

“Not Ashamed” Series - Week #1 – “Not ashamed”  
Romans 5:1-5

For several weeks – “The Hope Of The Gospel”

**The realization of what Jesus has done and is doing, and more,  
living in the reality of our living Savior!**

Today, we continue “the Hope of the Gospel” as we are introduced to **a special consequence of its reality.**

We live in a messed up, confused, sometimes intimidating world. It is really no different than it has ever been for children of God, but the challenges are now ours in our time, our world.

Jesus warned us –

- The world hated Him and will hate us.
- The world mistreated Him, so we shouldn’t be surprised when we suffer. In fact, we should expect it.
- In the world we will have tribulation.

The battle is engaged on many fronts.

**We have been somehow deluded that there is a difference between the secular and the sacred. That there is “church” stuff and then the “real world”.**

**We are challenged -**

- In our homes. Barrage of media and messages. Schedules.
- Classrooms.
- Work places.
- Nation.
- Politics.
- World.
- Even in our churches as we bring

**Unfortunately, many times believers live as victims rather than in the victory purchased at the cross and provided in our lives by our risen Savior.**

**We are not victims.**

**In fact, we know the answer and are part of the answer!**

Our foundational passage – Romans 5:1-5 - **introduces us to an incredible possibility.**

- **It is a reality that flows from Jesus being alive in us in every moment of our lives. “The Hope of The Gospel”**
- It will form **the spring board** from which we explore and experience this living truth the next few weeks- **“Not Ashamed!”**

**“Not Ashamed” - The quiet confidence that flows from an ever present, living, conquering Savior!**

## **I. The Product Of The Gospel.**

**A. Permanent Realities: What Jesus Has Done, vs. 1**

**B. Present Realities: What Jesus Is Doing, vs. 2**

*“By whom” – Jesus, Christ in us!*

*“we have access by faith” –*

*“this grace wherein we stand”*

Rejoice- Amazing possibility:

***“in hope (anticipation/expectation) of the glory of God”***

**C. Timeless Reminders In The Tensions Of Life – Vs. 6-10**

***As we struggle, doubt, and choose, know we are***

- Loved!
- Justified.
- Reconciled
- Saved by His life!!

## **II. The Process.** vs. 3-4

ESV- Romans 5:3-4

*Not only that, but **we rejoice in our sufferings**, **knowing** that suffering produces endurance,*

*and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,*

**When we live with Jesus, allowing His life to direct and empower ours, we grow. **Grow in grace.****

**Change and challenge are inevitable.**

**Growth is optional.**

*Are we going to become bitter? Become victims?*

*Respond in the flesh, in our logic, on our own?*

*Let the very world we want to influence be victorious over shape us and make us?*

### III. The Promise. vs. 5

*“hope”*: “anticipation, confident expectation”

The hope that Jesus Produces –

*“maketh not ashamed”*

“Ashamed” Root word – “Disfigured, dishonored; Make ashamed”

*“Not ashamed” is not*

Arrogant or rude (1 Cor. 13).

It is not “cocky” or adversarial (fleshly).

It is not giving “them” our opinion or a piece of our mind...

*It is more. Greater. More powerful. More attractional.*

We are to be salt- *Make like better*

and Light- *Make life brighter!*

Peter-

Early on – “Call down fire on them!” His answer - Pull out a sword and cut off an ear, or a head...

He crashed and burned.... then grew – He weighed into the battle we’re mentioning in 1 Peter 3

14. But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; **do not be frightened.**”

15. But in your hearts **revere Christ as Lord.** Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give **the reason for the hope that you have.** But do this with gentleness and respect,

16. keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. (NIV)

**“Not ashamed” –**

**In Jesus, we are “not disfigured, dishonored, disadvantaged, failure and apologetic, shamed”**

***So what is the point? The Promise?***

- When we grow in the awareness of His presence, grow in grace, live moment by moment in the expectation His presence brings - **hope;**
- When we seek Him in our attitudes and actions, thoughts and choices,

**He will never fail us. He will never let us down. His Word and plan will always be right and best. **We win in Him!!****

**In every area of life, every new challenge, every arena of spiritual battle –**

***We can be quietly confident – we will never be ashamed.***

**“Hope Maketh Not Ashamed!”**

- Have you trusted Jesus as your Savior?
- Why is that an absolute requirement to have hope?
- What is your hope?
- What is your hope (expectation) – this week?
- If you live “not shamed” this week, how will it show? What will it look like?