Believe

Romans 1:8-17 ESV

Unleashing the Power of God

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. 9
For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you 10
always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. 11 For I long
to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you-- 12 that is, that we may be mutually
encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. 13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have
often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among
you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. 14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to
the wise and to the foolish. 15 So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. 16 For I am not
ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also
to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous
shall live by faith."

Christ followers can unleash God's power by being:

- 1. Thankful vs. 8
- 2. Prayerful vs. 9-10
- 3. Purposeful vs. 11-13

Paul's purposes:

An Established Church

A Reciprocal Arrangement

Growing Fruit

- 4. Responsible vs. 14-15
- 5. Confident vs. 16-17