

“An Explosive Salvation”

Romans 1:16-32

Neither Ashamed Nor A Shame

Matthew Henry Commentary Romans 1:16-18

*“Paul was ready to preach the gospel at Rome though a place where the gospel was run down by those that called themselves the wits. There is a great deal in the gospel that such a man as Paul might be tempted to be ashamed of, especially that he whose gospel it is was a man hanged upon a tree, that the doctrine of it was plain, had little in it to set it off among scholars, the professors of it were mean and despised, and everywhere spoken against; yet Paul was not ashamed of the gospel, nor a shame to it. **I reckon him a Christian indeed that is neither ashamed of the gospel nor a shame to it.**”*

Not Ashamed

Bible References

2 Timothy 1:8, 12; Philippians 1:27; 2:5-8;
1 John 2:28; 2 Corinthians 3:14; Galatians
3:13

The Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The gospel is a message, and it is a
Messenger...the Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel and Christ are *inseparable*.

The Power of God

“dunamis” = “inherent power outwardly exerted

The omnipotent power of God =

Salvation of sinners is an act of Divine intervention!

“For Salvation”

Salvation = “to be delivered or rescued”

Paul uses 13x in Romans

All men need to be delivered from God’s wrath, the guilt of sin, and from the power of sin.

“Everyone Who Believes”

“**believes**” = “faith, to trust, to commit”

Faith is the means to apply the power of God to individuals for salvation.

Faith, like salvation, is a Divine gift; sinners cannot “bring faith to the table.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

The Righteousness of God

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- *“All people are sinful and stand condemned before a righteous and perfect God. It is only through the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross that people can be made right with God. On the basis of Christ’s payment for sin, God ‘justifies’ or declares righteous those who have faith in Him.”*

The Righteousness of God

MacArthur:

“The state or condition of perfectly conforming to God’s perfect law and holy character.”

Matthew Henry:

“A gracious method of reconciliation and acceptance, notwithstanding the guilt of our sins.”

Barnes: *“To be innocent, pure.”*

The Righteousness of God

Cremer: *“What is right as defined by God, and has to do above all things with the walk before Him.”*

Vincent: *“The relation of being right into which God puts the man who believes.”*

Cranfield: *“God’s gift of a right status before Him.”*

The Righteousness from God

Only God is righteous by His own nature,
and sinful man falls woefully short of His
Divine standard of moral perfection.

Romans 3:10, 23; Job 9:2; Matthew 5:48

The Righteousness from God

By faith, God **imputes**, or credits, Christ's righteousness to ungodly sinners.

Romans 3:22; 4:5;

1 Corinthians 5:21

“Faith”

“faith” = “belief, reliance on Christ especially
for salvation”

Philippians 2:12-13