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Romans 1:1-17

Paul looked forward to a harvest in Rome, not a harvest of grain or material wealth, but of souls for the Lord (Romans 1:13). He knew his ministry would end in glorious victory for the Cross, and not in shameful failure, because the Gospel is powerful:

- Powerful across all nationality lines—Jews and Gentiles (Romans 1:16)
- Powerful to save from sin for all who believe (Romans 1:16)
- Powerful to reveal righteousness from God (Romans 1:17)
- Powerful to include all believers in one family (Romans 1:6)
- Powerful to make us saints (Romans 1:7)

Paul, who had called himself the worst of sinners, a persecutor of the Church, and an adherent to righteousness by strict legalism, had himself been the product of this powerful gospel (see 1 Timothy 1:12-16). His life had been turned upside down. His priorities were all changed. Righteousness now came from the heart through Christ, and not the law. As the Gospel changed Saul into Paul, the Gospel can be the power of God in our lives for what we need today and eternally.

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