



# ROMANS

GOD'S TEMPLATE  
FOR HIS CHURCH



# Introduction:

Just as artisans often use templates to gain consistency and to save time in recreating commonly-used designs, God used Paul to provide believers with a pattern of interdependent living.

**Text: Romans 1:8-17**

**First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.**

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**God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.**

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**I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong — that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.**

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**I do not want you to be unaware,  
brothers and sisters, that I planned  
many times to come to you  
(but have been prevented from doing  
so until now) in order that I might  
have a harvest among you, just as I  
have had among the other Gentiles.**



**I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.**

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**That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.**

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
because it is the power of God that  
brings salvation to everyone who  
believes: first to the Jew, then to the  
Gentile.**

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**For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”**

**Romans 1:1-7**

In just a few words, Paul establishes what should be the pattern of interaction of believers. In following that pattern, we should:

**THANK GOD** for our fellow  
**BELIEVERS.**

Constantly **REMEMBER** them in our  
**PRAYER.**

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**DESIRE** to spend **TIME** with them.

Use our **SPIRITUAL GIFTS** to **STRENGTHEN** them.

**ENCOURAGE** them by exemplifying **FAITH.**

Paul placed a strong emphasis on the **INTERDEPENDENCE** of believers, teaching that:

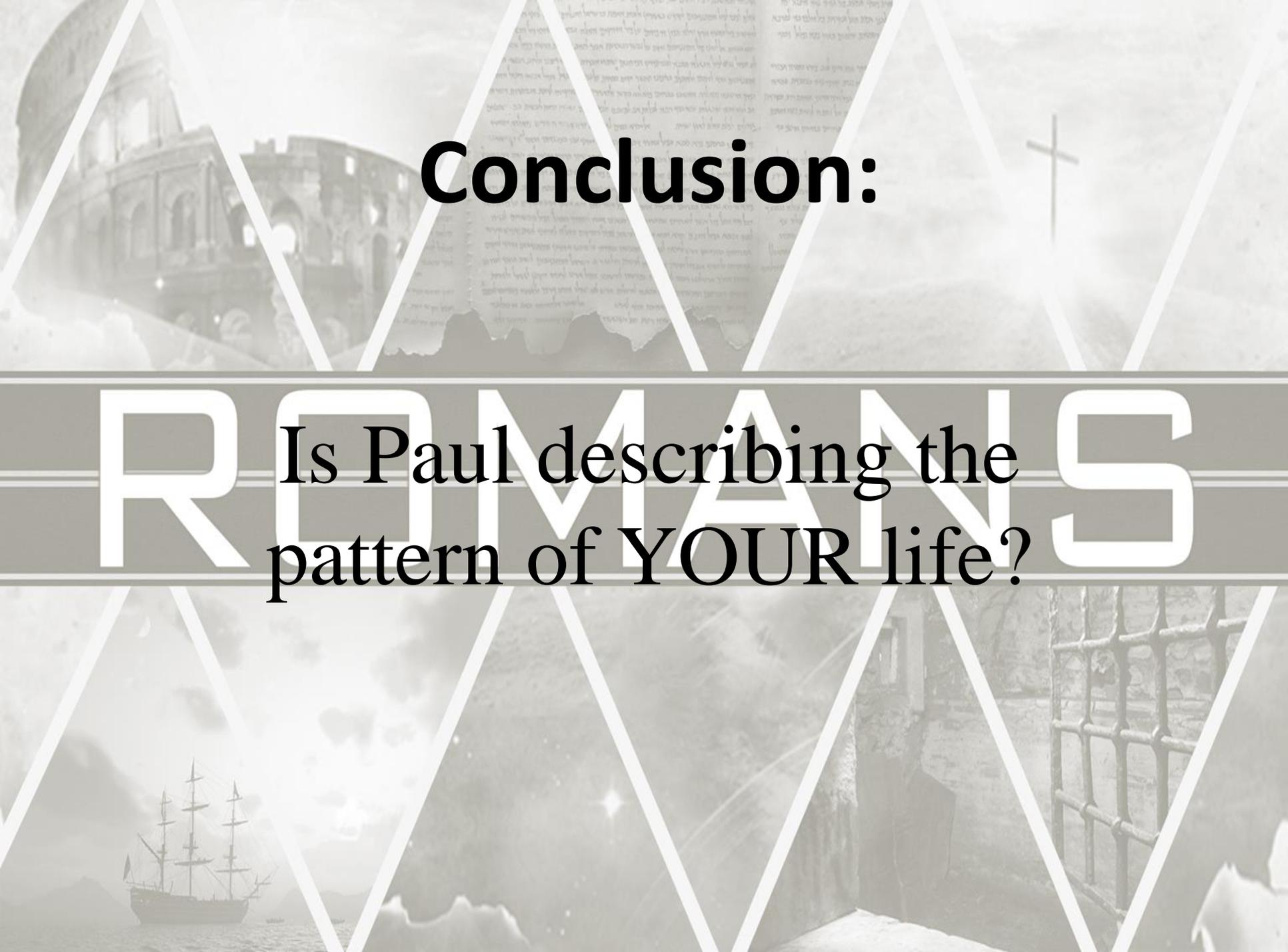
We can be benefitted by **ALL** believers, even those who are not **LIKE** us, or who appear to know **LITTLE**.

