



## ROMANS 1:8-15

### Thanksgiving and Prayer

- Paul's letters always begin with a greeting, followed by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 1:1-9, 2 Corinthians 1:1-11, \*Galatians 1:1-5, \*Ephesians 1:1-2, 1:15-23, Philippians 1:1-11, Colossians 1:1-8, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4).
- Romans 1:8-15 provides us with an apostolic summary of Christian \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. <sup>9</sup> For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you <sup>10</sup> always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — <sup>12</sup> that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup> So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. (Romans 1:8-15)

### How did Paul describe Christian ministry?

1. Christian ministry is marked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:8).
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:18
2. Christian ministry must be \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:9).
  - 2 Corinthians 4:1-2
3. Christian ministry is sustained by \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:9-10).
  - Ephesians 6:18-19
4. Christian ministry is aimed at \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:11).
  - Ephesians 4:11-16
5. Christian ministry should result in mutual \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:12).
  - Hebrews 10:24-25
6. Christian ministry is often \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:13).
  - Acts 28:14-31
7. Christian ministry is \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:13).
  - Philippians 1:6
8. Christian ministry shows concern for \_\_\_\_\_ of people (Romans 1:14).
  - Romans 1:16
9. Christian ministry is motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1:14-15).
  - 1 Timothy 3:1, 4:14-16
10. Christian ministry is always \_\_\_\_\_ ministry (Romans 1:15).
  - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

“Serving as an elder in a local congregation is an immense privilege and responsibility because it carries an eternal significance. The task seems daunting, even impossible at times. Yet it is worthy of everything you pour into it, because you are stewarding nothing less than the blood-bought people of God and working for their eternal good and God’s eternal glory.” (Jeramie Rinne, *Church Elders*)

- “Shepherd well, because there is an \_\_\_\_\_ to be given.” (Hebrews 13:17)
- “Shepherd well, because there is a \_\_\_\_\_ to be gained.” (1 Peter 5:1-4)