

**Romans 1:8-15**  
Good News in Rome

*Of all the places ...*

I. Roma

- A. A World Metropolis
- B. Of Desperate Souls
- C. A Harvest Field

II. Her People

- A. Saints
  - 1. What they Were
  - 2. How They Were Known
  - 3. The Bond They Shared
- B. Sinners
  - 1. Jews
  - 2. Greeks & Barbarians
- C. Apostolic Passion
  - 1. Obligation
  - 2. Edification
  - 3. Evangelization

III. And The Power of the Gospel

- A. Demolishing Strongholds
- B. Taking Captives
- C. For Christ

*... in the world.*

*Children, Listen ...*

1. How did the news about Jesus get from Jerusalem to Rome?
2. What are saints?
3. How can God's people be a blessing to each other?
4. Is there any place in the world that does not need the Gospel of Jesus?
5. Is there anyone who is too hard for God to save?

**The Power in Rome**

From the hoity-toity to the hoi polloi, the highfalutin to the homeboy, every soul is in desperate need of the Gospel. In ancient Rome there were highly educated and sophisticated people among both the Jews and the Gentiles and then there were the, well, maybe not so classy – shall we say, the original Barbarians, - and everyone in between. There were many who exercised what we might call worldly morality while there were many immersed in deep perversion – there were God fearing Jews and Gentiles and there were deeply devoted pagans. But the Gospel got there and the power of God radically transformed the lives of miserable sinners and made them saints of God – a community of Christ was established in what was known at the time as the center of the world. It was probably a place that many would have thought, from a worldly perspective, impenetrable to the Gospel. Yet God chose it as a place to build a vibrant church and a strategic location to propagate the kingdom further. There are many places today at home and abroad that we think are impervious to the Word of God – but we need to think again and remember that the power of God's Word and the work of the Holy Spirit is mighty to save. When the light of the Gospel reaches even the darkest of places the Good News does its work. If you know your own heart and have been transformed by the power of Christ, you know that it is true – you are evidence and an illustration - the stronghold of your soul was demolished, and you have been taken captive by Christ through the power of the Gospel.