



7. (1:13) Why had Paul planned to see the Romans earlier and why didn't he?

8. (1:14) To whom is Paul obligated?

9. (1:16) Paul said that he was not ashamed of the gospel. Why?

10. (1:17) What is revealed in the gospel?

11. (1:16) How does the righteousness of God become ours?



**Memory Verse:** Romans 1:16-17

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

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**Personal Reflection**

In this passage God reveals his purposes; for the deity of Jesus Christ, for the Apostle Paul, for the gospel, for righteousness. What do you discover about the heart of God in these verses?

The Apostle Paul was motivated by calling, belief and love. It was expressed in his passion for missions, evangelism and discipleship (spiritual formation). In other words, he loved people for the sake of the gospel. Does your love for God compel you to love others in the same way? What barriers prevent you from fully engaging in these areas?

Paul said that he was "not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..." Paul was so confident of the gospel that he literally spent his life on it! Do you share that same confidence? Are you willing, like Paul, to stake your life on it? Why or why not?

Thoughts/Questions/Prayer Response:

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