

## Unashamed of the Gospel

Romans 1:16-17

**Context:** After his opening greetings to the Christians in Rome, Paul now shared his thesis for the entire book of Romans, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### To become more unashamed of the Gospel...

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ its power (vs. 16a)

- A. Only God's power is able to overcome man's sinful nature and give him new life (5:6; 8:3; John 1:12; 1 Cor. 1:18, 23–25; 2:1–4; 4:20; 1 Pet. 1:23). (John MacArthur)
- B. If we're ashamed to share the gospel, it's because we do not understand the power embedded in it. But how can you be ashamed of something with so much firepower? If you believe that the gospel has power not only to save sinners but also to give victory to saints, you won't be ashamed of it.

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ its conversions (vs. 16b)

- A. Though Jews (who heard the gospel first) and Gentiles may sound to us like only two nations, they represent all nations. "Gentile" here means anyone who is not a Jew. There is no part of the world too obscure or too lost for the Good News. (Al Mohler)
- B. The Gospel has the power to save anybody. As Paul wrote this letter, the Gospel message was spreading out from the first Jewish Christians and flooding into the Gentile Greek world.

#### III. \_\_\_\_\_ at the righteousness of God (vs. 17)

- A. A major theme of the book, appearing over 30 times in one form or another, righteousness is the state or condition of perfectly conforming to God's perfect law and holy character. (John MacArthur)
- B. The expression in Greek (*dikaiosynē theou*, "the righteousness of God") likely also carries an additional, fuller meaning, which refers directly to God's right moral character, particularly manifested in his holiness and justice, and in the way that his method of saving sinners through Christ's death meets the just demand of his holy nature. (ESV Study Bible)