

## **DON'T BE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL**

**Romans 1:14-17**

**(Not entirely original with me)**

**INTRODUCTION:** What Christian could ever be ashamed of the Gospel? From the silence of so many Christians in witnessing and sharing the Gospel, it might seem like some are ashamed or even embarrassed by the message of the Gospel. It is only natural for people to want to tell others, to share something great with even strangers, anybody who would listen. However the silence of so many "Church members" seems to indicate an embarrassment of the Gospel message. Paul wasn't ashamed, he was proud and did everything he could to let everybody he come in contact with all about the Gospel.

### **I. THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS NOT EVER ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL**

#### 1. Ways Paul showed he was not ashamed of the Gospel:

- He felt it necessary to preach/share the gospel to everyone.
  - To Greeks, non-Greeks, to the wise and to the not so wise. - Romans 1:14
  - He felt obligated to share the gospel for what God had shown him - 1 Corinthians 15:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-14
- He was ready to even preach the Gospel in Rome, a most dreaded place.
  - He took advantage of every opportunity that came up - Romans 1:15
  - He preferred to preach where the Gospel had never been told before - Romans 15:20
- Paul was ready to preach, share the Gospel anytime and anywhere and to anybody.

#### 2. Reasons Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel:

- The Gospel is the power of God to salvation.
  - Salvation is for anyone who believes, Jews, Greeks, anybody - Romans 1:16
  - The Gospel tells of Jesus Christ, of the power of God and the wisdom of God - 1 Corinthians 1:23-24
- The Gospel reveals the righteousness of God in salvation.
  - It tells how the "just" shall live by faith - Romans 1:17
  - It tells how God is both just and the justifier of all who believe in Jesus - Romans 3:21-16
- Because of its power and message, Paul was not ever ashamed to preach the Gospel to any one who would listen.

### **II. NO CHRISTIAN SHOULD EVER BE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL**

#### 1. Today's Gospel is the very same one Paul preached:

- It is still God's power to save.
  - It is the power to produce faith - Romans 10:17
  - It is the power to produce fruit for God - Colossians 1:5-6
- It still reveals God's righteousness in salvation.
  - It speaks of how Jesus died for everyone's sins - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
  - It speaks of how one can receive remission of his/her sins in Jesus, through faith, repentance, and baptism - Acts 2:36-38; 22:16

#### 2. The needs of the Gospel are the same today as in Paul's day.

- Souls are still in need of being saved.
  - All still have sinned - Romans 3:23
  - The wages of sin is still death - Romans 6:23

- Both the wise and the foolish, those near and those far away need to be saved.
  - Jesus is still the ONLY way to God, the Father - John 14:6
  - Jesus' Gospel still needs to be preached to every human vbeing - Mark 16:15-16
- Just because time has gone there is still the same need of the Gospel today.

### III. WHAT THOSE WHO ARE NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL CAN/WILL DO

1. Whoever is not ashamed of the Gospel will feel a sense of obligation:
  - Obligated to God who saved him/her.
    - He/she is thankful for all that God has done for him/her.
    - His/her life will be affected by what God has done for him/her.
  - Obligated to those who are still lost, without the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - Concerned about the eternal destiny if they should die still in their sins and lost.
    - Being concerned for others will certainly cause one to do something - 2 Corinthians 5:11
  
2. Whoever is not ashamed of the Gospel will make him/herself ready:
  - Ready to share the Gospel every chance he/she gets.
    - He/she will learn what to say as they continue to witness - 1 Peter 3:15; Hebrews 5:12
    - He/she will not rest until he/she has found some way to tell the Gospel to others.
    - He/she will always be looking for opportunities to share/teach with others.
      - 1 Corinthians 3:5
  - Ready to spread the Gospel at every opportunity.
    - If unable to go him/herself, he/she will send someone else - Romans 10:14-15; 3 John 5-8
    - If unable to teach, he/she can still invite someone else to do so - Acts 10:24-33
    - He/she will be looking for "open doors" to send the Gospel somehow - Philippians 4:15-16
  - Anybody not ashamed of the Gospel will prepare themselves as Paul did - Romans 1:15

### CONCLUSION:

1. Are YOU ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
  - Are you doing anything to share the gospel yourself?
  - Are you invovled in helping OTHERS spread the Gospel?
  
2. No Christian has any reason to be ashamed, embarassed of the Gospel today, it is the same one.
  - The Gospel of today still has the power to save souls.
  - The Gospel of today still reveals the wonderful rightreousness of God to save people.
  
3. *"...For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him/her the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the Holy angels..."* Mark 8:38
  
- *"...Yet, if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him/her not be ashamed, but let him/her glorify God in this matter..."* 1 Peter 4:16