

I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel



Would you please stand for the reading of God's Word, and if you brought your Bibles turn them to Romans 1:16?

As this morning, I want to charge you with the simple truth from one of the most profound minds that has ever walked across the planet at any point in time.

This truth is so often quoted and yet it is so truly seldom applied. It has the potency to change nations and reverse the course of history.

It has released lives from bondage and yet it seems to be ignored by those who claim it to be true.

There is no limit to the effect that the power of this truth can have on any situation and the limitless problems that it can solve, and yet the only hindrance that we seem to find is that it is locked inside those who say they believe it and then behave as if it's not believable.

In terms of its abilities, it has a track record that no cynic, no doubter and no sceptic can argue with.

And yet those who claim it for themselves seldom understand its reality.

Why? Because it would seem that we have taken the exact opposite position of what our text is today.

Paul the author of the 1st Chapter of Romans says, “I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Yet in our society we seem to live as if we are ashamed of its power and its potential in our lives.

I’m here to tell you today, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is locked in the pages of this text is nothing to be ashamed of.

It’s not to be debated or denied or argued. It is to be declared and it is to be applied.

If you apply this truth to a life that is lacking, suddenly there is more than enough where there was not enough.

If you apply this truth to a heart that is broken and a life that is shattered.

Suddenly those fragmented pieces that have been scattered across the face of the world are brought back and restored by the almighty hand of God.

If you apply this truth to a body that is riddled with sickness and disease.

Suddenly infirmity is driven from that body and healing blessings flow.

If you apply this truth to the weak, they become strong. Apply it to the sorrowful and they suddenly have the fullness of joy.

Apply its truth to those who are bound, and chains are broken, and captives are set free.

Apply this truth in a conflict and even in spite of the struggle you can have peace that surpasses all understanding.

This truth of this Gospel conquers powers and principalities of darkness.

This truth of this Gospel conquers fear and every form of doubt and deception.

This truth has been our help in all ages passed and it is our strength for today and our hope for tomorrow.

If you hide from it, it will indeed still shine true.

Therefore, expose it to the world around you, and let us march with confidence that we are more than conquerors through Christ.

When you declare this truth, you walk in victory and triumph.

When you declare this truth, you can say with confidence because God is for me, who can be against me?

Church we are not here to debate and defend what Christ has already settled.

We are here to declare this glorious Gospel because, it is still the power of God unto salvation.



Read with me the 1st Chapter of the Book of Romans in the 16th verse. If you're there say Amen.

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 greedy.

Heavenly Father, let us see the truth of your word today and how we should apply it in our lives, that indeed we can change this world for the power of the Gospel is still your gift to mankind.

In Jesus name we pray and ask, and all of God's children said, praise the LORD.

God, bless you, you may be seated.





Without question the Bible is the greatest book that God has ever given to man.

As a matter of fact, it is by far the greatest resource that any human being has.

Paul, who wrote the Book of Romans, considers the impact that the Gospel has had on the lives of those that he shared it with.

The healings that he had seen, the miracle deliverances that he saw at the mighty name of Jesus.

He considers the contact that he had with Christ the author and the finisher of the text on the road to Damascus.

And looking at all of these things he boldly professes to the Church in Rome, that was being fed the lions, being cut in half, being killed in the Colosseum.

I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

Why? Because it is the power of God unto salvation.

The concern that I have in this Church age is that many Bible believing Christians behave to the contrary of Paul's statement.

Rather than behaving as if they're unashamed of the Gospel, they hide it as if they are indeed ashamed of it.

People ask you, are you a believer?

Well, you know I, I, I, I, I at the Church I.

Do you really think you're going to Heaven? Well, I hope so.

No, you don't! Your hope is not in hope.

Your hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' Blood and Righteousness.

You are not hoping your way to Heaven. You are believing in His Son, and He has promised that Heaven is your reward.

Why are we concerned to offend people with our faith?

Why do we talk more about books that we read about the Bible than the book that the books that we're reading are about?

I assure you of this, you can read every book in every library on the planet, and none of them will do for you what this book will do every time you open it up.

Read the Bible and a sinner will forsake his way.

