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Ashamed of Messing Up
Romans 1:13-17

What are you ashamed of?

Romans 1:1-12

- Paul--
- The Romans--
- Eager to come to Rome--
- Gospel-- εὐαγγέλιον (euangelion)--

Romans 1:13-17 *I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may obtain some fruit among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish ¹⁵—hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, “The one who is righteous will live by faith.”*

Three Reasons Paul is Eager to Share the Gospel:

I. The gospel _____.

Romans 1:13 *I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may **obtain some fruit** among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles.*

II. The gospel _____.

Romans 1:14-15 *I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish ¹⁵—hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.*

- How is Paul indebted to people he’s never met?
- People hide their shame behind:
 1. Culture (Greek)--
 2. Rebellion (Barbarians)--
 3. Education (wise)--
 4. Excuses (foolish)--
 5. Religion (Jew and Greek)--

III. The gospel _____.

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

- Why would Paul make it a point to say he’s not ashamed of something he believes in?
- Why would anyone be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ?
 - o “the Jew”--
 - o “the Greek”--

Why not be ashamed?

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- Righteousness of God is given/uncovered by _____
- “From faith to faith”--

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What are you ashamed of? Have you ever been ashamed of Jesus?
2. How have you attempted to hide your shame?
3. What do you do to try to measure up to others’ standards? Your own standards? God’s standards?
4. When have you felt at peace with God? When have you felt at peace with yourself—your past, your present, your future?
5. Where do you need to accept God’s grace in your life? Where do you need to give yourself grace? Where do you need to give others grace?

