

## AM Sermon Notes

**Text:** *Romans 1:8-15*

**Title:** *A Heart for Others*

**Central Truth:** As Christians we are not saved just to be consumers, but to share and encourage other believers while reaching out to the lost.

### I. v. 8: Praise

KJV - **is spoken of, is being proclaimed** - This word means to announce or report something openly and publicly! Paul was thankful for what God had done in the lives of the Roman Christians and the impact that they were making on others.

### II. v. 9: Prayer

KJV - **without ceasing**, NIV - **how constantly** - This is one word in the Greek text. It means to pray without letting up or letting off! It speaks of regular, consistent praying in contrast to sporadic. Paul had a consistent, fervent prayer life!

### III. vv. 10-14: Purpose

v. 10: Paul's prayer request to come to Rome was contingent upon him being in God's will for his life.

v. 11: **gift** (Greek - *charisma*) We bring it right into English - charisma or charismatic. Paul wanted to share with the Roman church his apostolic gifts of preaching, teaching and spiritual insight. His desire was to strengthen, mature, edify and build them up spiritually.

v. 12: Paul assures them that his visit would result in a reciprocity of benefits.

v. 13: Paul wanted to grow the Roman Christians and also reach lost people-the main thing!

v. 14: Every Christian has a moral debt to share the Gospel with others!

### IV. v. 15: Priority (Passion)

Paul was eager to walk into the capital city of that known world and share the only message that can transform lives for all eternity!

### Three Practical Applications:

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