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Paul's sense of obligation (14-15)

¹⁴ *I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.* ¹⁵ *That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.*

Going deeper in the word...

1. Do you think our "faith" should be "reported all over the world"? Why or why not? (1:7)
2. What do you think about the way we pray for people—as you read Paul's comments about praying for the Romans? (1:9-10)
3. Do you think we should be "mutually encouraged by each other's faith"? How? (1:12)
4. Do you see yourself as "obligated" ("a debtor") to anyone because you are a Christian? (1:14)
5. Looking ahead:
In what way is "the gospel... the power of God"? (1:16)
What do you think "a righteousness from God" means? (1:17)

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Paul's Desire to Come to Rome

Romans 1:8-15

In Romans 1:1-7, Paul writes:

This is **who I am: a servant of Christ Jesus**...
what God has done in me

This is my "**Life Message**": "**set apart for the gospel of God**"
what I am called to

This is the "**Center**" of my life: "**Jesus Christ our Lord**"
the One who directs me

This is **who I am called to: "all the Gentiles... To all in Rome"**
the people I can influence

Paul's thankfulness to God for them (8)

⁸ *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.*

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Paul's prayers for them (9-10a)

⁹ *God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you* ¹⁰ *in my prayers at all times;*

Paul's desire to visit them (10b)

and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

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Paul's desire for ministry among them (11-12)

¹¹ *I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—* ¹² *that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.*

Paul's personal explanation to them (13)

¹³ *I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.*