

**I. Introduction and review.**

**II. Don't be ashamed of the gospel. v. 14-16a.**

- A. The world pours contempt on those who embrace the gospel. Acts 28:22 5:41
1. Jesus suffered shame because of His identification with us. Isa. 53:3 Heb. 12:2
  2. Paul also endured humiliation. II Co. 11:23f I Co. 2:3
  3. The wise and sophisticated think we are fools. I Co. 1:18-22-23
  4. The religious are offended by us.
- B. Don't be ashamed to proclaim the gospel to all kinds of unbelievers. v. 14:
1. Paul was not ashamed to bring the gospel to the marketplace of ideas. v. 14-15
  2. You will be tempted to avoid the world's reproach. Mk. 8:38 Lu. 9:26 II Ti. 1:8
  3. Jesus teaches you how to deal with the shame of the gospel. Heb. 12:2
- C. Continue to proclaim the gospel to professing Christians. v. 15
1. Paul was not ashamed to preach the gospel to the church in Rome.
  2. Why would anyone be ashamed to preach the gospel in church?
  3. We need the gospel preached to us.
- D. The *foolishness* of preaching is God's chosen means to promulgate the gospel. 10:17  
I Pe. 1:23-25 Js. 1:18 I Co. 1:18,23
- E. The gospel of Jesus Christ is *good news* which removes your shame!.

**III. Be proud of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation. v. 16b**

- A. All people are in need of salvation (rescue).
1. You are by nature spiritually dead in sin and under God's judgement. 1:18-3:20
  2. There is no other power which can save you.
    - a. You are unable to save yourself. 3:10f, 20 Jer. 13:23
    - b. The law has no power to save you. 3:20 8:7-8
    - c. Every other religion is impotent.
- B. God graciously saves sinners by means of the gospel of Christ. 5:6 8:3
1. Your salvation is the supreme demonstration of God's power. I Co. 1:18, 24
  2. The power in salvation is God's alone. I Co. 1:30-31
  3. The gospel of Christ is the only way you can be saved. Acts 4:12 John 14:6
  4. The gospel saves you from the penalty, power, and presence of sin. 6:17-18 8:29f
- C. The gospel is for everyone who believes. v. 16c John 3:16 Acts 2:21 Rev. 22:17
1. Everyone who believes the gospel is saved by the gospel. John 3:16 1:12-13
  2. The advantage and the need of the Jews. 3:1-2 9:3-5 2:9 11:17f Jo. 1:11 4:22  
Acts 1:8 13:45-46
  3. The equality and the opportunity of the Gentiles. 10:12 3:9-10,29-30 Ga. 3:28-29  
Eph. 2:11-12
  4. God's power can save anyone.

**IV. Be proud of the gospel because it reveals the righteousness of God. v. 17**

- A. How is the righteousness of God displayed in the gospel? v. 17a**
- 1. God demands a perfect righteousness. 3:23**
  - 2. How then can God be just and forgive sinners? 6:23**
  - 3. The righteousness of the gospel is found in the work of Christ. 3:21-26 5:19-21  
I John 1:9-2:2 II Co. 5:21 8:9 I Pet. 3:18 Mark 10:45 Phil. 3:9 Isa. 53:4-6**
    - a. God provides the very righteousness He demands.**
    - b. Jesus has fulfilled the righteous demands of the law. Our guilt was imputed to the Righteous One, Who paid the wages of our sin. 5:9 6:23 II Co. 5:21 8:9**
    - c. His perfect righteousness has been imputed to us. Phil. 3:9 Isa. 61:10**
    - d. The gospel is as much concerned about righteousness as the law! 10:3-4 3:31**
    - e. God is both just and the justifier of the guilty. 3:25-26**
  - 4. The gospel reveals this *God-righteousness* which excludes all *man-righteousness*.**
    - a. God supplies all the righteousness you need. Isa. 42:12-13 61:10**
    - b. There is nothing you can do to add to or improve upon God's righteousness.**
    - c. This doctrine sets Christianity apart from every other religion.**
- B. The righteousness of God is received by faith. v. 17b**
- 1. Justification is by faith alone. Ro. 3:28 Acts 16:31 Eph. 2:8-9**
  - 2. This is the only way God has ever saved (justified). 4:1f Hab. 2:4 Ge. 15:6**
  - 3. Justification by God's grace *alone* through faith *alone* in Christ *alone* is the heart of the gospel.**
  - 4. What is gospel faith?**
    - a. Faith is not the one meritorious thing one does to earn God's favor.**
    - b. Faith is the channel through which sinners receive Christ's righteousness.**
    - c. Faith is not merely intellectual knowledge or assent. It involves trust.**
    - d. Your faith itself is a gift of God. You have nothing about which to boast!  
Eph. 2:8-9 I Co. 1:30-31 Ga. 6:14**

**V. Concluding Applications. Gal. 6:14**

**Discussion Questions for Family Worship**

- 1. Why might you be tempted to be ashamed of the gospel?**
- 2. Why shouldn't you be afraid to proclaim the gospel?**
- 3. What is the gospel?**
- 4. How is the gospel the power of God.**
- 5. How does the gospel save?**
- 6. How is the gospel to the Jew first?**
- 7. How does the gospel reveal the righteousness of God?**
- 8. What is faith? How does faith save you?**