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Not Ashamed of the Gospel Romans 1:16

I. For I Am Not Ashamed (v. 16a)

- A. What would _____ someone to feel ashamed?
(Gen. 4:14; 2 Sam. 12:7; 2 Kgs. 5:21-27; Lk. 22:24-27, 54-62; Acts 5:1-11)
- B. Why would the _____ could make someone feel shame?
(Prov. 10:7-9; Psa. 84:10; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Cor. 1:20, 22-23)
- C. What are we to do with this _____?
(Matt. 27:42; Heb. 12:2)

II. The Gospel is the Power of God for Salvation (v. 16b)

- A. What is this _____?
(1 Cor. 1:17-19; Rom. 5:8; Jn. 14:6; Eph. 2:8-9)
- B. What is this _____?
(Jer. 13:23; Matt. 22:29; 1 Cor. 2:1-2; 4:20)
- C. What is this _____?
(Psa. 106:8; Matt. 10:28; Rom. 10:1, 9-10; Eph. 2:1-5)

III. To the Jew First and Also to the Greek (v. 16c)

- A. How can the gospel be for _____?
(Rom. 10:13; Acts 2:21; Jn. 3:16)
- B. How do the _____ have priority?
1. They are the chosen _____ of God
(Gen. 12:1-3; Neh. 9:7; Deut. 14:2; Amos 3:2; Rom. 11:28-29; Deut. 7:7-8)
 2. They are the _____ of the Old Testament Scriptures (Rom. 3:1-2; 9:4)
 3. The fact that the _____ came first as a Jew to the Jews (Rom. 9:5; 1:3; Matt. 10:5-6; 15:24; Jn 4:22; Jn. 1:11)
- C. How does this _____ us?
(Rom. 11:18; Rom. 2:28-29; Eph. 2:11-14; Mk. 8:38)

TAKE HOME:

- How do you _____ the temptation to become ashamed of the gospel?
- How is the power of salvation _____ in your daily life?
- How does the fact that salvation was first for the Jew, and then for the Greek, humble you and _____ you to evangelize others?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Romans 1:14-16. What are the three “I am” statements that Paul gives here? How does each statement build into the next statement? How does this encourage you in your own desire to share the gospel with others?

2. Look again at Romans 1:16. Why do people feel shame? What are some biblical examples? (Gen. 4:14; 2 Sam. 12:7; 2 Kgs. 5:21-27; Lk. 22:24-27, 54-62; Acts 5:1-11) Why would the gospel ever make someone feel ashamed? (Prov. 10:7-9; Psa. 84:10; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Cor. 1:20, 22-23)

3. Have you ever felt shame when sharing the gospel? Why? What did you do with this shame? What should we do with this sort of shame? (Matt. 27:42; Heb. 12:2)

4. How does the fact that the gospel is the power of God for salvation help alleviate any shame in your life? (1 Cor. 1:17-19; Rom. 5:8; Jn. 14:6; Eph. 2:8-9; Jer. 13:23; Matt. 22:29; 1 Cor. 2:1-2; 4:20; (Psa. 106:8; Matt. 10:28; Rom. 10:1, 9-10; Eph. 2:1-5)

5. How can the gospel be for everyone? How does this work together with the doctrine of election and predestination? (Rom. 10:13; Acts 2:21; Jn. 3:16)

6. What is the significance of the statement, “to the Jew first and also to the Greek?” How do the Jews have priority? (Gen. 12:1-3; Neh. 9:7; Deut. 14:2; Amos 3:2; Rom. 11:28-29; Deut. 7:7-8; Rom. 3:1-2; 9:4; Rom. 9:5; 1:3; Matt. 10:5-6; 15:24; Jn 4:22; Jn. 1:11)

7. How does this same statement at the end of Romans 1:16 humble both groups? How does it humble you? (Rom. 11:18; Rom. 2:28-29; Eph. 2:11-14)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“We really only have two options: abandon the gospel out of embarrassment or embrace the shame. I say we stand with Paul. We must not be ashamed when we are shamed. Jesus warned his disciples not to be ashamed of Him and His words (Mk. 8:38)...”

- Tony Merida, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Romans*