

**LESSON 6—July 11, 2021****Devotional Reading:**

Psalm 71:1-6, 17-24

**Background Scripture:**

Romans 1

**Print Passage:**

Romans 1:8-17

**Key Verse(s):**

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.  
(Romans 1:16, KJV)

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I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.  
(Romans 1:16, NIV)



**Summer Quarter 2021 Theme:**  
Confident Hope  
Unit II. Faith and Salvation

**Lesson Titles:**

**A Gift to Strengthen You**  
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

**The Power of the Gospel**  
(Townsend Press Sunday School  
Commentary)

**► Questions to Consider:**

1. What is the Apostle Paul thanking God for in this week's lesson?
2. Why was Apostle Paul longing to see the saints in Rome?
3. What does the Apostle Paul say about the Gospel?

**► Lesson Context:**

- The purpose of Paul writing to the Romans was to introduce himself to the Romans and to give a sample of his message before his arrival in Rome.
- The Roman church was mostly Jewish but also contained a great number of Gentiles.
- The Epistle of Romans has been called one of the greatest Christian writings of all time because it spells out in clear language **God's plan** to bring salvation through Jesus Christ to Jews and Gentiles.

Paul's writing to the church in Rome was -

- First, to inform the church of his desire to strengthen them through the impartation of spiritual gifts.
- Second, Paul wanted to share with them his understanding of the Gospel as the power of God to salvation (Romans 1:16–8:39).
- Third, Paul wanted to solicit financial assistance and encouragement for his journey to Spain (see Romans 15:24).

**► Lesson Aims:**

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Discern the power of God as illustrated in Paul's faith.
- Affirm the power of God's salvation in family and friends.
- Pray for the salvation of the world, believing that it is possible.

► **Lesson Outlines/Key Points:**

I. **Thankful for the All-in Prayer (Romans 1:8-10)**

**Key Point 1:** Paul begins his letter with an expression of thanksgiving.

**Key Point 2:** Paul prays for the Roman saints.

II. **Trustful on the Way (Romans 1:11-13)**

**Key Point 1:** Paul prayed for the chance to visit and encourage the Christians in Rome.

**Key Point 2:** Paul wanted to bless the Christians in Rome with Spiritual gifts.

III. **Truthful—Do Not Stray (Romans 1:14-17)**

**Key Point 1:** Paul's commission to spread the Gospel was not confined to a single nation or group of people.

**Key Point 2:** The gospel is the good news concerning Christ and the way of salvation.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- The gospel is the good news concerning Christ and the way of salvation.
- The message of the Gospel is dynamic and relevant for every person, from every background or life experience.
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**What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)**

1. Do you make a habit of letting others know when you are praying for them?

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2. Have you ever felt hindered in your desire or efforts to make a spiritual connection with someone who needs God? Did you give up, persevere, or wait for God to open a door?

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3. What does it mean to be "ashamed of the gospel" (verse 16)? With whom (which groups or types of people) are you more comfortable sharing your faith?

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**As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:**

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