

Theme: We should not be ashamed of the Gospel, for it is God's power to save those who believe.

## I. Intro – Thanks – Philippians

- A. Thanks to Garey – great job
- B. Will get back to Philippians next week

## II. Unashamed of the Gospel

- A. Paul – Not Ashamed of the Gospel (v16)
  - 1. Paul is not ashamed of the Gospel (v16)
  - 2. Consistent theme (2 Tim 1:8; Mark 8:38)
- B. Our Foolish and Weak Gospel
  - 1. Gospel is foolishness to perishing (1 Cor 1:18)
  - 2. Wisdom & power – or Gospel (1 Cor 1:22-23)

## III. The Gospel – The Power of God

- A. The Gospel is the power of God (v16; 1 Cor 1:18)
- B. Power of God – for salvation (v16; 1 Cor 1:21)
- C. Power of God – for righteousness (v17; Ph 3:9)

## IV. Responding to the Gospel

- A. Believing the Gospel (v16-17; 1 Cor 1:21)
- B. Share the Gospel (1Cor 1:21; 22-23; 23-24)

## V. Applying the Word: Embracing the Gospel

- A. Have you believed the Gospel?
  - 1. It is not hearing, knowing – but believing
  - 2. Not about happiness, riches, etc – salvation
  - 3. Have you seen and believed the Gospel?
- B. Are we ashamed of the Gospel?
  - 1. Do we preach Christ – regardless of response?
  - 2. Do we think other things more relevant?
  - 3. Ex: Easter sermons (C. Jeremiah Wright issue)
  - 4. Are we willing to critique the questions asked?
  - 5. Example of Jesus and woman at well
- C. Do we believe the Gospel is the power of God?
  - 1. Do we believe it is greatest need of family/friends?
  - 2. Do we speak it with confidence?
- D. Boasting in the cross of Christ

### The Power of the Glorious Gospel

Romans 1:16-17

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?? I Will Boast in the Cross of Christ ??

Numbers 6:24-26

8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the **gospel**, by the power of God, 2 Timothy 1:8

38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels. Mark 8:38

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9 and be found in him, not having a **righteousness** of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-- **the righteousness that comes from God** and is by faith. Philippians 3:9

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