

I Am Statements

(Romans 1:14-17)

- Introduction:
1. One could easily create a series of lessons under the heading of, "It's not what you think."
 - a. David and the Giant (2 Samuel 21:19-22).
 - b. The Ethiopian Eunuch (Jeremiah 38:7-28).
 - c. The Beattitudes (Revelation).
 - d. The "I Am" Statements (Romans 1:14-17).
 2. In this lesson, we will examine three "I am" statements made by the apostle Paul.

I. I Am A Debtor

- A. (Romans 1:14).
- B. This is an interesting statement because Paul was a Roman citizen.
 1. Citizenship gave a person great privileges.
- C. Not only that, but Paul was writing as an apostle; a chosen vessel (Acts 9:15).
- D. In spite of his privileges, he saw himself as a debtor.
- E. Have you ever felt so thankful to be saved, that you feel a sense of indebtedness?

II. I Am Ready

- A. (Romans 1:15).
- B. (John 14:26; Matthew 10:19).
- C. We too, need to be prepared.
- D. (2 Timothy 2:15).
- E. (1 Peter 3:15; 2 Peter 3:15).

III. I Am Not Ashamed

- A. (Romans 1:16).
- B. There are many who are unashamed to say they are Christian, and love Jesus, but the Jesus they love is one created in their imagination.
- C. When confronted with the teaching of Jesus, they shrink away in embarrassment.
- D. (Mark 8:38).

- Conclusion:
1. May God help us to truly make these "I am" statements true with respect to our lives.
 2. Let's spend what time we have left on this earth in daily pursuit of Christ-likeness.