

The Difference Between Being Shamed And Ashamed (*Romans 1:16-17*)

Scripture Reading — *Romans 1:8-17*

- A. *Romans 1:16-17* is the very heartbeat of *Romans*, the thesis statement of the entire book.
- B. But why even bring up shame? What makes a person feel ashamed?
- C. What would keep you from being embarrassed or ashamed in situations like that?

I. The Gospel Causes Shaming And Gives Freedom From It

- A. The gospel does two things:
 - 1. It sometimes brings out shaming behavior in those who will not believe it.
 - 2. It can give freedom from shame to those who do believe it.
- B. What did Paul and Jesus do with the shame poured on them? (*Hebrews 12:2*)

II. The Gospel Is The Power Of God For Salvation

- A. In two senses:
 - 1. It is the gospel that converts people (*Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 1:23-25*)
 - 2. But there will also be a final triumph of the gospel in bringing believers to eternal safety and joy (*Hebrews 9:27-28; 1 Peter 1:5; Romans 5:9-10; 13:11*)
- B. Which means that the gospel is for believers, not just unbelievers.
- C. Which leads to the question: are you, as a believer, feeding on the gospel day by day?

III. “To The Jew First And Also To The Greek”

- A. In what ways is the gospel first to the Jews?
- B. Now, all are invited!

Conclusion:

- A. “In [the gospel], the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith.”
- B. Are you willing, as one of the Lord’s righteous, to “live by faith” this week?