

Scripture Reference: Romans 1:11-17

**Read today's Scripture Verses:*

Look at the picture below:



YOUR PICTURE HERE

What do you see? In understanding our time today, I want you to take a picture with your family. It does not have to be one that is perfect, but I want you to take a picture of your family and have it developed for every person in your family. In doing so, I have found that for me to be able to continue to remind myself of the goal ahead of me, I have to have a vision of the goal I want to attain. The same is true with our families. Today, I want you to place a picture of your family somewhere in your car, in your room, on your desk, as many places that you go and plant yourself in order to keep your eye on the prize....YOUR FAMILY! In doing so I want it to be a constant reminder of the things that many times suffer when we sometimes choose the world over our family. I want to stand as a reminder for others that your family is something that is the most important blessings that we have EVER received. Every where we look, I hope that we see a face of our family and stop and spend time in prayer. YES, I want it to be the same picture.. there is a reason for that, but I will explain that tomorrow.

In today's scripture, Paul is saying that to the Christian group in Rome. In his letter, he is trying to plant inside his mind a picture of those that are continuing on the journey with God. He envisions their lives and their struggles, and continues to provide for them a word of encouragement in their faith. The major verse comes to us today from verse 16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.. Are we so confident in our faith. Are we so intimate with our family and our friends that we have the power and strength to share the amazing love of Christ that has been given to us?

This is where the picture begins. I want you to take this picture, print it out, so that your family can begin to testify to what God means to your family. If your children are caring it around, they will have the opportunity to tell others about what God is doing in their lives. If you continue to have this picture everywhere, it will open up conversations about your family and give you the chance to tell how God has been working in your life and in your families life over the last 2 months. Family is powerful, and I know that sometimes we feel as though we may be stuck in a rut in the mud digging deeper and deeper. But understand this one amazing thing... God is in that picture. As you begin to think outside the box, realize that God is in each and every person that

is standing, sitting, smiling, frowning, crying, etc... God is all around and no better place should we be able to see that picture of God than in each of our families. For in the gospel, righteousness is revealed... a righteousness that is in your family! SAY CHEESE... AMEN

Today's Memory Verse:

16For 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. Romans 1:16

Today's Scripture Verses:

11I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— **12**that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. **13**I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,**[a]** 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. **14**I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. **15**That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. **16**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. **17**For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,**[b]** just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."