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Prayer



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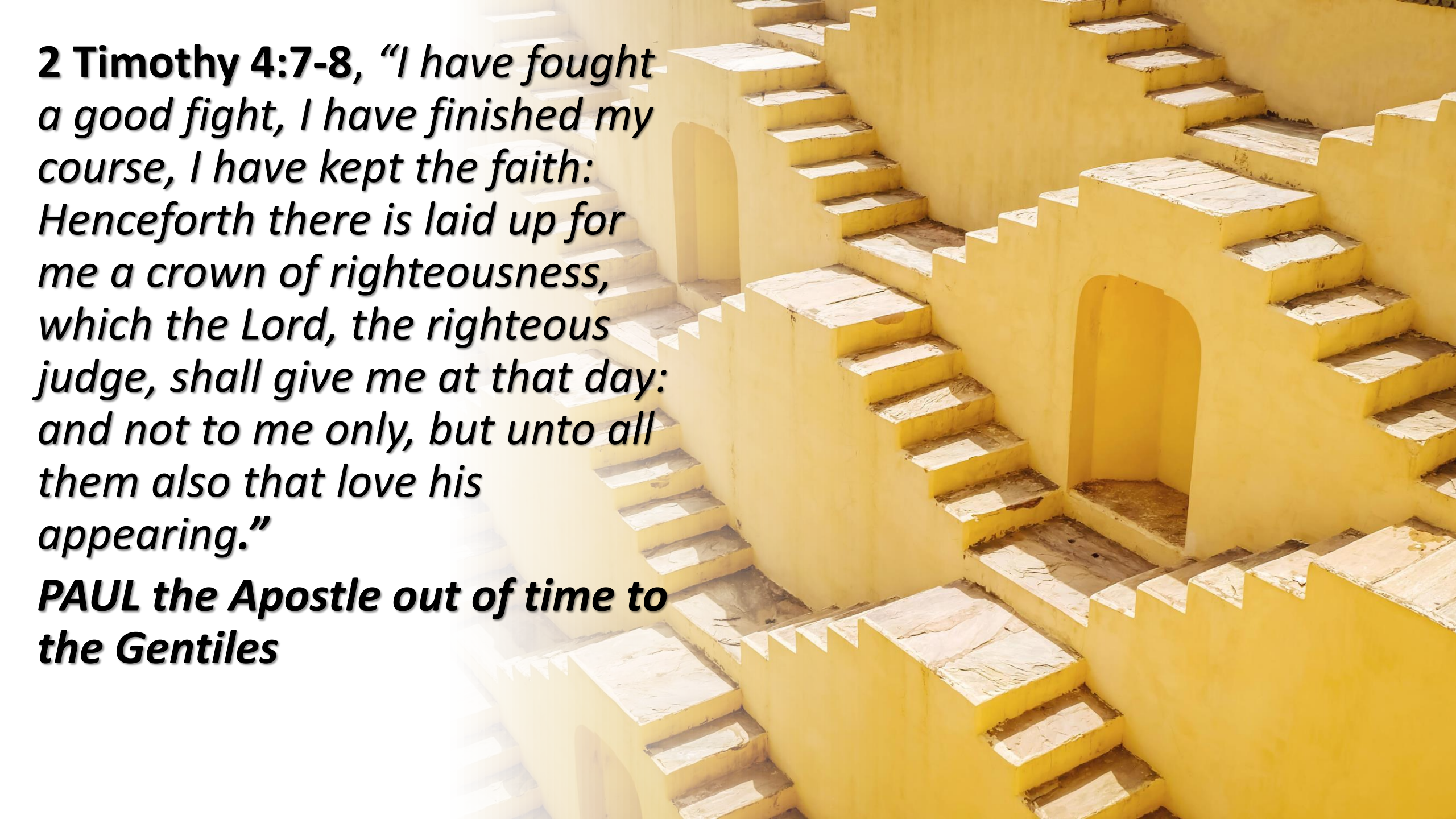
A study in Romans

- Session 2
- MEN to MEN
- A Bible Study
- Romans 1:1-17





Why?