Paul placed a strong emphasis on the **INTERDEPENDENCE** of believers, teaching that:

We should never be **EMBARRASSED** by the gospel, because it has a powerful benefit for those who hear it.

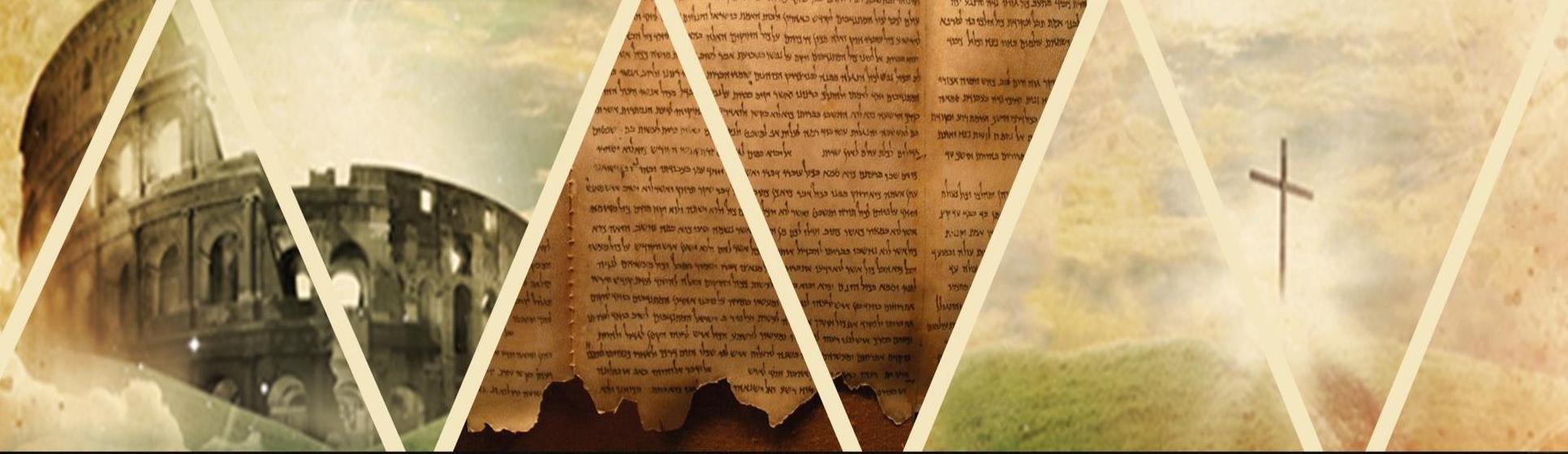
Paul placed a strong emphasis on the **INTERDEPENDENCE** of believers, teaching that:

The gospel brings **SALVATION** to those who **BELIEVE**, and **REVEALS** a new means of **RIGHTEOUS – FAITH!**



**Conclusion:**

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Is Paul describing the  
pattern of YOUR life?



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