

## Romans 1:8-15

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *1:8* For Paul, God was not a theological concept, but rather a close friend. Most Jews (first-century and today) never refer to God with a personal pronoun.
- 2) *1:8* Some churches become famous because of their pastor or their architecture; this church was famous because of how they followed Jesus.
- 3) *1:9* What does it look like to pray for someone in depth? Read Ephesians 3:14–19: Paul prayed they would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, that Christ would be at home in their hearts, that they would be filled with God’s own love, and that they would be made perfect in His truth and likeness.
- 4) *1:10* Paul’s primary concern was to follow God’s leading, not his own plans.
- 5) *1:11-12* Paul never presumed he was above being spiritually edified and strengthened by other believers. He was humble enough to recognize he would profit from walking with other believers.
- 6) *1:13* The Bible uses the term “fruit” in three ways:
  - Metaphor for attitudes/character traits of a believer submitted to the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
  - Action-oriented term to describe holy living (Romans 6:22; Philippians 4:16–17; Hebrews 13:15)
  - Addition of people coming into the Kingdom and the increase of their spiritual growth in Him (Romans 16:5)
- 7) *1:14* Paul’s commission put him under an obligation to proclaim the gospel of Jesus to all men, just as we need to feel a burden for the whole world.

- 8) *1:14* The gospel is the great equalizer. Every human being is equally lost without it and equally saved by it.

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