

I AM DEBTOR

ROMANS 1:1-17

Text: Romans 1:14

(Rom 1:14 KJV) "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise."

Introduction:

Paul realizes his position not only to the Lord but also to the world. Paul is referred to as a servant of Jesus Christ, and a debtor to the world.

We too, if we have been born again should be a servant of Jesus Christ, and be a debtor to the world. Not in a financial sense, but in a spiritual sense.

Notice with me:

1. PAUL'S DICTATE (VS 1)

(Rom 1:1 KJV) "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,"

A. Servant (vs 1)

(Rom 1:1 KJV) "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,"

B. Separated (vs 1)

(Rom 1:1 KJV) "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,"

C. Soul winner (vs 15,16)

(Rom 1:15-16 KJV) "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."

2. PAUL'S DEBTORNESS (VS 14)

A. Lord (vs 1)

1. Ambassador to present. (vs 1, apostle)

(Rom 1:1 KJV) "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,"

2. Appointed to preach. (vs 1, 15)

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3. Affirm the Lord's position. (vs 3-7)

(Rom 1:3-7 KJV) "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; {4} And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: {5} By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: {6} Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: {7} To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

B. Lost (vs 14)

(Rom 1:14 KJV) "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise."

1. Pray for. (vs 9)

(Rom 1:9 KJV) "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;"

2. Preach to. (vs 15)

(Rom 1:15 KJV) "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."

3. Present Him. (vs 16)

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C. Legacy (Heb 12:1)

- Follow their procedure. (2 Tim 2:2)

(2 Tim 2:2 KJV) "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

- Forget his past. (Phil 3:13)

(Phil 3:13 KJV) "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,"

- Finish his path. (2 Tim 4:7)

(2 Tim 4:7 KJV) "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:"

3. PAUL'S DETERMINATION (VS 15)

(Rom 1:15 KJV) "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."

- A. Willing to give all
- B. Willing to suffer much
- C. Are we willing with as much as in me is?

Close:

God help us to be debtors to the Lord, lost, and the legacy handed to us.