

# ROMANS – FROM GUILT TO GLORY!

Week #5

I Am \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 1:14-17

Let me begin our time together today with having you fill in a blank on your Sermon Note Page – *I am* \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Someone has said, “the 2 greatest days in a person’s life are the day they are born and the day they find out why they were born.”*

Today we continue our Sermon Series in the book of Romans entitled, “*From Guilt To Glory!*”

## Romans 1:14-17

Here we see the Apostle Paul answer that 2 - word question by telling us that he is 3 things.

Paul is now 25 years removed from his Damascus Road experience; he now proclaims the Gospel with greater passion than he had earlier in his life persecuted it with.

*Having accomplished all he (Paul) had hoped for in the lands subdued by the Roman Empire, he now turns his eyes to the lands where people needed to hear the good news.* (Chuck Swindoll Commentary on Romans).

What drives this passion to take the message of Christ to the “barbarian” (one not yet Romanized)?

- Paul had come to the answer to that question, “I am \_\_\_\_\_?”

## Romans 1:14

- I am under obligation (some translations use another word – debtor) (duty – responsibility – compulsion).
- His declaration literally reads, “*To both the Greek and the barbarian, to both the learned and ignorant, I am a debtor.*”
- But Paul writes of another debt:
  - I can own you \$50 and pay it by giving it to you.
  - Paul speaks of someone asking you to take a payment to someone else here I am under the obligation to 2 people

- I am in debt to my Savior for He has given me the Gospel and I now am under obligation to give it to someone else.
  - That is how Paul led his life and is a challenge to live that same Gospel driven life ourselves.

### Romans 1:15

- ***I am eager to preach the Gospel.***
- Paul kept pushing the Gospel forward even in light of his: (Acts, II Corinthians, and II Timothy)
  - Hunger.
  - Thirst.
  - Exposure.
  - Shipwreck.
  - Robberies.
  - Beatings.
  - Imprisonment.
  - Stoning.
- So, what is stopping you from preaching / proclaiming the Gospel today?

### Romans 1:16 - 17

- I am not ashamed (embarrassed).
- ***It's news I'm most proud to proclaim, this extraordinary Message of God's powerful plan to rescue everyone who trusts him, starting with Jews and then right on to everyone else! God's way of putting people right shows up in the acts of faith, confirming what Scripture has said all along: "The person in right standing before God by trusting him really lives."*** (The Message)
- Luke 9:23-26.
- Paul now gives us the 2 reasons that he is not ashamed of the Gospel:
  - ***For it is the power of God for salvation.***
    - Gospel
      - Power – Dynamite (something only God can do)
      - Salvation – deliverance / rescue
  - ***For in it the righteousness of God is revealed.***
    - How can a righteous judge (God) set a sinner free and still maintain His character?
      - When Christ bore our sins at Calvary, He satisfied the Father's requirements for justice.

- But how – what is the part I am responsible for –  
“*the righteous man shall live by faith*”.