



Salvation: Why? and How?
or, SALVATION: ITS NEED AND PROVISION
Romans Chapters One to Five
Calvary Baptist Church
Sermon 3: The Man Who Said "Yes."

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Romans 1:14-17

INTRODUCTION:

- I. Paul's **Responsibility** for Preaching (1:14)
Debtor – one under obligation. (C Mt. 6:12)
Greek – those conversant with Greek **culture**.
Barbarian – One who is foreign. One who speaks a strange and unfamiliar language. Those who say "bar bar." Those not familiar with the Greco-Roman culture.
Wise – The clever, skillful, experienced person.
Unwise – The foolish, **dull**-witted person.
- II. Paul's **Readiness** for Preaching (1:15; Mt. 26:41)
Ready – *prothumos*. **Eager**, willing. (Cf., Mt. 26:41)
A. **Ready in His Effort**
B. **Ready in His Extent**
- III. Paul's **Resolve** In Preaching (1:16)
A. **The Pride** about the Gospel (Cf., Mk. 8:38)
B. **The Power** of the Gospel (Cf., Mt. 11:20)
C. **The Promise** of the Gospel
D. **The People** of the Gospel
- IV. Paul's **Reason** for Preaching (1:17)
A. **The Righteousness** of God (Rom. 3:26)
• A holy God can redeem unholy men and still be righteous in the act!
B. **The Relationship with God**
C. **Redemption** (life)

APPLICATION:

Christianity began with one tremendous **problem**.
(Cf. Jn. 3:16; 12:32; Mt. 28:19)
Paul as a **Jew** (2 Cor. 11:22)
Paul and the **Gentile** World (Acts 13:47; 22:22-29; 21:37-40)

Paul had great schemes simmering in his mind. It has been said of him that he was "always haunted by the regions beyond." He never saw a ship at anchor but he wished to board her and to carry the good news to men across the sea. He never saw a range of mountains, blue in the distance, but he wished to cross them, and to bring the story of the Cross to men who had never heard it. At this time Paul was haunted by the thought of Spain. "I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain" ([Rom 15:24](#)). "When I have completed this [that is, when he had delivered the collection to the Church in Jerusalem] I shall go on by way of you to Spain" ([Rom 15:28](#)).

Paul was a master strategist. He had an eye for the layout of territory like a great commander. He felt that by this time he could move on from Asia Minor and for the time being leave Greece behind. He saw the whole west lying in front of him, virgin territory to be won for Christ. But, if he was to launch a campaign in the west, he needed a base of operations. There was only one such base possible—and that was Rome. DSB