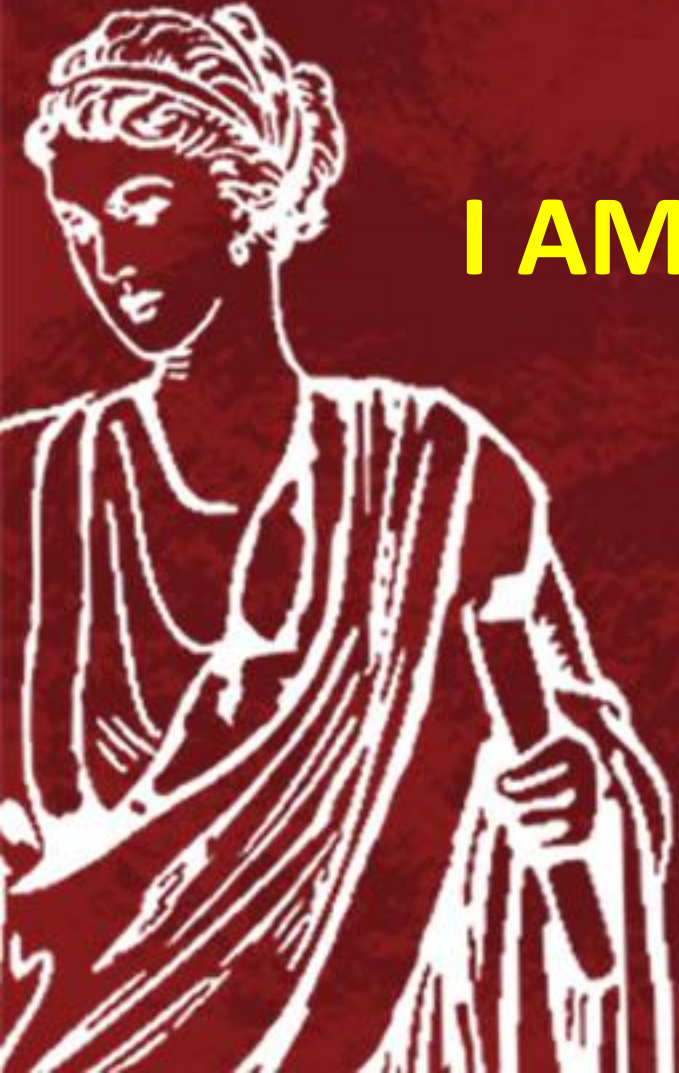


**I AM NOT ASHAMED**

Romans 1:16-17



I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. Romans 1:14-15 NKJV

For I AM NOT ASHAMED of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Roman 1:16 NKJV

Jesus said, “For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” Mark 8:38 ESV

Paul said, “Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord... but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.” 2 Timothy 1:8  
ESV

# Paul's struggles

*Why then would the Romans want to put their faith in a disgraced foreign criminal?*

*Will the Romans be interested in the news from a small city like Jerusalem?*

*Why should the sophisticated, learned Romans pay any attention to a Jewish folk story about a Jew who supposedly rose from the dead?*

# Our Struggles Today

*Would people who are entrenched in ancestor worship put their faith in what they perceived as an 'ang moh' or caucasian God?*

*Would they even be interested in the gospel of Christ, when the "good news" that other gods mean a promise of wealth through lottery and gambling, if they worship them or contribute to the temple?*

*Why pay attention to the story of Jesus and His resurrection when they are ingrained with the folk stories of the culture they grow up with?*

**In what ways might we be ashamed of the gospel?** One way might be to teach part of the gospel message, but not all, that is to leave out or water down those parts which might offend people. Put bluntly it is possible for people to teach the positives of the message about Christ, without the negatives. That is to call people to faith, without calling them to repentance. We declare that ‘God is love’ but are shy of warning of His wrath against ungodliness. We speak about the joy of following Christ, but do not call people to count the cost. Similarly we can lose confidence in the gospel being the power of God unto salvation and instead believe, or at least act as if, people will come to faith through other means. As a consequence other things, such as social action or church events can become seen AS the gospel, rather than an OPENING to make known the gospel. **In all these ways, and more, people today do seem to be ashamed of the gospel, and have lost confidence in the power of the gospel.”** David Phillips, Church Secretary, 1998-2011, Cross†Way Issue Winter 2011 No. 119

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.

Roman 1:16

**I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL  
BECAUSE  
IT IS THE POWER OF GOD!**

I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL ... 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



<sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:7-11

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Roman 1:17a

**I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL  
BECAUSE  
IN IT IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD!**

**WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF  
CHRIST BECAUSE**

- 1. IT IS THE POWER OF GOD TO SAVE EVERYONE**
- 2. IN IT IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD**

# I Am Not Ashamed

**We're an anchor  
for those who are hurting,  
We're a harbor  
for those who are lost;  
Sometimes it's not always easy,  
Bearing Calvary's cross.**

**We've been ridiculed  
by those who don't know Him,  
And mocked by those who don't believe.  
Still, I love standing up for my Jesus  
'Cos of all that He's done for me.**

## **Chorus:**

**That's why I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
The gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**No, I am not afraid to be counted,  
And I'm willing to give my life.**

**See I'm ready to be all He wants me to be;  
Give up the wrong for the right.**

**Oh, I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
No I am not ashamed  
of the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**For ev'ry moment  
His hand has held mercy,  
For all the love  
that He's shown on my life,  
A simple thanks  
doesn't say how I'm feeling;  
I get tears in my eyes.**

**So, as for me  
I'm gonna keep on believing  
In the one who's been so faithful to me.  
I'm not out to please  
this whole world around me,  
I've got my mind on eternity.**

## **Chorus:**

**That's why I am not ashamed of the gospel,**

**The gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**No, I am not afraid to be counted,**

**And I'm willing to give my life.**

**See I'm ready to be all He wants me to be;**

**Give up the wrong for the right.**

**No, I am not ashamed of the gospel,**

**No, I am not ashamed of the gospel...**



**I've got too much behind me  
to let this world blind me.  
To some He's a name,  
but to me He's my ev'rything.  
I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
I am not ashamed of the gospel...  
Of Jesus Christ**