**The Book of Romans 1: 1-12**

**Key Phrases**

* *Bondservant*: The Greek word for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but given a Hebrew sense here by Paul to imply willing service for a beloved, respected master.
* *Separated to*: Paul had been set apart (that is, specially selected) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his ministry to the Gentiles.
* *Gospel of God:* The word *gospel* means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* *Declared*: Literally, “to distinguish, or mark off,” this is the Greek word from which the English word “horizon” comes; as the horizon marks clearly the boundary between earth and sky, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marks Christ as the Son of God come in the flesh.
* *Obedience to the faith*: True saving faith always produces \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lordship of Christ.
* *Serve with my spirit*: The word translated “serve” can also be translated “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* *Spiritual gift*: The Greek word for “gift” is *charisma*, meaning a “gift of grace,” a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Discussion Questions**

1. How can we operate with the same level of confidence that the Apostle Paul operated with? Is it realistic? Why or why not? What is holding us back?
2. What does this passage reveal about the good news and the Person of the good news?
3. What is missing from the gospel you believe in if you forget or downplay the truth that God’s Son is “Jesus” ... or “Christ” … or “Lord”? Do you ever downplay one or the other of these in how you think and live?
4. Where can you see the “obedience that comes from faith” in your own life?
5. Consider the things Paul is most thankful for in Romans 1:8-9. Are these things you give thanks for? Why or why not?
6. How does Paul’s calling compare to yours? What spiritual gifts have you received?
7. What difference would it make if you went to church next Sunday consciously seeking to encourage others? Do you allow the faith and words of others to encourage you?