

## **SCCC – I AM OBLIGATED**

### **S - Scriptures**

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.” Romans 1: 16

### **Consideration**

The Apostle wrote this letter to believers living in the most powerful city of his days, Rome. Years before some Jews from Rome were in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, and they became Christians, responding to Peter’s first sermon. However, they were in need of a better understanding of Christianity. He spent many chapters explaining what the gospel was to the Roman believer. They have heard, but still needed more understanding of it. Paul affirmed their status as they became Christians, “you are loved by God and called to be his holy people.” Then he affirmed his own responsibilities before God, “I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.” And, he revealed his task, “That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.” In the next few verses, he defined the character and purpose of his task, what the gospel is, from whom it came from, and to whom it was addressed.

### **Commitment**

In chapter ten, Paul shared, “for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Then he asked four questions, “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he challenged them and us to understand that it was not just him who had the task to tell the world about the gospel, but everyone who had experienced it’s blessing. If someone left Canada and went to Brazil and shared the gospel with Brazilians, Brazilians are obliged to go and share with the ones who have not heard yet. When we watch the news, we hear reports most of the time about wars, crimes, diseases, corruption, and many other terrible news stories. They travel thousands of miles, to let us know the bad news they found out. In contrast, Paul quoted from the Prophet Isaiah, “As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” God gave the medicine to a lost world and called every Christian to bring it to them.

### **C – Call**

My God, thank You that I heard the Gospel, and I became a believer and disciple of Jesus Christ. Thank You for the blessed day when that fellow Christian gave me my first Bible. Therefore, as he did, help me to put to action the answers for the four “how” questions the Scriptures asked of me. Give me boldness to preach the gospel and never be ashamed of it. In Jesus’s name, I pray. Amen.