

# I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **Romans 1:16**

## **Paul was ashamed of his past**

*Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. **1 Timothy 1:13***

## **Paul was embarrassed by his Jewish brothers**

*I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own*

*race, the people of Israel.*

## **Romans 9:2-3**

### **Paul disappointed in fellow Believers**

- John Mark abandoning their missionary journey
- Demas forsaking Paul
- Corinthian Church tolerated wickedness

*A man has his father's wife. And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this?*

## **1 Corinthians 5:2-3**

### **Paul's Testimony**

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes* **Romans 1:16**

## **Three areas of the Gospel Paul defended unashamedly**

### **Paul's Essential Elements of the Gospel**

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:3*

#### **1. Paul was not ashamed of the Person of the Gospel.**

*That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.*

#### **2 Timothy 1:12**

**Christianity is the worship of the Person of Jesus Christ.**

**Paul wasn't ashamed of the death of Christ.**

**For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

*Paul wasn't ashamed of the death of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:2*

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*  
**Galatians 6:14**

**Paul wasn't ashamed of Christ's Resurrection.**

*And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*

**1 Corinthians 15:14**

**2. Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel's Power.**

*Three areas of the Gospel Paul defended unashamedly*

*“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation”*

**Romans 1:16**

**The Roman Road to Salvation**

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* **Romans 3:23**

*For the wages of sin is death,*  
**Romans 6:23a**

*but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* **Romans 6:23b**

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Romans 5:8**

*That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

**Romans 10:9**

*For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. **Romans 10:10***

*for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

**Romans 10:13**

Roman Empire of the first century,  
in spite of all it's power,  
was crumbling.

**Because they didn't know  
anything about the power of God  
unto salvation.**

**The Power of the Gospel  
in the Church**

*And I tell you that you are Peter,  
and on this rock I will build my  
church, and the gates of Hades will  
not overcome it. **Matthew 16:18***

## Summary

### 1. The Gospel's Person

Jesus Christ's life, death,  
and resurrection

### 2. The Gospel's Power *“for it is the power of God unto salvation”*

### 3. The Gospel's Plan

*“to everyone that believes”*

### 3. Paul was not ashamed of: The Gospel's Plan

**Nine Essential Beliefs,  
the truth of the Bible.**

### 1. The Infallibility of the Scriptures

*All Scripture is God-breathed and  
is useful for teaching, rebuking,  
correcting and training in  
righteousness, so that the man of*

*God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

## **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

### **2. The Deity of Jesus Christ**

- John 1:1-3, 14;
- Philippians 2:5-11

### **3. The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ**

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

## **Isaiah 7:14**

### **4. The Historical Creation of Man**

- Genesis 1:26-27
- Genesis 2:7
- Genesis 2:21-22
- Genesis 5:1-2
- Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6
- 1 Corinthians 15:45

### **5. The Sinful Nature of Man**

- Romans 5:12-21
- Genesis 3
- Romans 7-8
- Psalm 51:5

## **6. The Substitutionary Death of Jesus Christ**

*We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6*

## **7. The Bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

- Luke 24:39-43
- John 20:24-29
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

## **8. The Literal Return of Christ**

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many*

*rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.*

### **John 14:1-3**

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”*

### **John 14:3-4**

## **9. The Final Assignment**

***The resurrection and the assignment of all people to either heaven or to hell.***

- John 5:28-29
- Matthew 25:31-46

*“I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. But he who disowns me before men will be*

*disowned before the angels of God. **Luke 12:8-9***

*And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. **Luke 12:10***

*“When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.” **Luke 12:11-12***

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **Romans 1:16***