

The I Am's Of Paul

Romans 1:14-16

Three I Am Statements Romans 1:14-16

- ▶ **"I am debtor" verse 14**
 - cf. Colossians 1:23; 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- ▶ **"I am ready" verse 15**
 - Singlemindedness. cf. Philippians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 12:15; Acts 21:13; NOTE: Philippians 3:8-15
- ▶ **"I am not ashamed" verse 16**
 - Acts 17:16-31 Mars Hill.
 - Acts 20:26-27 Free from the blood of all men. (cf. 2 Timothy 1:8; 2 Timothy 1:12-13)
 - Acts 21-23 Jewish court.
 - Acts 24-26 Felix, Festus, and Agrippa.

"I Am Debtor"

- ▶ Paul's concern for the lost. Romans 9:1-2; 10:1-2
- ▶ **APPLICATION:**
 - Preach without fear or favor. Acts 10:34-35; cf. James 2:1-5; Ephesians 3:8
 - Debt to fellow-workers. 2 Timothy 2:2
 - Debt is not altered by circumstances. 2 Timothy 4:2-3; cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4
 - We will ourselves be influenced by its teaching. 1 Timothy 4:12-16 cf. Matthew 23; Matthew 7:1

"I Am Ready"

- ▶ Eagerness to get to work. cf. Jeremiah 20:9; Isaiah 6:8
- ▶ **APPLICATION:**
 - Ready to learn. 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 3:18
 - Ready to teach. Hebrews 5:12; 1 Peter 3:15; Ephesians 6:4
 - Ready to fail. 2 Timothy 4:2-4; cf. Matthew 19:16-22; Matthew 26:24
 - Ready to die. Acts 21:13; cf. 2 Corinthians 11:23ff

"I Am Not Ashamed"

- ▶ No sense of embarrassment about the gospel.
 - Did not always please others. Galatians 1:10; cf. 2 Timothy 1:7-8; Philippians 1:12-19
- ▶ **APPLICATION:**
 - Preach to the needs of the people. 2 Timothy 1:6ff; cf. 2 Corinthians 7:10; Acts 20:7, 20; Isaiah 30:10
 - **NOTE: Strong Christians are never built by weak teaching and strong churches are not built on weak preaching!**

"I Am Not Ashamed"

- ▶ No sense of embarrassment about the gospel.
- ▶ **APPLICATION:**
 - Never be upset at the success of others. 1 Corinthians 1:10ff; 16:12; cf. Philippians 1:15-18
 - Never relax our efforts because of persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12-14; cf. Acts 5:14; 1 Peter 4:14-16

Conclusion:

- ▶ The ***“good news” (gospel)*** of salvation is for all!
- ▶ *2 Kings 7:9 “Then they said one to another, We do not well; this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, punishment will overtake us; now therefore come, let us go and tell the king’s household.”*

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