

# Romans – Justified through faith

## Week 2 – All in Rome - Universality

v7

“To all in Rome” – He greets Jew & Gentile believers alike.

“loved by God...” - God’s own dear children!

“called to be saints” – we are called to belong to Jesus. “The saints” or “the holy people” was a regular Old Testament designation for Israel – Paul is again removing any distinction between Jewish and Gentile believers.

“Grace and peace to you...” - This epitomizes the book!

→ *Reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles.*  
→ *The freeness of God’s justification of sinners.*

They are all equally recipients of God’s grace and peace. Paul is deliberately using terms that indicate all believers in Christ now belong to the covenant people of God.

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Paul then follows this with four points that explain his feelings towards them...

1. *He thanks God for them.*

Paul is glad that Rome has been evangelized – even if it wasn’t him doing it.

2. *He prays for them.*

Paul’s preaching and praying go together, even though most of the believers are unknown to him personally this is no pious platitude – he calls God as his witness! He prays that he may get to see them. He seeks neither to impose his will on God nor to claim to know what God’s will is in this matter. He simply submits his will to God’s.

3. *He longs to see them and tells them why.*

He wants to impart a spiritual gift so they become strong. Not one of the spiritual gifts in the box, as these are imparted by God. He isn’t specific perhaps because he doesn’t know their situation well enough to know what they need most. He’s also not too proud to acknowledge his own need for encouragement.

4. *He has often planned to visit them.*

Is Paul’s failure to get to Rome so far been because his evangelization of Greece wasn’t complete? The harvest mentioned is in the sense of *gathering* fruit rather than *bearing* it.

Q1. How do these verses impact you in your walk with God?

Q2. Have you any experience of impartation – as Paul uses the term? Or of a God imparted Spiritual Gift?

Q3. What is the difference between gathering fruit and bearing fruit, if any?

### Spiritual Gifts

#### 1 Corinthians 12

1. Wisdom
2. Knowledge
3. Faith
4. Healing
5. Miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discernment
8. Tongues
9. Interpretation

#### Ephesians 4

1. Apostle
2. Evangelism
3. Pastor
4. Prophecy
5. Teaching

#### Romans 12

1. Exhortation
2. Giving
3. Leadership
4. Mercy
5. Prophecy
6. Service
7. Teaching

### Memory Verse:

And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. – Rom 1:6