

THE M_____ FOR EVANGELISM -Romans 1:14-16

14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. 15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

E_____ isn't just a g_____ idea or a o_____ detour on the path of life, it is our m_____ in life and our co-_____ with Christ.

Today I want us to think on the subject of the Christian's motivation for reaching out to others.

M_____ is a powerful force in a person's life.

In almost any endeavor in life, the outcome hinges on the issue of m_____. **Rom. 1:15, "I am eager to preach the gospel..."**

Three motivations for reaching out to other people in the name of the Lord Jesus:

I. THE M_____ OF A B_____ HEART.

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

The word translated "under obligation" literally means to be a debtor. Paul was a man who was motivated by a burden of indebtedness to lost people, regardless of who they were or where they were.

Why did Paul sense such a broad debt to mankind, and why should we?

A. A DEBT C_____ BY THE G_____.

Every believer who possesses the gospel of Christ is indebted to every person who doesn't.

B. A DEBT C_____ BY G_____.

We who are saved bear a burden of indebtedness to the unsaved because we possess the gospel, and because God has commissioned us to proclaim the gospel.

Let's consider God's warning to Ezekiel when God told him that He had made him a watchman over the house of Israel.

"When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand" (Ezek. 33:8).

This is our indebtedness that comes from our commission in Christ. Paul said, *"I am innocent of the blood of all men"* (Acts 20:26). He spent his life as a child of God paying off his indebtedness to a lost and dying world.

II. THE M_____ OF A B_____ HEART.

Romans 1:15 Paul says, **"I am eager to preach the gospel to you."** Romans 1:16 Paul says, **"I am not ashamed of the gospel."** The word translated "eager" is a word whose root meaning is "to burn." Paul's heart burned to preach the gospel.

In **1 Cor. 9:16** he says, **"woe is me if I do not preach the gospel."**
"I am not ashamed of the gospel."

He l_____ the gospel, he e_____ the gospel, he was never a_____ of the gospel

He came to Corinth determined, in his own words, to know nothing among them "except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2).

III. THE M_____ OF A B_____ HEART.

Romans 1:16: "it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Until we believe it in our hearts, we will never offer it to the hearts of others.

A. WE MUST B_____ IN THE P_____ OF IT. *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor. 5:17).*

B. WE MUST B_____ IN THE P_____ OF IT.

What is the purpose of the gospel? is *"for s_____."*

C. WE MUST B_____ IN THE P_____ OF IT.

Who is the gospel for? Paul says it is for *"everyone who b_____, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."*

The gospel is for "everyone who believes.