

NOT ASHAMED

(Romans 1:1-4 NASB)

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

(Romans 1:5-7 NASB)

through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 1:8-10 NASB)

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world. For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the* gospel of His Son, is my witness *as to* how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

(Romans 1:11-13 NASB)

For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

(Romans 1:14-17 NASB)

I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."

The Gospel

- Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the **gospel** of God, (*Romans 1:1 NASB*)
- For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the **gospel*** of His Son (*Romans 1:9 NASB*)
- So, for my part, I am eager to preach the **gospel** to you also who are in Rome. (*Romans 1:15 NASB*)
- For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, (*Romans 1:16 NASB*)

The Gospel

(1 Corinthians 15:1-3 *NASB*) Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ²by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

The Gospel

(1 Corinthians 15:4-8 *NASB*) and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

Challenge #1:

Know the gospel.

Not Ashamed

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Wisdom and foolishness

(1 Cor 1:18-20 NASB) For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written,

*“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And the cleverness of the clever I will
set aside.”*

Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Wisdom and foolishness

(1 Cor 1:21-25 NASB) For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Challenge #2:

Don't be ashamed **of the gospel.**

Don't be ashamed

(Mark 8:38 NASB) "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

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Challenge #3:

Share **the gospel.**

Ambassadors of Christ

(2 Cor 5:20 NASB) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The Righteousness of God

Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

The Righteousness of God

(2 Cor 5:21 NIV) God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Challenge #4:

Reveal God's righteousness **in the gospel.**

CONCLUSION