

**<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God...<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.**

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**<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.**

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**<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 1:1, 7-15 ESV**

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## Paul on Life

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### You Have at Least Three Lives:

- 1. Where You've Come From**
- 2. Where You are Now**
- 3. Where You are Heading Tomorrow**

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## Where Paul is From

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***The Tale of Three Cities***  
**Tarsus—Jerusalem—Damascus**

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**But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.**

**—Acts 8:3 ESV**

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**<sup>9</sup>I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup>And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them.**

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**<sup>11</sup>And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.**

**—Acts 26:9-11 ESV**

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**...to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me. —Acts 26:18 ESV**

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**Where Paul is Now**

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## Where Paul is Now

- A Servant
- An Apostle
- A Man Set Apart for the Gospel

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## Where Paul is Going

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## Romans 1:8-15

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## Paul on Location

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**“Because of the Empire’s vast extent and long endurance, the institutions and culture of Rome had a profound and lasting influence on the development of language, religion, architecture, philosophy, law, and forms of government in the territory it governed, particularly Europe, and by means of European expansionism throughout the modern world.”**

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**<sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.**

**—Philippians 3:20-21 ESV**

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**Romans 1:8-9**

**Prayer and Praise**

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**Romans 1:10-12**

**Longing and Desire**

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**Romans 1:13-15**

**Insight and Strategy**

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**“Romans is the nearest approach to a systematic exposition of Paul’s own theological position, independent of any immediate circumstances... Rome was the greatest city in the world, the capital of the greatest Empire the world had ever seen... But in writing to such a church in such a city, it was fitting he should set down the very centre and core of his belief.” —William Barclay**

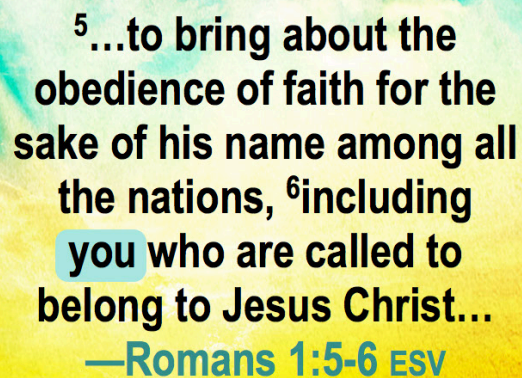
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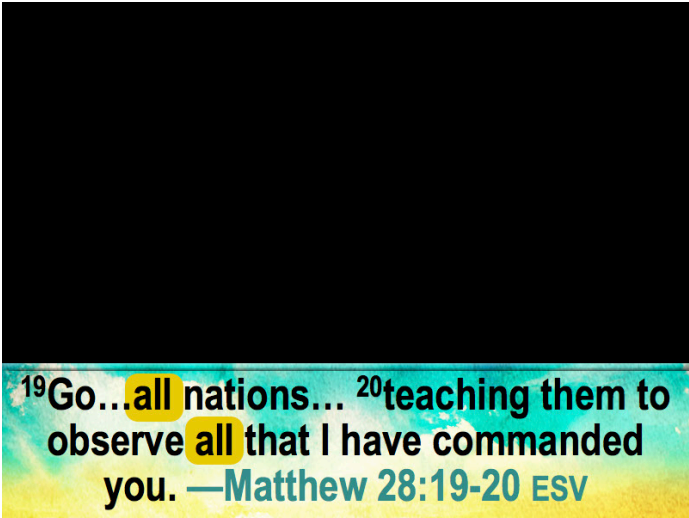
## Paul on Labor

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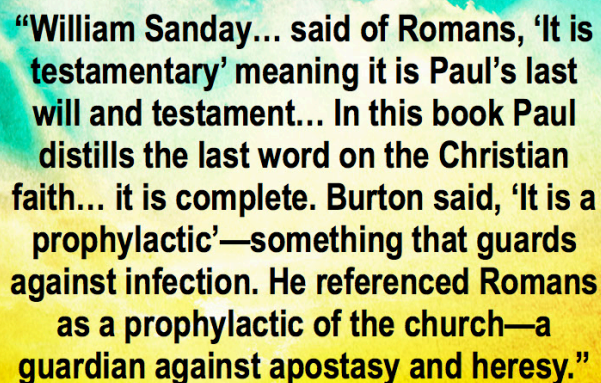
<sup>5</sup>...to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ...  
—Romans 1:5-6 ESV

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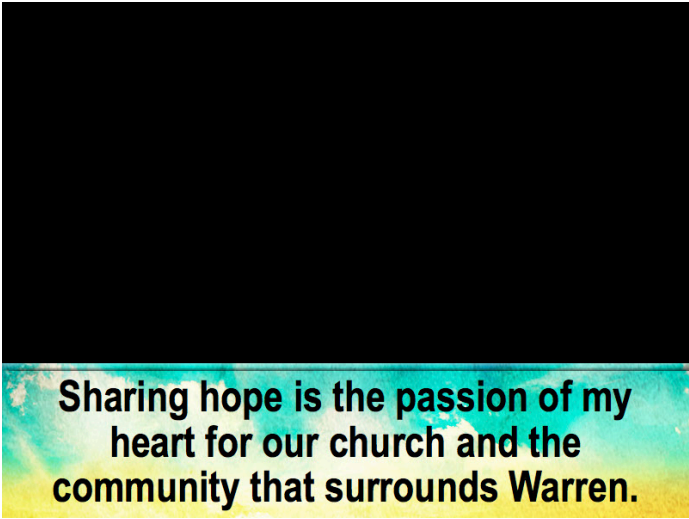
<sup>19</sup>Go...all nations... <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. —Matthew 28:19-20 ESV

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“William Sanday... said of Romans, ‘It is testamentary’ meaning it is Paul’s last will and testament... In this book Paul distills the last word on the Christian faith... it is complete. Burton said, ‘It is a prophylactic’—something that guards against infection. He referenced Romans as a prophylactic of the church—a guardian against apostasy and heresy.”

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Sharing hope is the passion of my heart for our church and the community that surrounds Warren.

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