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“Shamed But Not Ashamed” – Romans 1:16-17

Introduction

- Paul is writing to the Church in Rome
- We know from the book of Acts that eventually, he makes it there for a visit
- This took place before that visit happened
- Romans clearly shows us that without Jesus there is no way to God

1. Shamed But Not Ashamed

- Paul says that he is not Ashamed of the Gospel
- Jesus Christ and Paul were both shamed for speaking the truth
 - The cross was the ultimate example of shame
- People hate when they are exposed to the truth
 - It's like a flashlight being shone into your eyes first thing in the morning.
- How did Jesus deal with the shame he faced?
 - Heb 12:2 – “looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”
 - Jesus despised the shame by looking forward to a future and the hope that was to come
- We, too are shamed for speaking the truth, the Gospel
 - We used to be shamed by saying, “It's foolish to believe in God instead of science.”
 - Then we were shamed by thinking there was truth
 - Now were shamed for not affirming other people truth. The result is being called a bigot, hater or intolerant. The world does not want to hear that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.
- You will be shamed for the Gospel but will you be ashamed? Look forward to your hope in Christ and despise the shame you face today.

2. Salvation For Sinners

- The gospel is for everyone who believes
- There is nobody good enough that doesn't need it, and nobody sinful enough that they can't be saved.
- Paul recognizes this, but when we look back at verse 14, we see that he was indebted to these non-believers.
 - The Greeks and barbarians who were shaming Paul for the gospel needed to be saved by believing in it.
- When you look at those around you, do you acknowledge that your salvation is from Jesus and they need him too?
- Without Jesus, you too would be shaming people for following Jesus.

3. Salvation For Sinners

- Finally, we look at how the righteous shall live by faith.
- Why are believers in Jesus called righteous?
 - Not because of what they've done but because of what Christ has done on the cross!
- When we believe in Jesus, not only does he forgive us of our sins, but he also gives us his righteousness.
- Have you believed in Jesus to receive forgiveness and righteousness?