Read the Bible and the bound will be set free.

Read the Bible and the addict gives up his addiction.

Read the Bible and the chains of sin are broken.

Read the Bible and you become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Not a reformed, revised, encouraged and inspired version of the old you.

But a brand new you with a brand-new name, in a brand-new place, for eternity, and the new Jerusalem. Read the Bible!



Church, I'm here today to say I'm not ashamed of the Gospel.

I'm not ashamed of the Gospel that takes the pain out of death.

I'm not ashamed of a Gospel that takes the gloom out of the grave and gives hope that is steadfast and sure.

I'm not ashamed of the Gospel that is a two-edged sword in the mouth of every believer that divides truth from a lie and light from darkness.

I'm not ashamed of a Gospel that can restore ruined marriages.

I'm not ashamed of a Gospel that can bring dead businesses back from the tomb.

I'm not ashamed of a Gospel that can reach into the lowest pit and pull prodigals out of the pig pen and bring them home where they belong again.

I'm not ashamed of a Gospel that denounces homosexuality as an abomination and only recognises marriages between a man and a woman as defined by the Word of God.

The world wrings its hands, what are we going to do? What are we going to do? What are we going to do?

Stop being ashamed of the Gospel.

Why? Because the answer to every problem that you're facing. The answer to every problem this country is facing. The answer to every situation that's in your home.

The answer to mending your marriage. The answer to raising your children. The answer to blessing your business. The answer to living a life of triumph it's all right here.

Don't be ashamed of the Gospel.

We've got an abortion problem in this country. I'm not ashamed of the Gospel that says abortion is murder.

It's not pro-choice, it's the death penalty.

We've camouflaged it with a term that's politically acceptable.

But consider this, no child ever conceived in a womb ever committed a crime against humanity and yet millions of them plus, have been put to death inside that womb while rapists and murderers walk the streets of this country.

This is moral insanity, and it should stop!

I'm not ashamed of a Gospel that says there is one God, not many Gods, and His name is Jehovah God, and He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and of Jacob.

I'm not ashamed of a Gospel that says Heaven is real and hell should be shunned.

I'm not ashamed of a Gospel that when you read it, it reads you and shows you the path that you should take.

But for all of the wonderful things that we can say about the Bible and its contents and the power of the Gospel unto salvation.

There is a problem with The Word, and it's very simple.

We don't read it. That's the problem with the Bible.
It is that it is ignored in our lives today.



Read the next verse in Romans, the 1st Chapter verse 17 and it says, “And the just shall live by faith.”

Say that with me, and the just shall live by faith. Whenever you read that word faith in the Bible, you need to know that faith is connected always with the Word of God.

This is how Abraham was counted under righteousness, he believed what he heard God say.

God said Abraham get away from your father, come to this place that I’ll show you and through you I will bless all the nations.

He heard that word, he had faith in that word, he took a step in faith and God blessed him.

Abraham, I want you to take your son to the top of Mount Moriah. He heard that word, he had faith in that word, he took action upon that word and God blessed him.

Follow every major character that walks through the pages of the text, whether it’s Moses who was told to go back to Egypt or Elijah who was told to build an altar without flame or fire.

No matter where you find them you hear that, you see them hearing God’s word.

Believing God’s word, taking action upon that word, and that’s faith.

So, if the just are supposed to live by faith, where does faith come from?

The Bible tells us that faith cometh by hearing and hearing by what? The Word of God.

So how can you have faith if you don't read the Word of God?

If this is how the just shall live, how can you survive if you're not opening up the contents of this covenant?

The world that we live in right now, like never before, is in search of source and resource. They want to source of answers, they want someone to tell them exactly what they should do and then they want a place to find the resources to accomplish what the source has told them to do.

You need to know that right here in printed ink is both the source and the resource.

God Almighty said, that My Word shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish the purpose for which I sent it.

If you're looking for answers they're right here.

If you're looking for the resources to accomplish the answer, you can find them right here.

No matter what you're facing today, if you apply this Word to that situation, the impossible mountain will be removed.

The giant will be defeated. The Gates of Bronze will be broken off of their hinges.

