

VGROUP STUDY GUIDE
"ROMANS-NOT ASHAMED"
ROMANS 1: 16-17
MAY 21, 2023

FOCAL POINT: Share a time when you embarrassed yourself or you were embarrassed for someone else. What caused you to be embarrassed? Why do you think there are times when people get embarrassed about their faith?

Our text today points out some reasons not to be embarrassed by our faith.

TEXT:

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. **17** For in it God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.*

Reasons not to be embarrassed by our faith:

It has God's power (v. 16)

1. What was Rome's position in the world at this time? How would it have been intimidating to be a follower of Jesus in a culture like this?
2. How is it tough to be a follower of Christ in the culture in which we are living now concerning sexual ethics, abortion, pointing out what Scripture teaches?
3. What is 'the gospel'? What does it have the power to do according to v. 16? The power of the gospel is effective for who? Why should we have confidence in the power of God? *Read Gen. 1: 1.*
4. How have you experienced the power of the gospel in your own life?

It brings salvation to all who believe (v. 16)

1.The gospel brings “salvation” to everyone who believes. What do we need to be saved from? Why do we need this salvation?

2.How do most people try to “save” themselves? How do most people try to make themselves “right” with God? Why don’t our efforts work? *Read* Eph. 2:8-9. What’s key to salvation in these verses? Why would we place our faith in Jesus?

It reveals a righteousness by faith (v. 17)

1.What does “righteousness” mean? It simply means God makes us right with Him. It’s not about US making ourselves right with God. How does God do that and why can’t we do that?

2.What demonstrations do you see in your life that you (or the people around you) are righteous?

3.*Read* Matt. 7:20. A life that is touched by Jesus will be changed (2 Cor. 5: 17). A life touched by Jesus will be lived differently. What are some examples you’ve seen of that?