

/ Thanksgiving and Longing

[Introduction]

We often learn things from people by _____ them.

In this sermon we're going to observe Paul's attitudes, and we're going to learn how they can become our attitudes.

[1] I thank God! (v8)

What is Paul's first concern?

What did he thank God for?

Do your prayers have Paul's attitude of thanksgiving?

[2] I care for you! (v9-12)

How does Paul show us clearly that he cares for the Christians in Rome?

- i.
- ii.
- iii.
- iv.

What effect would Paul's care have had on the Christians in Rome?

What effect would your care have on Christians at Carey Baptist Church?

[3] I want fruit! (v13)

In what two senses does Paul want a harvest (or fruit; or results) among the Roman Christians?

- i.
- ii.

What do v11 and v13 together tell us about Paul?

Does your attitude match Paul's here?

[4] I am bound! (v14)

What does Paul feel bound to do?

Is Paul saying he is a debtor to God, or to non-Christians?

Do you agree that we 'owe it' to non-Christians; to share the gospel with them?

[5] The gospel compels us! (v15)

What does Paul think will happen to the Christians at Rome if he preaches the gospel to them?

The gospel compels us by changing us. How does it change us?

So what do we need to do then?