

Faith Works: The Mission Romans 1:1-17

Apostle Paul is on a mission from God. Believers in Rome were part of the mission as he wrote to them. We can be part of the mission, too.

What is the mission? *Communicate the Gospel.*

Throughout this letter, Paul delineates the Gospel, describing its mysteries, and demonstrating God's power.

This Gospel intersects our lives through faith.

In our new series on the letter to the Romans, we'll understand why faith makes the difference, why faith is necessary, why faith works!

In the opening verses, Paul reveals both his heart for the Romans and what drives him on this mission. In so doing, he reflects God's heart for us and God's desire for us to be on the mission, too. It all works by faith!

Big Idea: God wants me on the mission with Him by faith!

Paul introduces God's gospel of faith. verses 1-6

Its origin is from **God**. verses 1-2

Its content is about **Jesus Christ**. verses 3-4

Its purpose is to produce **faith**. verses 5-7

God's heart expressed by Paul centers on faith. verses 8-13

He **affirms** their faith. verse 8

He **prays for** their faith. verses 9-10

He longs **to assist** them in faith. verses 11-13

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God knows faith is required for the mission. verses 14-17

Like Paul, to be on the mission we need to envision ourselves as:

Under obligation verse 14

Eager verse 15

Not ashamed verse 16

Because those made right with God live **by faith!** verse 17

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Looking ahead? Check out Romans 1:18 - 2:16 for next week.