

WARM-UP

- Name one product or service you liked so much that you had to tell others about it.
- Tell us about something you accomplished when you were young that you are proud of.
- Share about a time that you received very good news. What was it about and how did it affect your life?

WORD *¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."* **ROMANS 1:16,17**

At the beginning of his letter to the Romans, Paul introduced himself as an apostle whom God had *set apart for the gospel*, or the good news. He was called to preach to people from different walks of life, and he took this calling seriously and eagerly. He longed to explain to them that the gospel was not like any other news. Today, let's see why Paul was confident to preach this gospel.

1 | The gospel is the good news.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel . . . **ROMANS 1:16**

The word “gospel” literally means “good news.” The good news that Paul preached was the salvation that Jesus won for all mankind. Despite his past as a persecutor of the believers of this good news, Paul encountered Jesus and became one of the most loyal disciples and preachers of His gospel. He was unashamed of his newfound faith in Christ. What was it like when you first believed the gospel?

2 | The gospel is God’s power to save all who believe.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **ROMANS 1:16**

Through Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, He forgave our sins, restored us to a right relationship with God, set us free from sin, helped us experience healing, and saved us from hell. Because of the gospel, we can enjoy eternal life with God. And this good news is not only for a select group—it is for all who believe in Jesus. According to John 3:16, why and how did God save the world?

3 | The gospel gives us right standing with God.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." **ROMANS 1:17**

This good news is not just about how God saved us from sin and its consequences. When we believe in the gospel, God considers us righteous—we now have a right relationship with Him. This is something we cannot earn. Our right standing with God is received through faith. How have you experienced this right standing with God?

APPLICATION

- What keeps you from being unashamed of the gospel? What is one truth from Scripture that can help you overcome this obstacle?
- Read, meditate on, and memorize Romans 1:16 throughout this week. How can you grow more in your eagerness to preach the gospel to others?
- Name at least one friend or family member whom you can preach the gospel to this month. Commit to meet with and pray for that person.

