

# Being Part of the Cure

Romans 1:7-16

*“The whole picture of thousands of people stealing – and so quickly after the lights were out – speaks of an attitude of violence that is never far beneath the surface of our lives ... The sickness of New York in the dark is a gripping fact of life throughout the world. As of now, none of us knows the cause or the cure.”*

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Romans 1:7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. <sup>9</sup> God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you <sup>10</sup> 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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<sup>11</sup> I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— <sup>12</sup> that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. <sup>13</sup> 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.

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<sup>14</sup> I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. <sup>15</sup> That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

<sup>16</sup> 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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- 1) *We need to correctly diagnosis the problem and then prescribe the needed cure.*

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## The Romans Road

3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

10:9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ... <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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5:1 since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



*“(Rome) ... a filthy sewer into which the dregs of the empire flood.”*



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*Some want to live within the sound  
Of church or chapel bell;  
I want to run a rescue shop,  
Within a yard of hell. — C.T. Studd*

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2) *The heart of an evangelist.*

<sup>10</sup> I pray that now ... the way may be opened for me to come to you.

<sup>13</sup> I planned many times to come to you ... in order that I might have a harvest among you.

<sup>15</sup> I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

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3) *We need to be a part of a ministering Church.*

- Verbal proclamation of the Good News
- Acts of compassion

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*“Christianity has been especially advanced through the loving service rendered to strangers. It is a scandal that the Christians care not only for their own poor but for ours as well, while those who belong to us look in vain for help that we should render them.” – Emperor Julian*

- Living out the “one another” commands.