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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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