

Romans 1:7-17
“I Am Eager To Preach The Gospel To You”

“The Gospel is the Power of God for Salvation. It is to be believed not earned. Our security is found in Christ, not in ourselves.”

In John 15:11, Jesus tells us - “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

Does that in any way describe your normal state of being, full of joy? The big question, therefore, Why not?

The short answer is malnutrition. In the physical realm malnutrition results in a compromised immune system, retarded growth, and mental impairment. The same is true in the spiritual realm. The solution in both realms, consume more of what is good for you. This is difficult only if you do not have access to that which is good or you refuse “to eat your vegetables”. The good news of the Good News is:

“Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

What, therefore, keeps a believer from taking advantage this access? What keeps us from deeper intimacy with God. May I suggest two primary reasons followed by Paul’s encouraging remedy from Romans

Feeling unworthy because of my sin

or

Not truly wanting to cease being “god” and allow God to be God in my life.

Romans 1:7 To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Loved by God, Grace to you and peace from God”

Plato, The Cave

Mark 10:18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? **No one is good except God alone.**

1John 4:8 Anyone who **does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Romans 5:8 but **God shows his love** for us in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.**

1Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1Corinthians 13:8 **Love never ends.**

Hebrews 13:8 **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

Numbers 23:19 **God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind.** Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Malachi 3:6 “**For I the LORD do not change;** therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

Matthew 3:17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**”

Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace among those with whom he is pleased!**”

Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, **because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.**

Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom **I serve with my spirit** in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you

Romans 1:10 always **in my prayers, asking** that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

Romans 1:11 **For I long to see you**, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—

Romans 1:12 that is, that we may be **mutually encouraged by each other's faith**, both yours and mine.

Romans 1:13 I do not want you to be unaware, 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.**

Romans 1:14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

Romans 1:15 So **I am eager to preach the gospel to you** also who are in Rome.

“Preach the Gospel to yourselves everyday”

Martin Luther

“To preach the gospel to yourself, then, means that you continually face up to your own sinfulness and then flee to Jesus through faith in His shed blood and righteous life. It means that you appropriate, again by faith, the fact that Jesus fully satisfied the law of God, that He is your propitiation, and that God's holy wrath is no longer directed toward you.”

Jerry Bridges

Romans 1:16 For **I am not ashamed of the gospel**, for **it is the power of God** for **salvation to everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:17 For **in it the righteousness of God is revealed** from **faith for faith**, as it is written, **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**

Not truly wanting to cease being “god” and allow Him to be in control.

John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Mark 8:27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “**Who do people say that I am?**”

Mark 8:28 And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

Mark 8:29 And he asked them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and **knowledge of God!** How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

1Corinthians 15:34 Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. **For some have no knowledge of God.** I say this to your shame.

2Corinthians 10:5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the **knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,**

Ephesians 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for **building up the body of Christ,**

Ephesians 4:13 until we all attain to the **unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God,** to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Ephesians 4:14 **so that we may no longer be children,** tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Ephesians 4:15 Rather, **speaking the truth in love,** we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Psalms 34:8 **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!** Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Deuteronomy 6:5 **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

Psalms 35:27 Let those who **delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad** and say evermore, “Great is the LORD, who **delights in the welfare of his servant!**”

Isaiah 26:3 You keep him in **perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.**

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