

PAX ROMANA

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Understanding the PASSION of Paul ... the author

Romans 1.8-15

Two Callings upon the life of Paul:

- _____ for the past
- A _____ for the future

Just who is Paul and where did he come from?

I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison ...
Acts 22.3-4 (NIV)

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1.21 (NIV)

Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers.

I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

2 Corinthians 11.21-30 (NIV)

Living our the Call of God on one's Life:

Being Thankful & Interceding in all circumstances:

Key Word: _____

I thank God through Jesus for every one of you. That's first!

Romans 1.8 (MESSAGE)

- thankful for _____ ...
- thankful for the _____ he's in ...
- thankful for the ' _____ ' within Rome ...

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 ...

Romans 1.9 (ESV)

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man I Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2.5 (ESV)

Serving within the Community of Christ:

Key Word: _____

What I am saying is that we can encourage each other by the faith that is ours.

Romans 1.12 (CEV)

- Serving begins with _____
- Serving leaves no room for _____
- Serving to _____

For just preaching the Gospel isn't any special credit to me—I couldn't keep from preaching it if I wanted to. I would be utterly miserable. Woe unto me if I don't.

1 Corinthians 9.16 (TLB)

The time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, and that time is here already. You see, the Father too is actively seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4.23-24 (NCV)