

## THE GREAT STORY EVER TOLD PART 2

### “Unashamed of the Gospel”

**Romans 1:16-17 NKJV -** <sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel <sup>[a]</sup>of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

#### 1. NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL – HAVE A BOLD IDENTITY IN CHRIST

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel”



**Mark 8:38 –** <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

**2 Timothy 1:8 -** <sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God.

A. Be Unashamed in a shifting Culture:

#### 2. IT IS THE POWER OF GOD – THE GOSPEL’S DYNAMIC FORCE.

“For it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes”

**1 Corinthians 1:18 –** <sup>18</sup>For the <sup>[a]</sup>message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 –** <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast.

A. Trust God’s Power, Not your performance.

### 3. FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVERS – UNIVERSAL OFFER, PERSONAL RESPONSE

“For the Jew first and also for the Greek”

**John 3:16** – <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Acts 10:34-35** – <sup>34</sup>Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. <sup>35</sup>But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

**Romans 3:22-23** – <sup>22</sup>even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all <sup>[a]</sup>and on all who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

A. Live the “From Faith to Faith” life.

### 4. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED – GOD’S SAVING ACTIVITY

*“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”*

**Habakkuk 2:4** – “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

**Philippians 3:9** – <sup>9</sup>and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

A. See the Gospel as God’s Equalizer.

### Conclusion

The gospel is nothing to be ashamed of, it’s the very power of God that changes lives. Paul stood bold in Rome; we must stand bold in Jesup. Let’s live unashamed, walk by faith, and let the world see Jesus through us.