OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GOSPEL
Romans 1:14-17

Introduction

Let us consider 4 truths that we must fulfill in regard to our responsibility to the Gospel expressed in this passage.
We must follow the example of the 3 conditions of Paul’s state of being in regard to the gospel and acknowledge the reason he gives for the Gospel.
The three conditions of Paul's state of being are expressed in “I am” phrases indicating a state of being we possess rather than an action or activity we do.

I. Our Relationship in the gospel: We are debtors to all humanity—“I am under obligation” literally a debtor I am (1:14)

Debtor—one who owes money or favors, performs a duty, or failed to fulfill a duty
I am—present tense state of being, not past--I was or future—I will be

A. To the Greek—those who spoke Greek
B. To the barbarian—spoke a foreign language, foreigner
C. To the wise—skilled in learning
D. To the foolish—without comprehension

=all men

II. Our Response to the Gospel: Eager—We are to be eager to proclaim the gospel “(I am) eager to preach the gospel” (1:15)

Eager—ready, willing, prompt from a compound Greek work meaning toward passion, desire or emotion
To preach/proclaim good news—announce/proclaim/preach the good news

A. Preacher: Thus for my part
B. Hearers: To you also who are in Rome

III. Our Reaction to the Gospel: We are not ashamed of the Gospel—“I am not ashamed of the gospel”

Ashamed—to bring shame upon oneself, to be ashamed

IV. The Reason for the Gospel: God is the source of the Gospel

A. It is God’s power for salvation—“for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes”

1. To the Jew
2. To the Greek

B. In it God’s righteousness is revealed—“for in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith as it is written ‘But the righteous shall live by faith’”

Revealed—literally remove the veil or covering exposing what was hidden, make manifest or reveal a thing previously secret or unknown.

Conclusion: We are debtors to all humanity to share the gospel, we are to be eager to proclaim the Gospel, we are not to be ashamed of the Gospel, and we are to acknowledge it is God’s Gospel.
How can we at HCF be involved in outreach and missions?

Pray
Individually: information for outreach and missionary needs
   Bulletin
   Prayer Sheets
   E-mail communication
   General
      Spiritual: growth, sanctification, spiritual warfare, ministry
      Physical: food, clothing, shelter, health, protection from harm
      Financial: family, ministry

Participate
Locally
   Personal evangelism and discipleship (training available: summer classes for evangelism and school year discipleship classes.
   Ministries: ISI, Care Net, Albuquerque Rescue Mission, Christianity Explored

Regionally: Short term missions trips (Passports are needed for short term mission trips)
   Voice of Love (Agua Prieta)
   Rivers of Mercy (Juarez)
   Local churches (Juarez)

Provide—giving
Regular and designated giving
Loose change for missions
Fund raisers
   Winter/Summer Projects
   Yard sale: donate, buy, help
Students (ISI) foreign nationals