

Why We Need The Gospel

Romans 1:16

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.

Why do many people not go to worship services?

1. Greater affluence
2. Kid's activities
3. Travel more often
4. Blended and single families
5. Online worship option
6. No guilt in not going
7. Self directed spirituality
8. See no benefit to it
9. Not involved in church
10. Cultural shift away

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ

- A. Note verse 15
 - v. 8 Your faith spoken of throughout world (Priscilla & Aquilla)
 - v. 11 I long to see you
 - v. 13 I long to see you, v. 14 debtor to Jew and Greek
 - v. 15 I am ready to preach gospel to you in Rome the Romans needed this message
- B. There were reasons Romans would be embarrassed
 - Jewish, different kind of power, Seen as atheist
- C. There are reasons some are embarrassed today
 - Its exclusive John 14, its not scientific, its moral v. 21-32

For it is the power of God to salvation

- A. Salvation is the need of every person
 - Romans 1:18-3:20
 - We must preach the pure gospel, not tickle ears, 2 Tim 4:3
- B. Salvation requires God's power
 - Not about the power it IS the power (Mark 2:1-12 forgive sin)
- C. It reveals God's righteousness
 - Legal term meaning without fault, God saves man
- D. It is from faith to faith
 - God's plan through the ages (Habakkuk 2:4)

For everyone who believes....

- A. Salvation is individual, not national
 - Everyone must decide, Acts 2 Save yourselves corrupt gen.
- B. This must be taught and proclaimed to all people

Why you should attend worship services

1. Not good to be alone. Spirituality is not private
2. It's humbling. Take my place among the family
3. No Christ apart from the church
4. Church dispels my fantasies about myself
5. Heritage since Acts 2: christians at church
6. To help carry others burdens and help with mine
7. To dream with others. Great things done together
8. To practice for heaven. Small taste
9. The joy of it
10. Closest I'll get to Jesus until eternity

