

DO NOT BE ASHAMED

Romans 1:16; 9:33; 10:11; 2 Timothy 1:8; 1 Peter 4:16

Introduction: This message was preached by a pastor of a newly constructed Church and he is encouraging the members to never be ashamed of what God does.

Many have complimented us on our church building's appearance and we, in turn have "bragged" on it as well. Many have remarked how comfortable they felt as soon as they walked into our building. Many have told us how welcome they felt when they worshiped with us. Many have become members of this Church family because of the warm love they felt among us. All of these things make us proud of our Church building and family. None of us are ashamed of..... Baptist Church of I certainly am not ashamed of being pastor of this church and I am certainly not ashamed of our Church family. On the contrary, I am very proud and honored to be here. I would hope and pray that you feel the same way about being a part of this family. Some have even asked about car tags with the Church's name on it.

I also hope and pray that you are not ashamed of Jesus, the founder of this Church:

- his virgin birth (the Christmas story)
- his miracles
- his teachings
- his example
- his death (the Easter story)

I hope and pray that you are not ashamed of the Gospel:

- the message of forgiveness of God
- the remedy for sin
- the results of believing in the Gospel

I hope and pray that you are not ashamed of the hope for the future the Gospel gives:

- eternal life
- a home in Heaven
- a new body
- heir to all that God has
- to be like Jesus

CONCLUSION:

1. There are many things we are not ashamed of. Let our love for Jesus be the most important and unashamed thing in our lives.
2. None of us are ashamed of our church building nor our church family. Let us also never be ashamed of our founder, the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Let none of us ever be ashamed to be called a "Christian."