THE GOSPEL: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

Romans 1:8–17

Key Verse: 1:17

1. For what was Paul thankful, and why? (8; 16:19a; cf. 1Th1:8; Col1:6) How and why does he describe his prayers for them? (9,10) What can we learn from Paul here?
2. Why does Paul long to go to Rome? (11,12) What does it mean to be “mutually encouraged” in faith? (cf. 15:32) How can we have such Christian fellowship?
3. What does Paul tell the Romans, and why? (13a; cf. 15:20–23) What does he mean by “a harvest among you”? How else does he explain his motives? (14,15) What does he mean by “obligated,” and what can we learn from him? (1Co4:1,2; 9:16; 1Ti1:16)
4. Why would someone be “ashamed of the gospel”? (Mk8:38a; 1Pe4:3,4; 2Ti1:8,12) Why was Paul “not ashamed”? (16a; 1Co1:18; 2:1–5) What does he mean that the gospel is “the power of God”? (Ge1:1; Eph1:19,20) How does it bring “salvation”? (5:9,10; 10:9) Why “to the Jew first and also to the Greek”? (2:9,10; 3:9; 10:12; cf. Ac13:45,46)
5. Read verse 17. What is “revealed” in the gospel? What does Paul mean by “the righteousness of God”? (3:21–26; 5:17,19; 10:3,4; cf. 1Co1:30; Php3:9) By the phrase “from faith for faith”? (4:20,21; cf. Heb11:6) What Scripture does Paul quote here, and why? (17b) What is the essential meaning of living by faith? (Gal2:20)