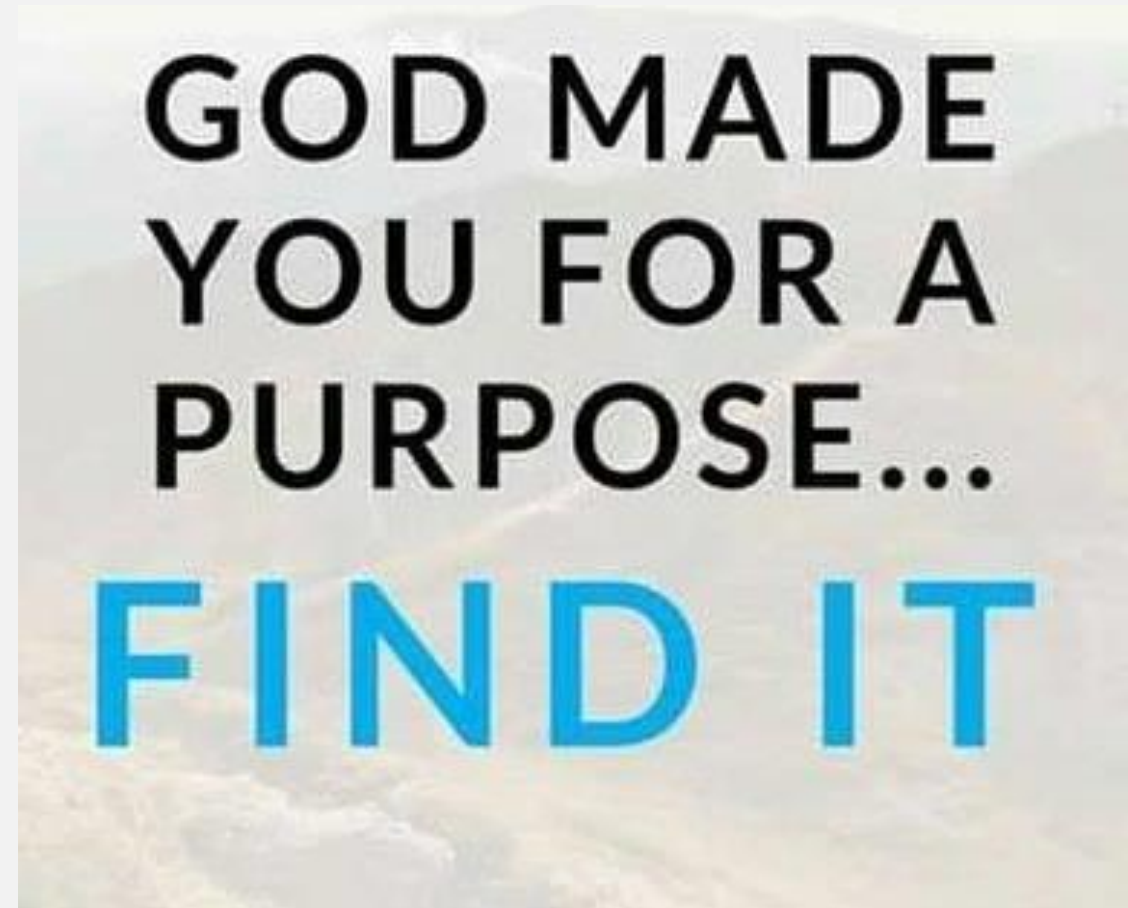


2 Timothy 4:7-8, *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”*

PAUL the Apostle out of time to the Gentiles

THE PATH TO THE WHY OF LIFE

- To discover the why of Paul's life, he first declares who he is: Romans 1:1-7
- To discover the why of Paul's life, we must examine his individual interests. 1:8-15
- To discover the why of Paul's life, we must look at his goals 1:5, 8, 12, 17
- To discover the why of Paul's life, we must find the distilled life. 1:16,17



GREETING – ROMANS 1:1-7

¹ Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,

³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, ⁴ who was declared the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles in behalf of His name, ⁶ among whom you also are *the* called of Jesus Christ; ⁷to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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ABOUT

BENEFIT

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PAUL'S INTERESTS - ACTIONS

ROMANS 1:8-15

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ ^[a]for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the world.

⁹ For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the* gospel of His Son, is my witness *as to* how unceasingly I make mention of you,

¹⁰always in my prayers requesting if perhaps now, at last by the will of God, I will succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; ¹² that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers *and sisters*, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also just as among the rest of the Gentiles.

¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to the uncultured, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

PAUL'S GOALS FOR THIS LETTER

- **Paul calls for FAITH - 1:5**
 - through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles in behalf of His name,
- **Paul is thankful for FAITH - 1:8**
 - First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the world.
- **Paul is encouraged by FAITH - 1:12**
 - that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.
- **Paul lives by FAITH – 1:17**
 - For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: “¹BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *ONE* WILL LIVE BY FAITH.”

THE CONCENTRATE OF THE LETTER – ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**,

← LITOTES

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 to faith;

as it is written: “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *ONE* WILL LIVE BY FAITH.”

Romans 1:16-17 the **Why**

- The why of Paul.
- The why of Martin Luther and the reformation
- The why of Christianity.
- It is the why that will change the world
- It is the why that will change the hard-hearted
- It is the why that will move belief to faith to faith

THANK YOU LORD



Thank You Lord For Saving My Soul,
Thank You Lord For Making Me Whole,
Thank You Lord For Giving To Me,
Thy Great Salvation So Rich And Free.

Memory Verse - Romans 8:28

And we know
that God causes all things
to work together for good
to those who love God, to
those who are called
according to *His* purpose.



NEXT WEEK

- To discover Paul's understanding of FAITH
- In your study times, write your own definition of FAITH.
 - *Be ready to discuss it next week*
 - *Please do not use an existing definition but make it your own.*
- Read Hebrews Chapter 11
- If you have time write a paragraph on the back of this week's study sheets on how having the reputation of faith has changed your attitude to those you encounter daily.