

***Sermon Title:* "GOD'S WORD, GOD'S PEOPLE"**

**Date:** January 28, 2024 - Romans 1:8-17

Central Idea: God's people, throughout the Bible, gather around God's Word. How important is God's Word to you?

Introduction: God has good news! It is promised in the Old Testament and centered in Jesus Christ. He came to earth as a Jew, died, and rose again; and He saves all who will trust in Him. He alone purchased salvation, and this message must be preached to the whole world. Why? Because the gospel alone is "the power of God to salvation" (v. 16).

Note the evidence of Paul's concern and motivation toward the people.

- I. He Was Thankful for Them, v. 8.
- II. He Prayed for Them, vv. 9-10.
- III. He Encouraged Them, vv. 11-12.
- IV. He Was Obligated to Them, vv. 13-15.
- V. He Had Confidence in the Power of the Gospel, vv. 16-17.
  1. Origin of the Gospel, v. 16a
  2. Operation of the Gospel, v. 16b
  3. Outcome of the Gospel, v. 16c
  4. Outreach of the Gospel, v. 16d

Conclusion: Paul was gripped by the gospel; his whole life was controlled by it. Called to be an apostle (v. 1), he felt himself a debtor to the whole world (v. 14). Through His church, God is calling people to Jesus Christ (vv. 5-7). God's people, throughout the Bible, gather around God's Word. They listen for it; they obey it; they love it! Has the Word of God and the gospel gripped you?