Because thy Word is truth, and the truth is! You're more than a conqueror through Christ.



You say, how is the Word of God source and resource?

I'll tell you.

First the Word of God is spiritual bread.

Jesus Christ, the author and the finisher of the text, who was indeed the Word made flesh. Made this statement in Matthew's Gospel.

He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God".

Jesus Christ knew the power of this Word, because He was there whenever it brought light out of darkness in Genesis.

He was there when the dust of Eden became a living being.

He was there when the Angel stopped the hand of Abraham that Isaac might be spared.

He was there when the Red Sea parted, and the children of Israel walked through on dry land.

He was there when Daniel spent his night in the lion's den, and David faced a giant named Goliath who had yet to be defeated.

He was there when the fire fell on Elijah's sacrifice, and when Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego faced the flames.

He went into the flames with them that they might be spared, and the God of Israel would once again reign supreme.

How did it happen? Not because we have such a marvellous Saviour.

But because His Word is truth, and it shall not return void.

This is the bread of life. If you'll feast upon this, you'll never hunger or thirst again.

Child of God stop searching for the answer and open up the book. Feast upon it, because it is indeed the divine life giving power of God.





Jesus compared the Word of God to bread.

He said, “Give us this day our daily bread.”

How many of you are familiar with daily bread?

How many of you have a constant relationship with food?
Amen.

I love to think about lunch during breakfast. I love to think about dinner during lunch.

I think about breakfast during dinner. And when I go to sleep at night I say, man wonder what I’m going to have in the morning?

Because me and food kind of got this thing going on. We like each other. And that’s good because it sustains my physical body.

But what you have right here, is what sustains your Spiritual body.

Nothing else works. The beauty of the Word of God is whenever you consider what you’re going to eat next you don’t have to look far because it’s all right here.

The only way that this Word will change your life and strengthen your Spiritual self is, if you read it.

As marvellous as bread is, it’s not any good to you until you eat it.

But it doesn’t matter what you’re facing today, if you will open up this text and apply its truth to that situation it will solve your problem.

You've got a problem in your marriage, read the Word.

You've got a problem in your business, read the Word.

You're concerned about the country, read the Word.

The situation is not that we don't know what to do. The situation is that we're not doing what we should.

You cannot saturate yourself in the culture of the world around you six days a week and expect to spend an hour and a half at Church and that'll wash it all away.

You cannot pick up the materials of this world.

You cannot look at pornographic magazines, you cannot tell smutty jokes.

You cannot watch media that is saturated with Godlessness and expect to feel comfortable in the presence of the Holy Spirit at Church.

You cannot steal your tithe in offering and expect to have God's blessing of your prosperity.

You cannot verbally abuse your spouse and expect for Heaven to be in your home.

You've got a problem. Read the Word, and then apply it.

What's the application of God's word for marriage? It's simply this. Submission is how you accomplish the mission.

Say that to your spouse. Look them right in the eye, don't smile, just look at them.

Say submission, say it like you mean it now. Don't mumble it. I know what I'm saying. You need to believe it too.

Submission is how you accomplish the mission.

What's the mission? The mission is that you might live the rest of your life in holy matrimony in love with each other.

The mission is not arguing about where you're going to lunch. I got my way, its Sizzler again.

The mission is that she, husband! Would be your crowning, Glory.

That when the world looks at her, they see a radiant woman who's needs are met because you are going to submit to her need.

The mission, woman of God, is that you are going to follow your husband because the Bible says, that the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the Church.

The only way that you'll accomplish your goal is if you submit to what God's Word has to say about the role that you play.

Well, we've got a different kind of marriage.

No! You've got a wrestling match, but you don't have a marriage.

I had a husband tell me once my wife is killing me. I said, well you wanted to be Christ like, it's about time you got crucified I said. Go ahead.

The Word of God has an application in every area of your life, and it's time that we started reading and applying it.

Let me ask you this question, how many of you watch TV on a daily basis?

I'm not going to ask you how much you watch, just you know how many of you watch it?

Consider the amount of television you watch and ask yourself, what would happen if for seven days you challenged yourself to reverse the amount of time you read the Bible with the amount of time you watch TV?

