their good traits.
2. Follow their example as they follow Christ (**1 Cor. 11:1; Phil 3:17**).

C. Let us examine Paul's personal proclamations.

DISCUSSION: IN THESE VERSES, WE NOTICE...

I. I THANK MY GOD (8-10).

A. Paul put first things first.

1. He often and continually gave God thanks.
 - 1) **Phil. 1:3-4.**
 - 2) This was a normal thing in his life.
 - a. **Rom. 1:4.**
 - b. **1 Thess. 1:2.**
2. His prayers were through Christ (**Col. 3:17**).

B. Note: Paul was concerned for the brethren.

1. He was always interested in their welfare (physically as well as spiritually).
 - 1) **Pray, pray, pray** --- That is a wonderful blessing.
2. Never forget to thank God from whom all blessings flow.

II. I LONG TO SEE YOU (11-12).

A. Paul enjoyed the company of those of "like precious faith."

1. **Rom. 15:32.**
2. **1 Tim. 3:14.**

B. Note:

1. **Rom. 1:11-12.**
 - 1) "LONG" = an intense strong desire (**Phil. 2:26**).
 - 2) Hard times require "mutual comfort."
 - a. When Satan sees this in the saints, he will have a hard time taking charge.
 - b. TOGETHER cannot be broken by Satan.
2. This longing to see one another ought to be present in our lives today!

C. Paul said this being together would benefit both he and the brethren in Rome.

III. I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU TO BE IGNORANT (13).

A. Paul wanted them to understand.

1. Ignorant = not know, not understand, unknown. (Through lack of information...)
 - 1) **1 Thess. 4:13-18.** (Concerning those who die before the Lord's return.)
 - 2) **1 Cor. 12:1.**

B. Not knowing can hinder our faith.

1. Lack of learning can cause us to question our faith.
 - 1) Study (**2 Tim. 2:15**).
 - 2) Continue to learn (**2 Pet. 1:5**).
2. With truth, those in Rome could produce "the fruit of the spirit" (**Eph. 5:9** "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.")

IV. I AM DEBTOR, READY AND NOT ASHAMED (14-16).

A. Vs. 14-15: Paul had a debt to pay --- ONE which could never be paid in full.

1. **Rom. 13:8.**

1) What debt? He was under obligation to preach the gospel to all.

a. **Acts 9:15.**

b. God chose him to this work.

2. We have a duty as well (**Matt. 28:18-20**).

1) To the Lord; to the Saints in the First Century.

2) To those who taught us. (Home and family; Bible class teachers...etc.).

3. Paul was **ready and willing**: (**Acts 20:27; 1 Cor. 9:16**).**B. Verse 16:**

1. Not ashamed: Ashamed = pull back (**Heb. 2:11**).

2. Why? It is the power of God.

1) The only thing we have to offer is TRUTH! (Must be taught.)

2) **Rom. 10:17; Rom. 10:14.**

3. The Gospel of Christ is all we have to teach.

1) It is the "power of God."

2) His chosen way of putting information before mankind.

V. CONCLUSION:

A. Every Christian is to make personal proclamations.

B. At the close of Paul's life, he proclaimed his assurance (2 Tim. 1:12; 4:6-8**).**

VI. APPEAL.