

ROMANS 1:16-17

UNASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

Big Idea: Romans has shown us a Gospel that reveals God's righteousness, rescues sinners by grace through faith in Christ alone, assures believers of eternal hope, and reshapes how we live for the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL REVEALED: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD (*Romans 1:1-17*)

- How does Paul define "the righteousness of God" and in what ways are you tempted to base your confidence before God on your performance rather than resting in the righteousness God provides through Christ?

THE GOSPEL NEEDED: THE SIN OF ALL HUMANITY (*Romans 1:18-3:20*)

- Why does Paul spend so much time establishing the universal guilt of both Gentiles and Jews, and how does this argument prepare the way for the doctrine of justification by faith?

THE GOSPEL ACCOMPLISHED: JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE (*Romans 3:21-4:25*)

- What does Paul mean when he says sinners are "justified by faith apart from works of the law," and how does Abraham's example clarify the nature of saving faith for all people?

THE GOSPEL SECURED: ASSURANCE, UNION, AND HOPE (*Romans 5:1-8:17*)

- How do Paul's teachings on union with Christ, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and God's promises provide unshakable assurance for the believer?

Final question: In what specific areas of your life (relationships, service, submission, or mission) is God calling you to live out the transforming power of the Gospel more faithfully in 2026?

Prayer for 2026, "May we be a church that is unashamed of the Gospel because we have been changed by it."