

The Epistle Of Paul To The  
**ROMANS**  
Christianity Explained

**Sunday September 20, 2015**

**Today's Message: The Heart of a Christian**

**Text: Romans 1:8-16**

**Message Purpose:** Paul's heart is put on display in his address to the Christians at Rome. By examining his introduction we can see some defining attributes of the Christian heart.

**The heart of the Christian concerns itself with the welfare of other Christians.**

*John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

**Introduction:**

**1. Called to be a Christian**

A. The Called of Jesus Christ v.6

1. An Enabling Call
2. An Effectual Call

**2. Called to Be a Saint v.7**

**3. Called to be an "apostle" v.1**

## What does the heart of the Called, Committed Christian look like?

### 1.) It is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart. V.8

Paul is thankful for other Christians in his life.

Paul is not apathetic, aloof, boastful, or competitive with other Christians, but is genuinely thankful for their walk.

Paul is thankful that the Romans' faith has a reputation.

"that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." v.8

Paul is thankful for the Corinthians' grace, growth and giftedness.

**1Corinthians 1:4** *I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Paul is thankful for the Philippians' fellowship and help in the furtherance of the gospel.

**Philippians 1:3** *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;*

Paul was thankful for the Colossians' faith, hope and love.

**Colossians 1:3** *We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always*

*for you, 4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, 5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;*

Paul was thankful for the Thessalonians' hard work, and patience.

**1Thessalonians 1:2** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; **3** Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

Paul was cheerful and not competitive or callous concerning other Christians and churches.

**2.) It is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart v.9**

It was an unceasing prayer life.

**1Thessalonians 5:17** *Pray without ceasing.*

**Ephesians 6:18** *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

Paul had great care for the churches.

**2Corinthians 11:28** *Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.*

It was a prayer life God could testify of.

Not an empty "I'll pray for you"

A conscious committed time in regular prayer.

Being on Paul's prayer list.

**3.) It is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart v.10**

Hopeful to hear from God - "by the will of God"

*1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

Hopeful to meet with them

Hopeful to be a help to them

**4.) It is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart v.11**

To share his gifts with them.

To establish them even more

*1Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

**5.) It is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart v.12**

Paul knew he could be a help to them, but also knew that they would be a blessing to him.

The act of ministry and communion can lead to growth in all parties involved

**6.) It is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart v.13**

Paul knew his mission and was eager to see souls saved among those that lived in Rome

**7.) It is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart v.14**

Paul knew that because of his own salvation, he owed a great debt to share the gospel with everyone.

**8.) It is a \_\_\_\_\_ heart v.15**

It is the heart of a Christian to not to be ashamed of their salvation, but to be joyful about it.

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation