

Not Ashamed

Romans 1:16, 17

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¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

The first thing I want to point out to you is the gospel is power (v.16)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God..." (v.16)

How does this power work? (Paul provides 3 answers.)

1. It has the power to save

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation..." (v.16)

2. It has the power to save everyone who believes

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3. It has the power to save without regard to the human distinctions that divide us.

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Why is the gospel so powerful?

1. The gospel is powerful because it contains the righteousness of God. (v.17a)

"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed..." (v.17a)

2. The gospel is powerful because the righteousness that is in the gospel is revealed only by faith. (v.17b)

"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith..." (v.17b)

3. The gospel is powerful because by the righteousness found in it, people who exercise faith are declared just in God's eyes.

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Paul is referencing Habakkuk 2:4.