

ROMANS 1:16

FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, TO THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO TO THE GREEK. (NASB)

"EUAVGELION" = "GOSPEL"

"GOSPEL" MEANS "GOOD NEWS"

GOOD NEWS IN THE PSALMS AND PROPHETS

PSALM 96:2

ISAIAH 40:9; 52:7; 61:1

NAHUM 1:15

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

THE GOOD NEWS THAT, THROUGH THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD HAS DEFEATED THE POWERS OF THE OLD AGE THAT HAVE KEPT HUMANITY IN BONDAGE.

2 Cor. 5:17; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:8

TO BE ASHAMED = TO DENY OR RENOUNCE.

FOR WHOEVER IS ASHAMED OF ME AND MY WORDS IN THIS ADULTERESS AND SINFUL GENERATION, THE SON OF MAN WILL ALSO BE ASHAMED OF HIM WHEN HE COMES IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER WITH THE HOLY ANGELS.

2 TIMOTHY 1:8

THERFORE DO NOT BE ASHAMED OF THE TESTIMONY OF OUR LORd, OR OF ME HIS PRISONER, BUT JOIN ME IN SUFFERING FOR THE **GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE** POWER OF GOD.

WHAT MIGHT GIVE OCCASION TO BE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL?

THE GOSPEL IS A STUMBLING BLOCK TO JEWS AND FOOLISHNESS TO GENTILES.

1 Corinthians 1:23

AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM PLAINLY THAT THE SON OF MAN MUST SUFFER MANY THINGS AND BE REJECTED BY THE ELDERS AND THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE SCRIBES, AND BE KILLED, AND AFTER THREE DAYS RISE AGAIN.

AND HE WAS STATING THE MATTER PLAINLY. AND PETER TOOK HIM ASIDE AND BEGAN TO REBUKE HIM.

BUT TURNING AROUND AND SEEING HIS DISCIPLES, HE REBUKED PETER, AND SAID, GET **BEHIND ME SATAN; FOR YOU ARE NOT SETTING YOUR MIND ON** GOD'S INTERESTS, BUT MAN'S.

TRUTH:

WE ARE ASHAMED OF THE
GOSPEL WHEN OUR INTERESTS IN
THE THINGS OF GOD ARE
DISPLACED BY OUR INTERESTS IN
THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD.

THE EFFICACY OF THE GOSPEL

THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, TO THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO TO THE GREEK.

"DUNAMIS" POWER ABILITY

"SOTERIA" SALVATION DELIVERANCE

"PISTEUO" BELIEVE ACCEPT AS TRUE

NECESSITY OF FAITH

"FAITH IS DECLARED TO BE THE PRINCIPLE UPON WHICH THE RELATIONSHIP OF HUMANS WITH GOD ULTIMATELY RESTS."
(Everyman's Talmud)

TRUTH:

THE GOSPEL IS NOT MERELY INFORMATION; IT IS PRIMARILY THE GOOD NEWS THAT SETS PEOPLE FREE FROM SIN AND DEATH.

APLICATION

IN ORDER TO EXPEREIENCE THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL, WE MUST BELIEVE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL.