

Sermon Notes

October 29, 2017

“I Am Not Ashamed”

Romans 1:8-17

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Verses 16-17 could serve as a topic sentence for the whole of Romans 1-8. How do verses 1-4 shed light on what Paul means by “gospel”?

- Formulate a working definition of the key terms (looking at different translations and a concordance to see other references to these terms may be helpful): *gospel, *salvation, *righteousness, *faith, *believes
- How are these key terms related in these verses? Try putting the sentence of Roman 1:16-17 into your own words using different words for the above terms.

In what circumstances might someone feel “ashamed” – or at least embarrassed – to be identified as a Christian?

- How do you think Paul might respond to someone who said that with all the important local and world issues people face churches don’t have the luxury to simply proclaim the gospel?
- How is proclaiming the gospel related to how churches address pressing issues of the day? How might proclaiming the gospel be part of Church Has Left The Building today?