

### **ROMANS 1:8-15**

As we continue to embark on our journey through the Book of Romans, let's endeavour to take it a step slower than we usually do when reading something and see things we may otherwise miss. If we do this, we may discover greater details of thought that Paul wrote to the Roman Church and to us who continue to read God's word. I hope and pray that you are blessed tonight in God's Word.

What this passage will reveal, Paul's motivation to evangelise and plant churches because he was commissioned by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, not just under obligation. We can read about this in Acts 9 which tells the story of Paul's conversion.

Let's read Romans 1:8-12 and pray together.

1. First, the style of Paul's writing continues to adapt the ancient letter form. Letters often featured an expression of thanks to the gods in the second part of the main letter. What is distinct about who Paul gives thanks to?
2. Why is Paul giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ?
3. What is being reported?
4. Are there different interpretations in Bibles in verse 9 'Who I serve with my whole.....'?"
5. How does Paul assert himself then in verses 8-9?
6. What is Paul praying for in verse 10 and does this give us a clue into understanding how or what he may be writing into the rest of the letter?
7. What does Paul hope to impart in verse 11 and what is the purpose? See also 1 Thessalonians 3:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:17; 3:3) Does this give us a clue into the spiritual gift?
8. How does Paul qualify this in verse 12 and 13?
9. Who is Paul obligated to in verse 14 and how is this applied in verse 15?

10. As overview of this passage provides us with Paul's own ministry and plans and a model for Christian service. What other aspects of Paul's ministry do you see in this passage?
11. In our immediate community, who else may have a fervent zeal for the gospel?
12. Is the case in many communities, that only a few may have a high zeal for the gospel? What could be the model of Church Leadership that could inhibit many to have a fervent zeal?
13. What do you think could be the outcome if many had a fervent zeal for the gospel?
14. How would you describe the overall zeal of this church?
15. Would we be as fervent as Paul if we were commissioned like him?
16. Does it take a supernatural experience to be fervent?
17. What are some of the amazing things God has done in your life? How has He revealed Himself to you?
18. Let's spend some time in prayer thanking God for all that He has done for us and to examine our zeal for the Gospel considering Paul's example tonight.