

THE GOSPEL OF GOD PT. 4

THEME: PAUL EXPLAINS THE REASON FOR HIS DESIRE TO VISIT THE CHRISTIANS IN ROME.

PAUL ASSURES HIS READERS ROMANS 1:13

AND I DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE UNAWARE, BRETHREN, THAT OFTEN I HAVE PLANNED TO COME TO YOU. (NASB) See Acts 19:21

UNAWARE: (AGONEO) – TO BE IGNORANT SEE Romans 11:25; 1 Cor. 10:1; 12:1; 2 Cor. 1:8; 1 Thess. 4:13.

PLAN: (PROTITHEMAI) – TO PLACE BEFORE; TO PURPOSE; TO DISPLAY PUBLICLY. SEE Romans 3:25

ROMANS 1:13 (CONTINUED)

...AND HAVE BEEN PREVENTED THUS FAR.(NASB)

PREVENT: (KULUO) – TO HINDER; TO PREVENT FROM DOING

SATAN HINDERS

1 Thessalonians 2:18 For we wanted to come to you – I, Paul, more than once – and yet Satan thwarted us. (NASB) **SEE Romans 15:22**

LIFE TRUTH:

SATAN MAY HINDER GOD'S MESSENGERS FOR A WHILE, BUT HE CANNOT HINDER THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL.

THE PURPOSE OF PAUL'S VISIT Romans 1:13

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TO REAP A SPIRITUAL HARVEST

Romans 1:13

IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT HAVE SOME HAVE SOME FRUIT AMONG YOU ALSO, AS AMONG OTHER GENTILES. (KJV)

WHAT FRUIT?

THE SALVATION OF SINNERS THROUGH THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL SEE John 4:36; Philippians 1:22;

MATTHEW 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His vineyard." (NKJV)

PAUL'S MOTIVATION: HE IS DEBTOR

Romans 1:14 I AM UNDER OBLIGATION BOTH TO **GREEKS AND TO BARBARIANS,** BOTH TO THE **WISE AND TO THE** FOOLISH.

UNDER OBLIGATION: (OPHEILETE)

ONE WHO OWES A DEBT; A DEBTOR

PAUL A DEBTOR

PAUL IS A DEBTOR BECAUSE AS APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES, HE MUST PREACH TO ALL, THE GOSPEL WHICH GOD REVELED TO HIM.

TRUTH:

THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF NATIONALITY OR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

PAUL'S MOTIVATION: HE IS EAGER

Romans 1:15

Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

EAGER: (PROTHUMOS) READY, WILLING, EAGER

LESSON:

WHEN WE UNDERSTAND OUR SPIRITUAL OBLIGATION TO THE WORLD, WE WOULD BE EAGER TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO EVERYONE.