

I'm Not Ashamed of the Gospel #3

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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” (Rom 1:16-17)

“Ashamed”

- The word, “ashamed” means: “to have a feeling of fear or shame which prevents a person from doing a thing,”—Vine's
- If we are ashamed of the gospel, it will prevent us from doing God's will!
- Paul wasn't ashamed!

Paul Wasn't Ashamed:

- **Of the Gospel**
 - **The gospel is good news – good news of the salvation in Christ. It contains:**
 - **Facts to be believe (1 Cor. 15:3-4)**
 - **Commands to obey (Rom. 10:16)**
 - **Promises to enjoy (Eph. 1:13)**

Paul Wasn't Ashamed:

- **To defend the gospel (Phil. 1:17)**
 - **He defended the gospel against:**
 - **False teachers (Gal. 2:1-5; Acts 15:1-2)**
 - **False philosophy (Acts 17:16-34)**
 - **Jealousy (Phil. 1:12-18)**
 - **Hypocrisy (Gal. 2:11-13)**
 - **Unbelief (Acts 24:21; 26:19-29)**

Paul Wasn't Ashamed:

- **Of the requirements of the gospel**
 - **“For everyone who believes...”**
 - **What does it mean to believe?**
 - **Trust (Acts 15:11)**
 - **Belief (Jno. 20:30-31; Acts 8:37)**
 - **Obey (Lk. 20:1-5)**

Paul Wasn't Ashamed:

- **Of the scope of the gospel**
 - **“To the Jew first and also the Greek”**
 - **The acceptance of the Greeks (Gentiles) is not problems with us, but it was with the Christians then.**
 - **It took a miracle to convince Peter (Acts 10:1-22) yet, he still pulled away from them (Gal. 2:11) due to prejudice.**
 - **Paul said that it was a mystery revealed (Eph. 3:1-13).**
 - **He says that it has always been God's plan! The beauty of which is seen in Eph. 2:11-22**

Paul Wasn't Ashamed:

- **Of the power of the gospel**
 - **Seen in what it produces – Salvation**
 - **Power to change lives**
 - Ephesians (Acts 19:18-20)
 - Saul (Phil. 3:3-14)
 - Onesimus (Philemon)

Paul Wasn't Ashamed:

- **Of what it reveals**
 - **“The Righteousness of God”**
 - **God’s method of saving sinners**
 - **“From faith to faith”**
 - **Not by works of the Law of Moses, but by faith**
 - **“The just shall live by faith.”**
 - **Our way of living (From Hab 2:4)**