So, for example, if you watched TV for an hour a day and you read the Word of God for an hour a day.

You've got an even swap. But if you watch TV three hours a day and you read the Word an hour a day.

You would then read the Word three hours a day and watch TV for an hour a day.

Or if you watch TV for five hours a day and you didn't read the Word at all. Pull the plug!

Now why would I extend this challenge?

Because I believe what the Bible says, and I'm not ashamed to stand by it.

That His Word will not return void. That if you will try the LORD He will demonstrate His self to you in ways beyond which you could ask, think or imagine.

If you would simply open up the book and say, Father in Your Word I am searching for answers to the situations that I'm facing.

I believe with all conviction that the Holy Spirit of God would show you what you would do, and if you'd have the courage to apply it, you would find out what others who have come before you know, the Word of God works.

It has worked in the past; it's working today, and it will work tomorrow.

The Word of God is bread, and you are what you eat.

Say that with me, you are what you eat.

What's wrong with the Church today? We are what we eat.

We have ignored the Word of God and sought entertainment.

We have sought and craved sensation without substance.

The Apostle Paul said these were people with itching ears, they had a form of Godliness, but they denied the power thereof.

The Church today has adopted the attitude of the culture rather than doing what the Word has said and transformed the culture with the truth of the Gospel.

We want riches without righteousness and success without a struggle.

We want happiness without having to sacrifice in holiness.

We want to wear the crown of triumph without bearing the burden of a cross.

And we're always willing to give a testimony but don't you dare put me in the midst of the test.

Listen to me! I don't care if it's in the four walls of the Church or out in the streets that you live in. There is no success without effort. There is no success without effort.

It doesn't matter what you do you're going to have to try, if you're going to get it done.

Why is Australia suffering? Because the Church in Australia is ashamed of the Gospel.

Why is Australia searching for answers? Because the Church that has the answer is not willing to stand up and declare it.

Churches have abandoned the Word of God for a feel-good theology.

We want to feel good without being good.

We want to explain sin without confessing and forsaking sin.

We're avoiding the cross for fear it might be an offence.

We don't want to talk about confession or confrontation or consecration and this is Christless Christianity.

The Church in Australia is now a form without a force.

We are what the Bible calls clouds without rain, and wells without water, trees without fruit.

If we're going to change this country, we've got to stop being ashamed of the Gospel and return to the Word of God.

For a moment, let's compare the two.

What does the Gospel say about sin? The Gospel says that you should repent of sin.

What does the modern culture say? That you can adjust to sin.

Once we explain it and figure out why you did it. We can determine that you have a problem and, once you have a problem then we can give you pity and, once you get pity you get attention and, once you get attention you get counselling and, once you get counselling you end up in a small group.

Here's what the Bible says, confess and forsake for He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Child of God I'd much rather walk cleansed and set free than walk around with nothing but pity and excuses for the rest of my life.

The Gospel speaks about the restoration of the fallen.

The Gospel declares that the righteous are here not to adjust to sin but to arise and do exploits.

To pull down strong holds against the world, the flesh and devil.

To walk this earth as salt and light soldiers.

To read the Word of God with passion and find in these scriptures the answers to eternal life.

Do you want to know what's going to change the world when the prayer room is as full as the bar room? Whenever we crave the things of the New Testament, like they did in the first century.

When fasting and prayer are as popular as Facebook and Twitter and, giving and living and tithing and telling and witnessing and winning is the basic steps of the faith of those who call upon God.

When we do that then the lame will leap, and the deaf will hear, and the blind will see and the Church triumphant will be on the march.

That's when the Gates of Hell will be ripped off of their hinges and we will be the triumphant army of the Living God.

King David said, blessed is the man who delights in the law of the LORD.

Who does His Law and mediates on it day and night?

He said of that man, that he would be like a tree planted by rivers of living water.

That his leaf would not wither and whatever he did it would prosper.

Child of God! Stop being ashamed of the Gospel and realise that it is your source of life.

Turn it loose and let God arise and his enemies be scattered.





Not only is the Word of God Spiritual bread.

