

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

10/1/17

Text: Romans 1:8-17 (ESV)

Title: Truly Unashamed

Teacher: Shayne Bass

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

Shayne Bass continued our series in Romans and invited us to consider the implications of living a “Gospel-Saturated Life” as Paul describes in Romans 1:8-17. Paul writes about a life completely unashamed of the gospel, praying ceaselessly, living to reap a harvest; and we are all faced with the often hard truth and reality of our falling short of living our lives for Jesus. The beauty of the gospel, as we heard from Shayne this morning, is that it’s not about my works to get me into heaven, and it’s not about my works to make sure God keeps loving me. Paul says that in the gospel “the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith...and “the righteous shall live by faith.” We are invited into a life of faith, wholly and fully dependent on Jesus for everything, and we get to respond by declaring our faith to the world, and our love for our amazing and faithful God!

Reflection Questions:

1. *The Effect of the Gospel:* Paul’s life of faith.

- **Where in your life would you want your faith to be proclaimed the way the Roman church’s faith was proclaimed?**
- **What is the most urgent mission in your life right now? What would have to change (if anything) for your answer to be “faith in the Gospel”?**

2. *The Shame of the Gospel:* Jesus came to earth, fully aware of our sin and brokenness, and he wasn’t ashamed of us. The Gospel is one of the only “good” things in our life that we will actually be ashamed of when talking about it.

- **When have you been ashamed to admit that you’re a Christian, or to talk about Jesus? Why was that?**
- **Jesus said the Gospel is a stumbling block for the wise: What is the biggest issue that you or the people around you have with the gospel? Pray for them.**

3. *The Power of the gospel!* Shayne said the gospel is not about doing good works, getting better or being more like Jesus to earn God’s love; it’s about faith in the finished work of Jesus, and living in repentance, confession, and love for God, completely unashamed.

- **What amazes you most about the message of the gospel?**

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- Who in your life do you most want to know the gospel? Pray that God would create opportunities for you to share, and for them to hear.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as a group as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart during your discussion.)

1. ADORATION *(The Father)*

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

2. CONFESSION *(Me)*

Spend time Confessing and Repenting of sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

3. THANKSGIVING *(Jesus)*

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

4. SUPPLICATION *(Holy Spirit)*

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

MISSION

Prepare for Gospel Community:

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.