

Identity in Action

a) Paul's Joys – v. 8

1. Theirs is a Genuine Faith

3 Things mark Genuine Faith

- Right Object –
- Right Source –
- Right Results –

2. Theirs is a Proclaimed Faith

A couple of take-aways ...

- The example the Roman church...
- Example of Paul...

b) Paul's Longings (Prayers / Plans) – v. 9-15

1. To Strengthen Them – v. 11
2. To Be Mutually Encouraged – v. 12
3. To Obtain some Fruit – v. 13

c) Paul's Actions – v. 8-15

1. Thanksgivings – v. 8
2. Prayers – v. 9-10
3. Plans – v. 13-15
4. Acts – ch. 1-16

Praxis

1. Consider a time when you have been personally encouraged by another person's faith. How was it encouraging to you?
2. What is the difference between Goals and Plans? What might hinder folks from making specific Goals? specific Plans?
3. What might BCO do to be "known for its faith?" How might you personally help in that?
4. In Rom 1:14, Paul says in shorthand fashion that he shares the Gospel with every kind of person. Are there certain people / circumstances you tend to avoid with the Gospel? Why is that? What things do we have in common with "everyman?"
5. Thought Question: "Obligation" is mostly an avoided concept in Christian circles these days. How is obligation a good thing, a necessary thing, an unavoidable thing?