

Romans 1:8-15 - Visible (Invisible) Faith

Intro

Wondering what *you* will get out of Church? Is your faith evident to people?

Romans 1vv1-16 - Paul's weighty intro Faith= trust, belief

"Faith is the surrender of the mind... [and] reason"

"...faith is reason gone courageous – not the opposite of reason"

Christian faith: Jesus is the direct object of our faith or trust

The Passage

vv8-10 'Thanks and concern in prayer'

V8 Excellent faith reputation (like Is 49v6)

Faith and obedience (John 14v23 – Love Jesus? Obey his teaching)

V9-10 Importance of Jesus. Doesn't stop praying. Love to visit them.

vv11-15 'I wish I was there'

v11 Paul desires to bolster their faith

V12 Faith fosters faith in others

V13 Failure to visit not from lack of trying.

Love to reap a bumper faith crop with them.

V14 Debt to highly educated and unsophisticated

V15 Need to know Jesus and what He's done for them

Later: V17 Faith vitally important. Moves to describe messed up world

Application

Is someone's faith encouraging, tell them, **but** thank God too

Be thankful for each and every brother and sister

Don't keep your faith to yourself, share it Uplift one another in prayer