

I am NOT Ashamed ~ Romans 1:14-17

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INTRODUCTION

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Romans 1:13 (NLT) I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles.

Paul knew that in order for the church at Rome to serve as the base for his future ministry, they needed to be convinced of the **Purpose** and **Power** of the **GOSPEL** - the very gospel that he was preparing to take to Spain and beyond. HNTC

The Gospel CHANGES Lives ~ Romans 1:14-17

¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. ¹⁶ 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.

IMPLICATION

→ Paul NEVER got over God's GRACE and MERCY in Forgiving him

¹⁶ I am not ASHAMED of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the SALVATION of everyone who believes...

1 Timothy 1:12-16 (NIV) I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me faithful, appointing ME to His service. ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ The GRACE of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the WORST.

¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown MERCY so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might DISPLAY His unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on Him and RECEIVE eternal life.

→ We have been SAVED and RESCUED from Eternal Separation from God)

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV) For He has RESCUED us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, ¹⁴ in whom we HAVE REDEMPTION, the FORGIVENESS of sins.

→ Paul felt OBLIGATED, EAGER and UNASHAMED in Sharing the Gospel

¹⁴ I am obligated... ¹⁵ ...I am so eager... ¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel...

Paul had been IMPRISONED in Philippi, CHASED out of Thessalonica, SMUGGLED out of Berea, LAUGHED at in Athens, regarded as a FOOL in Corinth, and STONED in Galatia, but Paul remained EAGER to preach the gospel in Rome. MacArthur

1 Corinthians 1:23-25 (NLT) So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.

²⁴ But to **those called by God to salvation**, both Jews and Gentiles, **Christ is the POWER of God and the wisdom of God.** ²⁵ This foolish plan of **God is wiser** than the wisest of human plans, and **God's weakness is stronger** than the greatest of human strength.

Romans 10:13-14 (NLT) For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." ¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Righteousness COMES by FAITH ~ Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Faith - unconditional trust - is the appointed way of receiving God's righteousness. Faith in the fact that Jesus Christ took our sins upon Himself, taking the punishment we deserved, and in exchange making us righteous before God. LAB

IMPLICATION

¹⁷ For **in the gospel** a righteousness FROM God is revealed, a righteousness that is **BY faith from FIRST to LAST...**

¹⁷ This **Good News** tells us how **God makes us right** in His sight. This is accomplished from START to FINISH BY faith... (NLT)

Gospel - the Good News of God's **Saving Grace, Sustaining Grace, and Ultimate Grace**

Every Aspect of God's SALVATION comes BY FAITH Constable

- **Justification**- saved from the **PENALTY** of sin
- **Sanctification**- saved from the **POWER** of sin
- **Glorification**- saved from the **PRESENCE** of sin

Romans 8:29-30 (NIV) For those God foreknew he also predestined to be CONFORMED to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those He predestined, He also called; those he called, He also JUSTIFIED; those He justified, He also GLORIFIED.

TAKE AWAY ??

¹⁷ ...a righteousness FROM God ...a righteousness that is BY faith from FIRST to LAST...

Philippians 3:7-9 (NIV) But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found IN Him, NOT having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through FAITH in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God and is BY faith.

¹⁷ a righteousness FROM God ...a righteousness that is BY faith from FIRST to LAST...