

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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### PRAISE

- Our attendance is leveling out and picking up. October is Missions Month and we have committed to support 11 missionaries and 1 evangelical ministry this year.

### PRAY

- Pray for a young man, Zachary. He has been called to preach. He has a lot of zeal, but lacks much needed knowledge in his life. We are encouraging him to attend the Faith Bible Institute in the Spring.
- Pray for the continued discipleship of John, who was the young man in a car accident in their last update. John is a young believer.
- Pray for the expansion of Faith Bible Institute into the Crownpoint area of the reservation during the Spring semester. We hope to gain four more students.



Handout: 07/07/24

Study Date: 07/14/24

## Go With Good News

Romans 1:16

This famous verse is one of the most important verses in the book of Romans. It not only sets the stage for the rest of the book, but it also offers us a challenge today. The meaning of **Romans 1:16** is one that we shouldn't ignore

### THE MEANING OF ROMANS 1:16

In just a single sentence Paul communicates a lot. This famous verse is seen as the central theme of the entire book. To help you better see the meaning of **Romans 1:16** I'm going to break this verse into three sections.

### FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

Previously Paul had expressed his desire to come to Rome and preach the gospel. Now Paul is proclaiming that he is not ashamed of the gospel message, he's proud of it.

Rome was a great city and had a lot to offer. Perhaps some of the Christians were ashamed to proclaim the gospel because it seemed ridiculous to others. It was also common for Christians to face persecution because of their faith; even Paul found himself on the receiving end.

### BECAUSE IT IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES

Paul reveals why he is not ashamed: because the gospel has the power to bring salvation to ALL. He's showing his readers that anyone who puts their faith in Jesus will be saved and welcomed into God's family.

This is incredible news, so why would anyone be ashamed? Paul is willing to stake his life on it, and he's encouraging his readers to do likewise.

If the gospel is true then there's nothing of consequence that a Christian can lose.

### FIRST TO THE JEW THEN TO THE GENTILE

Paul ends with this statement that might seem a little weird for us today: the gospel was first to the Jews then to the Gentiles.

A Gentile was anyone who was not a Jew. But why did the gospel have to go to the Jews first? God had promised to bring salvation through Israel to the rest of the world (**Exodus 19:5-6, John 4:22**). Therefore Israel was to receive his Son, and they got the first opportunity to follow Him. This was why Jesus went to the Jews first. But when Jesus ascended into heaven he sent his disciples into the entire world proclaiming the message of salvation.

Resource: rethinknow.org

## KEY VERSE

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Romans 1:15-16a; I Corinthians 15:1a, 3,4**

### Your Good News Is Called The Gospel

1. What “inspiration” should we as believers draw from the words *“I am ready to preach the gospel”* in Romans 1:15?
2. In I Corinthians 15:1a the words are spoken *“I declare to you the gospel.”* How does I Corinthians 15:3-4 go on to “define” the gospel?

**Tuesday: Romans 1:14; I Timothy 1:8-12**

### You Are In Debt To Share The Gospel

3. Romans:1:14 states *“I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and unwise.”* What action is this verse calling all believers to?
4. 1 Timothy 1:9 informs us that *“the law is not made for a righteous person.”* Who then was it made for and who will be *“counted faithful”*?

**Wednesday: Romans 1:15; Colossians 4:6**

### Be Ready To Share The Good News

5. Paul states in Romans 1: 15 he is *“ready to preach the gospel.”* Are YOU?
6. Colossians 4:6 tells us to *“let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt.”* What is Paul telling us here as to “how “ we preach the gospel?

**Thursday: Rom. 1:16; Lk 19:10; Eph.2:5; I Pet.3:18; Tts. 3:8**

### Don't Be Ashamed To Share The Gospel

7. Paul states he is *“not ashamed”* to share the gospel in Romans 1:16. What does he say immediately after that should give us all confidence to share it?
8. How does the scripture in 1 Peter 3:18 define the “purpose” of the gospel in relation to our salvation? What will sharing the gospel achieve?
9. What does Titus 3:8 tell us regarding *“those who have believed in God”*?

**Friday: Rom.3:23;Rom.6:23; Rom.5:8;Rom.10:9-10;Rom.10:13**

### Use The Romans Road To Share The Good News

10. Romans 3:23 assures us that we have *“all sinned”* and *“fallen short of the glory of God.”* But how has “the cross” freed us as believers?
11. We learn one of the most crucial facts of our faith in Romans 6:23. For those who continue to choose sin, what will be their *“wages”*?
12. What beautiful promise is given to those of us who *“confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus”* in Romans 10:9?