

Jesus transforms lives #1

Gospel message

Romans 1:16-17

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I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16, 17

1. Ashamed of the gospel ???

message of the cross: a stumbling block to Jews

foolishness to the rest of us

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1 Corinthians 1:22, 23

2. the gospel is God's power

to save

everyone who believes

3. In the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed

the holy and just God acts to save us
and displays his righteousness

4. Ashamed of the gospel?? NO

Confidence in Jesus and the gospel that saves

Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom,²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Jesus saves people

We live out gospel values - grace, love, forgiveness,
compassion, generosity, serving others

We share the message of Jesus

We **BOAST** about Jesus **NOT** ourselves

We **TRUST** Jesus **NOT** ourselves

Our weaknesses display God's strength

5. The gospel is the power of God to save all who believe