

The Power of the Gospel

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Precepts

Opening Question(s)

What aspects of life hinder us from unabashedly following God's will for our lives and personal ministries? How do we push back against those hindrances?

ROMANS 1:8- 11(NLT)

8 Let me say first that I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith in him is being talked about all over the world.

9 God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by spreading the Good News about his Son.

10 One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you.

11 For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord.

ROMANS 1:12- 15(NLT)

12 When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

13 I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles.

14 For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike.

15 So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News.

ROMANS 1:16-17(NLT)

16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

17 This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do African Americans have a responsibility to share the Good News with people of other races?
2. What about in other nations?
3. How can we accomplish this international evangelism?

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

- Paul insists that the Gospel is for all people, reminding Christians of the Great Commission's understanding that we will go into all the world (Matthew 28:19-20).
- This week, write down a prayer seeking God's will for how you are to participate in the salvation of the world.
- Pray that prayer each day this week and listen for God's answer.