Study Guide for July 10th, 2011. A Longing Expressed. Rom. 1:8-16

Introduction: When are you been tempted to be ashamed to stand up for Christ? Why?

I. Thanksgiving: (Rom. 1:8)

A. To whom does Paul express thanks? Why?

B. Compare this opening with what Paul says in the following letters. . .

1) Philip. 1:3-6: 2) Col. 1:3-5:

3) I Thess 1:2-3: 4) II Thess. 1:3-4:

C. Identify some Christians whose faith inspires you and give thanks to God for them.

II. Prayer: (Rom. 1: 9-10)

A. How does Paul describe . . . his service to God? . . . through what activity?

B. Why does Paul call God as his witness to verify his constant prayer? (See 15:25)

C. What specifically does Paul hope will happen soon that he now prays for?

D. Pray about a situation or relationship where you long to see God act through you.

III. Desire: (Rom. 1:11-13)

A. What does Paul hope to give the Roman Christians? For what effect?

B. If Paul is able to visit and do this, what will be the end result?

C. What possible misconception is Paul eager to remove?

D. Describe a time you went to serve or give and ended up receiving more in return.

IV. Obligation: (Rom. 1:14-16)

A. Paul states that he is obliged . . . to whom? . . . to do what?

B. Paul states that he is eager . . . to do what? Where?

C. Paul states that he is not ashamed of what? Why?