

# Studies In Romans

## (Romans 1:9-17)

### 1. What did Paul pray about in regard to the church in Rome?

For them and to come to them: *“(9) For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers; (10) Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you” (Romans 1:9-10).*

- We should all want to live in a manner wherein we can realize and appreciate God as our witness (**Romans 9:1** and **II Corinthians 1:23**).
- We should serve the Lord in spirit, fervently (**Romans 12:11**).
- We should pray without ceasing the practice of prayer (**Luke 18:1** and **I Thessalonians 5:17**).
- We should pray for our brethren (**Ephesians 1:16** and **I Thessalonians 1:2**).
- Paul prayed for his journey because God, miraculously, guided the travels of Paul (**Acts 16:6-10**).

### 2. What did Paul want to give to the Christians in Rome?

Some spiritual gift: *“For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established” (Romans 1:11).*

- An Apostle had to come to areas to give the Holy Spirit so that people could have spiritual gifts (**Acts 8:12-23** and **Acts 19:1-7**; cf. **I Corinthians 12:3-11**).
- The point of them being established is in that the Spirit, given through the laying on of an Apostle’s hands, would then guide them (**John 16:13** and **I John 2:27**).

### 3. What did Paul think he would find in Rome that would be comforting for him and the brethren?

Comfort through mutual faith: *“That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me” (Romans 1:12).*

- Brethren comfort one another (**II Corinthians 7:13**, **I Thessalonians 3:7-8**, and **I Thessalonians 5:11**).
- Christians should have like, mutual faith (**Psalms 133:1**, **John 17:20-23**, **Ephesians 4:1-6**, **Titus 1:4**, and **II Peter 1:1**).

### 4. What had Paul purposed to do that he was unable to accomplish?

A visit to Rome: *“Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles” (Romans 1:13).*

- Paul had tried, for years, to come to the saints in Rome and was currently planning an effort to do so (**Romans 15:23-24**).
- Paul had a lot “on his plate” (**II Corinthians 11:28**).
- He wanted to come and teach so that fruit would come forth (**Colossians 1:5-6**).
- While Paul did not preach only to Gentiles (**Acts 17:10** and **Acts 18:5**), such was a focus of his work (**Romans 15:15-17**, **Galatians 2:8**, **Ephesians 3:8**, **I Timothy 2:7**, **II Timothy 1:11**, and **II Timothy 4:17**).

5. To whom did Paul feel indebted?

Essentially all people: *“I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise”* (**Romans 1:14**).

- Again, it was Paul’s work to preach to all (**Acts 9:15**).
- Paul had a true servant mentality (**I Corinthians 9:16-23** and **I Corinthians 10:33**).
- Paul felt as though he owed something to all of humanity. Likely, from other statements Paul had made, this is due to his sinful past of persecuting saints (**I Corinthians 15:8-10** and **Ephesians 3:8**; cf. **Luke 7:36-50**).

6. What was Paul ready to do in Rome?

Preach to them: *“So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also”* (**Romans 1:15**).

- Paul was ever ready to preach (**Acts 20:17-27**; cf. **II Timothy 4:1-8**).

7. What is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes?

The Gospel: *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek”* (**Romans 1:16**).

- No shame (**Psalms 40:9-10**, **Psalms 119:46**, and **Luke 9:26**).
- The power is in the word of God (**Psalms 19:7**, **Psalms 119:9**, **Jeremiah 23:29**, **Romans 10:17**, **Hebrews 4:12**, **James 1:21**, and **I Peter 1:22-25**).
- However, without faith, it does not work well (**I Thessalonians 2:13** and **Hebrews 4:1-6**).

8. What do the just live by?

Faith: *“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith”* (**Romans 1:17**).

- From faith to faith... From one system of faith (Old Law) to another (New Law). Now, there is only ONE FAITH (**Ephesians 4:5**).
- At all times, regardless of the spiritual law that man has been under, the Just live [lived] by faith (**Galatians 3:11** and **Hebrews 10:38**; cf. **Hebrews 11:6**).