

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus called as an apostle and singled out for God's good news – <sup>2</sup> which He promised long ago through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures – <sup>3</sup> concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and who has been declared to be the powerful Son of God by the resurrection from the dead according to the Spirit of holiness. <sup>5</sup> We have received grace and apostleship through Him to bring about the obedience of faith among all the nations, on behalf of His name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who also belong to Jesus Christ by calling: <sup>7</sup> To all who are in Rome, loved by God called as saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ or all of you because the news of your faith is being reported in all the world. <sup>9</sup> For God whom I serve with my spirit in telling the good news about His Son is my witness that I constantly mention you, <sup>10</sup> always asking in my prayers that if it is somehow in God's will, I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I want very much to see you, so I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, <sup>12</sup> that is, to be mutually encouraged each other's faith both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers, that I often planned to come to you (but was prevented until now) in order that I might have a fruitful ministry among you, just as among the rest of the Gentiles <sup>14</sup> I am obligated both to Greeks and barbarians both to the wise and the foolish <sup>15</sup> So I am eager to preach good news to you also who are in Rome.

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes first to the Jew and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For it God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

I am proud of the gospel because it demonstrates:

- God's miraculous ability to save all who believe, according to His promises.
- God's own righteousness & how He remains righteous while making the unrighteous righteous
- Those whom God makes righteous live (forever) by faith