



OBLIGATION

Romans 1:1-17

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Paul's Greeting - verses 1-7

1. How does Paul describe himself? Why?
2. How does Paul describe the believers in Rome? Why?
3. How might Paul's description of the Roman believers apply to you?
4. How does Paul describe the gospel and Jesus?
5. Is any part of Paul's description especially meaningful to you?
6. What does Paul mean by "called"? How might being "called" apply to your life?

Paul's Obligation - verses 8-15

7. What does Paul mean by he is "under obligation"?
8. What is our "obligation" as Paul uses the word?
9. What does it mean that we are not "end users" of what God has blessed us with?

Paul's Presumption - verses 16,17

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel..."

10. How might the gospel be perceived as not relevant today? How might the gospel be relevant today?
11. Have you ever held back from sharing the gospel (and/or your own relationship with Jesus) because you were concerned about the response you would receive? What were the circumstances? Given the same circumstances (hind sight being better than real time) would you respond the same way?

"for it is the power of God for salvation..."

12. How have you experienced the power of the gospel in your life? How have you seen the power of God at work in the lives of others?

"to everyone who believes..."

13. Read Habakkuk 2:4. What does Habakkuk mean by this? What is Paul's point in quoting this verse? Put another way: What does it mean for you to live by faith?
14. Paul's presumption is a bold statement about the crucial significance of the gospel. Jesus presumptive statement (Matthew 28:18-20) is a command for us to share His gospel with others. What can living under this obligation look like in your life?
15. If you had to pick just one insight from this study that speaks specifically to you, what would it be? Why? How do you plan to respond to it?