



The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

Rom 1:8-15 "First, I thank my God through Jesus" Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am <u>under obligation</u> both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome."

Rom 1:1

"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, <u>called</u> to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,"

Rom 1:5

"through whom we have <u>received grace</u> and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations"

Rom 1:14-15

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1 Cor 15:10

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."

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Rom 15:15-16

"But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit."

PLEASE GET THIS

- Paul is a debtor to Greeks and to barbarians because he has freely received the grace of God. If he doesn't pay his debt he is treating the gospel as if he is qualified for it and they aren't, which means he is denying that it is a gospel of grace.
- 2. This gospel of grace is to be preached to believer and unbeliever alike because faith in free grace saves and faith in free grace sanctifies.

Ro 1:11–12

"For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you (in your faith and obedience of faith) that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." 1 Jhn 5:3 "For <u>this is</u> the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome."

1 Jhn 5:2 "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments."

1 Jhn 4:6 "whoever knows God will listen to us and whoever doesn't will not listen to us"

1 Jhn 2:3 "And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments."

Ro 12:6–8

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Pet 4:10

"As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

