

Unashamed!
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Text: Romans 1:16-17

Introduction:

Big Idea: BE UNASHAMED: The Gospel is the _____ God has provided for your salvation (past, present, future).

Be unashamed of the gospel because...

1)...it is the _____

- Euangelion – a declaration of _____
- The gospel is unattractive and repulsive because:
 - exposes man's _____
 - speaks about their _____ condition

2)...it is the _____ of _____

- Dunamis (power)
 - Dynamite—a destructive power, it blows things to pieces
 - Dynamo—has a constructive power, it produces energy positive

3)...it is the power of God _____

- soteria (salvation) basic meaning is deliverance, or rescue
- NOTICE HOW IT WAS WRITTEN—Not it has the power, Not it is a story about power but IT IS _____
- Another way to think of God's power to save is to think of it in the three tenses of time
 - **for the PAST:** we *were* saved from the _____ of sin by the death of Christ on the Cross
 - **for the PRESENT:** we are *being* saved from the _____ of sin by His resurrected life and the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit
 - **for the FUTURE:** we *will be* saved from the _____ of sin by His ascension into heaven and the promise we will be gather there to Him

4)...it is the power of God for salvation to _____ who _____ to the Jew first and also the Greek

- Jew first then Greek. This is a reference to chronologically not exclusively
- John 4:19–22

5)...in it the _____ of God is revealed

- Righteousness is “behavior that is morally justifiable or right”
- The Bible’s standard of human righteousness is God’s own perfection in every attribute, every attitude, every behavior, and every word.
- Romans 3:9-12
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

Truth Into Action:

- **The gospel is GOOD NEWS, build your life in the truth that it is eternally good.**
- **The gospel is POWERFUL, remember it has the capacity to break up the bad and enough resurrection power to bring life out of any tomb.**
- **The gospel is FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES—be convinced that the gospel unleashed in any life can save it and redeem it.**



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: When have you shared the gospel and been thankful you did? When have you shared the gospel and you wished you would never have done it?

What does the term “gospel” mean? How was the term used in the 1st century?

What does Paul mean when he calls the gospel “the power of God”?

- In what ways is it powerful?
- What releases the power of the gospel into our lives?
- What does the Gospel save or rescue us from?

So far we have been thinking about the power of the Gospel to save us and give us a new identity. In what ways do you struggle with identity (people pleasing, body image issues, workaholism etc). How does the Gospel speak to your identity distortions?

What does it mean “to the Jew first, and also to the Greek?”

What is the righteousness spoken of here? V 17 What does it mean to “live” by this righteousness of faith? V 17

Are you ashamed of the gospel? Why might one feel ashamed of the gospel?

Here are a few warning signs that might reveal you are ashamed of the gospel. Do you see elements of any of these in your life? Discuss as a group:

- Scared to identify as a believer.
- Apologize for our faith or the gospel message.
- Keeping our faith a secret.
- Identify freely with Christ around believers, but not around certain other groups.
- Scared to share with others.

READ AND THINK ABOUT IT: Why should we be confident? It is the power of the God. This is the key. It is not our ideas, our opinions, our words, or our story. It is not our religion. It is God’s Word. We are merely His parrots. A parrot need not feel shame about the message he is delivering. An ambassador can be confident delivering the message because the power of his country is behind him. Why is being unashamed so important?

In what situations do you find yourself being ashamed of the gospel? How could verses 16-17 turn that to eagerness next time?

Think about a sin you struggle with. How are you rejecting the gospel when you sin in that way? How will believing the gospel transform the next struggle you face?