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**Background Scriptures:** Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-118

**Let's Discuss:** How has the gospel of Jesus Christ impacted or changed your life?

## PAUL THE MAN

This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. <sup>2</sup>God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. <sup>3</sup>The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, <sup>4</sup>and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Power:** ability to act or produce an effect (dü'-nä-mes), dynamite

**Gospel:** as the messianic rank of Jesus was proved by His words, His deeds, and His death came to be called the gospel or glad tidings. (Good News)

## Discussion Question #1

- How can you explain to someone how Paul considered himself a slave of Jesus Christ and chosen by God to preach the gospel?

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## APPOINTED

<sup>5</sup>Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name. <sup>6</sup>And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>I am writing to all of you in Rome who is loved by God and is called to be his own holy people.

## Discussion Question #2

- Do you see sharing the gospel as a privilege, a burden, a charge, challenging or a blessing?

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## PRAYERFUL CONCERN

<sup>8</sup> Let me say first that I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith in him is being talked about all over the world. <sup>9</sup> God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart<sup>[d]</sup> by spreading the Good News about his Son.

<sup>10</sup> One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. <sup>12</sup> When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. <sup>13</sup> I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles.

### Discussion Question #3

- What do these verses tell you about the character and heart of the Apostle Paul?

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## NO SHAME

<sup>14</sup> For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. <sup>15</sup> So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News. <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

### Discussion Question #4

- How does an understanding and application of the great commission prevent us from being ashamed of the gospel?

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## APPLY THE TEXT

As Saints of God He has empowered us to be witnesses for Him, let's use that ability to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ with those that we come in contact with. We never know what our neighbor may be going through!

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## MEMORY VERSE

*8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*