

The “I Am’s” of Paul

Rom. 1:13-17

I. I Am Debtor (Rom. 1:14)

- Debtor: “under obligation” -- As a disciple, a servant, a child of God
- Paul’s sense of obligation. (I Tim. 1:12-16; I Cor. 9:16)
- We are debtors to:
 - To God. (Eph. 2:4-10; Matt. 18:23-35; II Cor. 8:9; Rom. 8:12)
 - To our brethren. (Rom. 15:27)
 - To our neighbor. (Rom. 13:8)
 - To those who are lost. (Rom. 1:14; Mk. 16:15-16; Matt. 28:20; Phil. 2:15-16)

II. I Am Ready (Rom. 1:15)

- Ready: Eager, willing, predisposed, prepared.
- Paul was ready, eager to comply with the responsibilities that God had given him.
- Can we say as Paul, “I am ready”?
 - Ready to hear the word of God. (James 1:19; Rom. 10:17; Eccl. 5:1-2)
 - Ready to every good work. (Titus 3:1; II Tim. 3:16-17)
 - Ready to die. (II Tim. 4:6-8)
 - Ready to proclaim the word of God. (Acts 8:1-4; 15:35; II Tim. 2:2)
- We must be ready...
 - Ready to proclaim the word of God.
 - Boldly. (Eph. 6:19)
 - Lovingly. (Eph. 4:15)
 - Completely. (Acts 20:26-27)
 - To defend. (Phil. 1:17; Jude 3)
 - To give an answer. (I Pet. 3:15)
 - In season and out of season. (II Tim. 4:2)

III. I Am Not Ashamed (Rom. 1:16)

- Things of which we ought to be ashamed:
 - Sins in past life. (Rom. 6:20-21; I Tim. 1:13-16)
 - Failure to study the word of God. (II Tim. 2:15; I Cor. 15:34)
 - To disobey the word of God. (II Thess. 3:6,14)
 - Immodest apparel. (I Tim. 2:9-10)
- Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ...
 - To believe the gospel. (II Tim. 1:12; II Cor. 4:13)
 - To endure hardship for the gospel. (II Tim. 1:8)
 - To preach the gospel...
 - To intellectuals and idolaters → Acts 17:18
 - To religious people → Acts 14:1, Acts 17:1,2
 - To kings → Acts 26:28
 - To rich or poor → I Cor. 9:19-23)
 - Jesus said, “For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.” (Lk. 9:26)