

Are You Obligated To The Gospel?

1) The gospel stirred Paul to thank God for the church because of its worldwide testimony.

Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. (NKJ)

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJ)

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be ^[a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (NKJ)

2) The gospel subjected Paul’s spirit, his whole heart, to God’s Son.

Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve ^[a]with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, (NKJ)

The gospel stirred Paul to pray without ceasing.

3) The gospel stirred Paul to seek people personally.

Romans 1:10-13 One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. ¹¹ For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. ¹² When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. ¹³ I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, ^[a] that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles. (NLT)

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (NIV)

4) The gospel stirred Paul with a deep sense of indebtedness and a readiness to reach all men.

Romans 1:14-15 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. ¹⁵ So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. (NKJ)