

Series: **Who's Your One?**

Sermon: **Prepared Mind**

Passage: Romans 1:14-17

Illustration:

Need: What will keep you moving you towards your "one" is a prepared mind regarding your responsibility to the gospel, your urgency to share the gospel, and your confidence in the gospel.

I. I am Obligated (14)

- Carries the idea of being indebted, to owe someone something.
- God has entrusted us with The Gospel to be delivered to the world. We are obligated to both parties.
- Greeks & Barbarians = Hellenized and non-Hellenized Gentiles in the world.
- Wise & foolish = those who know something of God and those who do not.

II. I am Eager (15)

- One can recognize an obligation but be everything but eager (paying taxes, family reunions, etc.)
- We are eager to fulfill those obligations that we delight in or that we recognize as URGENT!

III. I am Not Ashamed (16-17)

- This verse explains why Paul is eager to preach the gospel (the use of the word "for" meaning because).
- I am eager because I have complete confidence in the gospel (not ashamed) no matter how foolish it might sound. 1Cor. 1:18
- I am confident because (for) it is the power of God that brings salvation to those who believe.
- Salvation from sin & its consequences & salvation to the present & future blessing of God!
- "Believe = to put full trust in the God who justifies the ungodly by means of the cross & resurrection of Christ" Douglas Moo. NOT believing facts but trusting a person.
- "The righteousness of God is revealed" - the act by which God puts people who believe in right relationship to Himself.
- This right relationship is God's work received only by faith & not works.
- "From faith for faith" (lit. from faith into faith). NIV = "by faith from first to last."
- Those who are righteous are so because of faith, faith in the crucified and risen Jesus. (Hab. 2:4)

IV. What do you need to ask for today?

- Father, reveal to me the one you have for me. Give me courage to pray, prepare, and share.
- Father, I ask that you help me today to see my gospel obligation, to you and my one.
- Father, I ask that you help me today to have a sense of urgency to share the gospel with my one.
- Father, I ask that you help me today to never be ashamed of the gospel and to be absolutely confident in your saving power for those who will by faith trust Jesus.