

I am not ashamed

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.
Romans 1:16-17

Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2
Timothy 1:6-12

Are you ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Most of you who read this will say "No" but I ask you to examine yourself as Paul said, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." ¹ Charles Spurgeon once said, "Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you are not saved yourself. Be sure of that."

If we are in the faith we have been given a job to do. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." ²

We should be disciples of Jesus Christ and not man or woman, they are carnal beings with carnal thinking, [stinking thinking](#), and God's word tells us to be "[carnally minded is death and it is also enmity against God](#)"³. We must have our minds transformed on a constant basis, so we do not conform to this world.⁴

Jesus Christ moved with a heart of compassion and love. His love constantly moved him to set people free from the bondage and power of Satan. He also spoke to people on a regular basis about heaven and who would be living there one day with him. We too must be moved by compassion and love as He was.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish

things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Corinthians 13

The people we speak to will find the message of the cross to be foolishness but remember it is the power of God unto salvation⁵ and they need to hear it because faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.⁶

Are you ashamed of the gospel of Christ?
Check yourself.

We should be able to say like Paul in his letter to Timothy "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry"⁷

And if you are like me, I surely don't want these words spoke by Christ to be about me.

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. Mark 8:38

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If your answer is no but I'm not sure how to share my faith check out this [video](#) that can help.

1. 2 Corinthians 13:5
2. Mark 16:15
3. Romans 8:6-8
4. Romans 12:2
5. 1 Corinthians 1:18 & Romans 1:16
6. Romans 10:17
7. 1 Timothy 1:12