

## “I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL”

***<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.***

***<sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH.” (Romans 1:16-17)***

### I. **Ashamed**

Paul lived a life demonstrating no shame in spreading the Gospel  
( 2 Corinthians 11:24–27)

### II. **Power**

First of all, Paul declares, the gospel is the power of God.

Dunamis (power) is the Greek term from which our word dynamite is derived.

The gospel carries with it the omnipotence of God, whose power alone is sufficient to save men from sin and give them eternal life.

- a. It is not within man's power to change his own nature (Jeremiah 13:23, Matthew 22:29, Romans 3:20, 5:6, Romans 8:3, 1 Corinthians 1:1, 2, 5, 4:20.
- b. Type of Power like no other. (Exodus 15:6, Deuteronomy 32:39, Job 5:9, 9:4, Psalm 79:11, 89:8, 13, Isaiah 26:4, Romans 9:21, Jeremiah 10:12, 27:5, Psalm 33:8, 9, Mathew 28:18)

### III. **Salvation**

It means to be delivered. From what?

From sin, and Satan, and judgment, and death, and Hell, and only the gospel of Christ has the power to do that.

We learn from the psalmist that, despite their rebelliousness, God saved His chosen people.

(Psalm 106:8, Acts 2:40, Matthew 18:11, 1:21, Romans 5:9, Hosea 4:6, 2 Thessalonians 1:8, Luke 14:26, Colossians 1:13, 1 Peter 2:9)

IV. **Believe/Faith**

The sovereign power of God working through the gospel brings salvation to everyone who believes.

(Ephesians 2:8, 10, John 4:22, Matthew 15:24)

V. **Righteousness**

A better rendering is *from* God, indicating that He imparts His own righteousness to those who believe.

Faith activates the divine power that brings salvation, and in that sovereign act the righteousness of God is revealed.

(Romans 3:21-24, Habakkuk 4:2, Romans 4:3, Hebrews 11, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Colossians 1:22-23,