

“HOW IMPORTANT IS THE GOSPEL MESSAGE?”

(Romans 1:14-17)

I. THE SALUTATION AND INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF ROMANS (1:1-7)

II. THE PERSONAL AND PRACTICAL OUTREACH OF PAUL’S MINISTRY (1:8-13)

III. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL INTRODUCED (1:14-17)

A. Paul’s personal convictions regarding his ministry of the Gospel (vv. 14-16a)

1. Because the grace of God was so bountifully bestowed upon Paul, he considered himself in _____ as the trusted _____ to proclaim the Gospel to a lost and dying world. (v. 14a, cf. 1 Cor. 9:16-18)
2. The terms “*Greeks*” and “*barbarians*” distinguish Gentiles by language and culture; anyone who did not _____ the Greek _____ was considered a barbarian. (v. 14b)
3. A person can have the finest intellectual and formal Seminary training, but unless that man has a _____, a zeal, an _____ to preach, he won’t accomplish much for Christ. (v. 15a, cf. Philip. 1:19-21)
4. Paul’s mission _____ on _____ the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (v. 15b, cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-4)
5. It would be easy to be _____ of a Nazarene carpenter who had become a _____ Jew, and who was eventually crucified by the Romans on a _____ cross. (v. 16a, cf. Isa. 53; 1 Cor. 1:18-24)

B. The profound power and effects of the Gospel on the lost (vv. 16b-17)

1. The apostle to the Gentiles was “*not ashamed of the gospel of Christ*” for several reasons...
 - a. Because the _____ of the Gospel message is that of the “_____ of God.” (v. 16b)

 - b. Because the _____ of the Gospel message is that of _____ for the human soul. (v. 16c)

 - c. Because the _____ of salvation is to _____ living human being on planet earth. (v. 16d)

2. The needed _____ to the Gospel message is to _____. (v. 16e)

3. By stating “*for the Jew first*” Paul was _____ prescribing a _____ of presentation, he was simply recognizing that the Jews had been privileged with the prophets, the Scriptures, and the Messiah. (v. 16f, cf. Eph. 2:14-18)

4. What the Gospel message reveals is the _____ of God through faith. (v. 17, cf. Hab. 2:4)

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?