But the Word of God is power.

It is the power in your prayer life.

People often ask, how do I get prayers answered?

The answer is simple. Pray the Word.

Go find what the Bible has to say about the thing you're praying about and then pray the Word. My word shall not return to me void.

Jesus Christ said, if you abide in Me, that means if you believe in Me, and My Word abides in you, you will ask what you will in My name, and it shall be done for you.

How many of you want God to do what you ask him to do?

Pray the Word. Pray the Word. Don't pray what you feel, pray what you see because he said I'll honour my Word.

How does that work in your life when Satan comes and sits on your shoulder, and he begins to whisper that you're defeated?

Pray the Word. Fight back by saying, I am more than a conqueror through Christ.

He who is in me is greater than he who is in the world.

The LORD is my Light and He is my salvation of whom shall, I fear. The LORD is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid.

When the hosts of hell whisper that your business is not going to survive.

Pray the Word. My God shall supply all of my needs according to His riches and glory.

Declare the truth I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor God seen baking bread.

That it is the LORD who gives you the power to get well. That He will never leave you nor will He forsake you.

He said, I'll give you houses you didn't build, wells you didn't dig and vineyards you didn't plant.

I'll rebuke the devour so that every seed that you sow would be a mighty harvest.

I'll open up the windows of Heaven and pour out upon you blessings that you cannot contain.

The wicked may starve in the street.

But child of God, He'll supply all of your needs according to His riches and glory.

If you're struggling with sickness, or a member of your family needs a touch of divine healing, and Satan begins to whisper seeds of doubt in your mind that that sickness will remain, and that child will never be healed.

You have to respond in faith believing that by his stripes I am healed.

You have to say, Bless The LORD O my soul. And forget not all of His benefits for He forgives all of your sins, and He heals all of your diseases.

Our God was a healer. Our God is a healer, and He shall forever be a healer.

Don't you allow sickness and infirmity to have any hold upon you but preach and pray the Word of God and don't be ashamed of the Gospel.



You say, does that work? Absolutely it works. My friend who went to be home with the LORD at 98 years young.

Doctors told her when she was 68, 30 years before God's appointed time of her departure, that she wouldn't live six months because she had a cantaloupe sized tumour growing on her colon.

It was cancerous. The surgery was going to be graphic. It was going to absolutely be the beginning of the end of her life.

She very calmly looked at the doctor and says the Bible says, that God can heal me.

And she said, you do what you have do and I'll do what I have to do.

And she went home from that day to the day of her surgery. She didn't cancel the surgery.

She had the surgery, but she went home from that day to the day of her surgery and every day she didn't call 10 friends and say well I'm feeling a little up or I'm feeling a little down.

She picked up the Word of God and she read Psalms 91.

She didn't search all over the scriptures trying to figure out what might work.

She just went straight to one Psalm, and she began to read that and declare it over her body because that Psalm says, "Blessed is he who dwells in the secret place of the most

High, for he shall forever abide in the shadow of the Almighty.”

That Psalm says, no weapon formed against you should prosper and that you would not fear the plague that comes by day, nor the arrow that flies by night.

That Psalm says that God Himself will put a shield around you and my friend began to ask God to guard her from that cancer that was in her body.

Day after day, hour after hour, she focused on the Word. She read the Word. She spoke the Word. she prayed the Word.

Her family gathered for her surgery expecting the worst. Thirty minutes after it began the doctor walked out and he said what I expected to be a three or four-hour surgery is not only not going to happen he says we're through.

Thinking that they were through because it was worse than expected.

He said that cantaloupe sized tumour shrunk down to about the size of a walnut.

He said, we've cut it out of her body and she's cancer free.

They told her that she would be dead in six months at her first doctor visit.

She went back to work in six weeks from her surgery date. She outlived two of the doctors that gave her the diagnosis.

How? Because the Word of God is powerful. It is alive, it is sharper than any two-edged sword.

If you will use it, God will honour it.

Satan looks at you and says you're alone, you're forgotten, you've been rejected. You go back at him with the Word!

For Jesus Christ said I'll never leave you, I'll never forsake you even to the ends of the age.

