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**Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008****Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God**

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**Introduction****Mark Observations****Record Observations & Questions**

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**Romans 1:8-17**

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

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

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

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

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

13 I want you to know, 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.

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

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

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.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed  
from faith for faith,  
as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." (ESV)

## Basic Outline

- A. Paul's interest in the Romans: Thanksgiving and Prayer 1:8-15
  - 1. Proof of Paul's interest: Thanksgiving 1:8
  - 2. Proof of Paul's interest: Prayer 1:9-10
  - 3. Paul's intent to visit 1:11-15
- B. The Theme: The gospel is the saving power of God in which the righteousness of God is revealed 1:16-17
  - Purpose of the Epistle*
    - 1. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation through faith 1:16
    - 2. The gospel reveals the righteousness of God designed by faith 1:17



Think about it

Identify Paul's reasons for wanting to visit Rome



Talk about it

How are individuals mutually encouraged by each other's faith?

What does this look like?

What environments are necessary for this to happen?



Think about it

Romans 1:16-17

Notice that in the theme, there are two truths about the gospel that Paul focuses on.



Talk about it

*What encouragement do you draw from this passage?*

*What key truths about the gospel do we need to remember?*



What do we learn  
about God



Act on it

## **Application**

*How can we mutually encourage each other's faith so that we share the wonderful message of the power of God?*