# GOSPEL OBLIGATIONS Romans 1:8-17

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### I. We are obligated to love each other (8-13)

## A. Faithful commendation (8)

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world."

### **B.** Prayer (9, 10)

"For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you."

## C. Fellowship (11-13)

"For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you -that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles."

# II. We are obligated to love the lost (14-17)

### A. Regardless of human differences (14)

"I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish."

### **B.** By preaching the gospel (15-17)

"So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome."

### 1. Because it is the power of God (16)

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

### 2. Because it produces the righteousness of God (17)

*"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith."*