He said, Lo, I am with you always and I am a friend that sticks closer than a brother.

When Satan begins to remind you of your past. You go back to the Word, and you remind him that he is a defeated foe.

That the Gates of Hell have been surrendered and that we, the children of God, now have the keys to the kingdom.

You need to know that there is indeed the power of God under salvation, and it's locked in the Word.

Do not let the hounds of hell remind you of all that they've done.

Declare in faith believing of all that God can do because indeed this is the power of God to salvation.

Give the Lord a hand clap of praise.



 Not only is the Word of God bread, not only is it powerful but it's our inheritance.

Here on this Earth whenever one generation passes, they leave documents to their children and their grandchildren called their last will and testament.

And in that document, they outline what are considered covenants in agreement of what they want to be disbursed amongst their children.

God our Father in Heaven has a last will and testament, and in it are the covenants that he wants to be disbursed amongst his children.

The thing that I find astounding about the will of God in this book and the inheritance that He has laid aside for you, would be like a child of the richest man on the face of the Earth, that had billions and billions of dollars of resources at his disposal, starving in a street, fighting for food in a dumpster, struggling to survive.

When somewhere on some desk sat a packet of paper that said everything that his father had belonged to him.

Why doesn't he live in the splendour that his Father acquired?

Because he does not want to read what's in the will and the testament of his Father.

How many of God's children have splendour that is set aside for them and yet they are struggling with the issues of life in

their own strength when the Bible says it's not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the LORD.

We have an inheritance. We have a divine covenant. We have an inheritance given to us by a God who flung the stars against the velvet of the night and holds the world in his hand.

And we as sons and daughters of the most High God, many living well beneath the quality of life that God has outlined in His Word, an endless need struggling with weaknesses, sicknesses, and tormented.

Why? Because we won't read our inheritance.

Satan has convinced us that the Word of God is not true and yet Paul shouts back it is the power of God unto salvation.

The power of what? Saving you from you what?

This is the power of God to break the curse of poverty.

This is the power of God over sickness and disease.

This is the power of God to every form of addiction.

This is the power of God over the world, the flesh and the devil.

This is your divine inheritance.

In this book, you'll hear these words that you are an heir and a joint heir.

Say that with me, an heir and a joint heir. What does that mean?

That doesn't mean that you're 50/50. That doesn't mean that you're 80/20.

That doesn't mean that you just get to participate in some of the good.

That means that everything that was Jesus', as He is the heir of God, is now yours because you have been made an heir and you have been made a joint heir.

There is a place called Calvary where the splendour of Heaven came and died that you might have eternal life.

You came to Calvary with sickness. He brought to Calvary divine health, and he gave you his health that you might walk in the freedom of infirmity.

You came to Calvary with poverty, he came with the riches of the kingdom.

You gave Him your poverty; He gave you wealth untold.

You came to Calvary rejected; He came to you with adoption.

He grafted you into the promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, said My Father is now your Father.

My name is now your name. My access is now your access.

You do not have to worry and fear whether God is against you because I am Emanuel which means God is with you.

You came to Calvary with death, He came to Calvary with everlasting life.

Now you have a new name, in a new home, in the new Jerusalem.

You're a new creature in Christ Jesus. This is your divine inheritance. Celebrate what the LORD has done.



You have a will and a testament written by God Almighty.

Breathe through the Holy Spirit himself that not only promises your survival but your success.

Why don't you read it? Why don't you apply it?

This nation is searching for hope.

The Blood bought Church has it.

This nation is searching for direction. The Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit Himself will lead us into it.

This nation is searching for resources. The Bible says that the wealth of the wicked is laid up for the righteous.

I assure you child of God this Word works.

The question you have to answer for yourself today is, are you too ashamed to put it to practice?

The Bible says thy Word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Are you hiding this Word in your heart? And when you stand before the Father in heaven, He says you've been faithful and you've been obedient, enter into thy rest.

Because I assure you, someday we'll all stand before him, and when we do the only thing that will stand the test of His fire is going to be the things that are in you that came from this.

I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God under Christ Jesus.

Can we stand in the presence of the Lord?

(Bob Stone)