

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"Ashamed of the Gospel?"

Romans 1:16-17

Introduction

- There are two reasons why a person might be "ashamed" to do something: 1) feelings of guilt; and 2) embarrassment
- Adam and Eve "ashamed" of their nakedness (Genesis 3:25)
- Being Ready to Preach the Gospel means not being "Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ"
- Are you "ashamed of the Gospel of Christ?"

I. The Gospel of Christ – Grounded in Two Historical Events (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

- Christ's Death on the Cross for our Sins (vs. 3-4a)
- Christ's Resurrection from the Dead (v. 4b, 6; John 24:39)
- What was Accomplished by Christ's Death and Resurrection (Romans 4:25)
 - Paid in Full the Penalty of Sin – The Forgiveness of Sin (v. 25a; Hebrews 10:18, 12)
 - Fulfilled the Messianic Promise in the Old Testament (Isaiah 53:4-9; 1 Corinthians 15:4)
 - Redeemed a People to Himself, Purchased from the Bondage to Sin (1 Peter 1:18-20; 2:9-10; Ephesians 1:3-7)
 - His Resurrection was Proof that the Wrath of God against the sins of His People was fully Satisfied by Christ's one Atoning Death on the Cross (Romans 4:25b)

II. Three Reasons to NOT be Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16-17)

- A. It is the Power of God to Salvation (verse 16)
 - In Bringing Sinners to Repentance of Their Sins and Faith in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:18; 2:5, 6-16)
 - The Holy Spirit Gives the Sinner Understanding (vs. 9-13)
 - The Natural Man – The Person not Regenerated by the Holy Spirit – The Gospel is Foolishness (v. 14, 16; Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 3:3-7)
 - The Holy Spirit Draws the Sinner to Christ (John 6:44, 65)
- B. The Gospel is the Righteousness of God (v. 17a) – Next Lord's Message
- C. The Gospel is a Gospel of Faith (v. 17b) – Next Lord's Day Message

Conclusion/Application

- The believer in Christ in has Nothing to be Ashamed of in the Proclamation of the Gospel – It is a Powerful Message that works Salvation, Redemption, and Regeneration in the Sinner Heart and Mind by the Holy Spirit in the Proclamation of its Promises