

## Romans 1: 8-17 • Study Notes • I Am Not Ashamed

- Paul was encouraged by the faith of the Romans. (**Verse 8**) What kind of challenges did the city of Rome produce for the believers that Paul was writing to?
- What kind of challenges does our society and culture provide for us as we try to walk out our faith in Christ?
- How can believers respond to the deterioration of society in such a way that our faith continues to flourish?
- What is the godly example that Paul gives us in **verse 9 and 10**?
- In **verses 11 and 12** the Apostle speaks of a sharing of gifts between himself and the church in Rome. This speaks of how much we need one another's spiritual giftings to encourage and build up one another in the Body of Christ. What can we do to help encourage this giving and receiving of spiritual gifts?
- In **verse 14** Paul speaks of being "obligated" to Greeks and barbarians. What was it that made Paul obligated to serve these people groups?
- Do you see yourself as obligated to others because of what Christ has done for you?
- How does this attitude of being obligated to Christ run contrary to the popular attitudes of this world?
- To the Apostle Paul the "Gospel" was not just a doctrinal belief. It was a series of historical events that Paul embraced as true.
- What reasons did Paul list for not being ashamed of the Gospel in **verse 16 and 17**?
- What is the power of "man" for salvation?
- How does the religion of man for salvation differ from the power of God for salvation?
- What righteousness does God reveal through the Gospel?