

**1:14-17 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."**

You should not be ashamed of the gospel of God. Why? For it is the power of God unto salvation to who? To every one that believes.

The gospel is offensive (Galatians 5:11, 1 Peter 2:1-9). The gospel of Christ is offensive because the gospel says you aint gonna make it, you can't make peace with God and have fellowship with God and know God apart from a 33 year old male virgin Jew who was a carpenter, who was also poor and despised of men, that died on that cross for your sins and rose again from the dead and ascended back to where he came from. It's offensive to the wicked world because it tells them their best is vanity (Psalm 39:5) and all their righteousness's are just a bunch of filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). It says there only hope is Jesus Christ. He is THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, AND NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUY BY HIM!

The world despises the cross and gospel of Christ, but a son of God should not despise it or be ashamed of it because it saved his soul!

Notice the gospel of Christ IS THE POWER OF GOD unto salvation to all those that believe. The gospel is powerful because it can save your soul from hell fire, sin, death, and the grave. Let's read 1 Corinthians 1:17-25.

The foolishness of God (which is the preaching of the cross) is wiser than men because it'll forgive your sin, man's wisdom cannot do that, you become a new creature, man's wisdom give you that, you now have peace with God, man's wisdom cannot do that, you have eternal life, man's wisdom cannot do that. Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby ye must be saved. By him, all that believe are justified from all things, man's wisdom cannot do that Preaching is the foolishness of God, but it's wiser than man, because it can save a sinner from hell.

But we wouldn't have the foolishness of God without the weakness of God. Can you image there is foolishness and weakness with God? You know what the weakness of God is? It is Christ crucified (2 Corinthians 13:4). How is Christ crucified stronger than men? After all the Bible says the gospel of Christ is the power of God. How so?

The weakness of God which was the death of the Son of God defeated death, it defeated the grave, it defeated hell, it defeated the devil, and hath brought immortality to light by the gospel! It has reconciled all things back unto himself. Sin has been paid for by the blood of the lamb, all power in heaven and in earth has been given unto him, he can now be just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. AMEN!!!!!!!!!!!!

O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory?

**Did you know it only took the weakness of your God to reconcile all things back unto himself, not his strength or might, it only took God's weakness!!!!!!!!!!**  
**Hallelujah WHAT A SAVIOUR!**

*On Preaching and Witnessing:*

\*God commands us to go into the world and preach the gospel, because they are not coming unto us (There is none that seeketh after God). He didn't say wait around, invite them to a Greek Festival and sell them beer and sell your idols, he said GO YE INTO THE WORLD AND PREACH!

What are we to preach? The word of God (2 Timothy 4:1-5, 1 Peter 4:11). Not politics, not Obama is the antichrist, not waste your breath about heretics, and the muslims, etc. WE HAVE SOMETHING MUCH BETTER TO PREACH ABOUT!

Have you ever studied the book of Acts? You know what they preached? JESUS!!!!!!!!!! They preached his death and resurrection and preached repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:20-21). You know what I preach downtown? Repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ!

Biblical evangelism is not trying to convert someone to your pet doctrine, or your denomination; it's about preaching the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ for the sins of mankind so a man can be reconciled to God and make peace with him and have fellowship with him! It's about urging people to BE RECONCILED UNTO GOD (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

If you have feed the homeless, and I have, and have not opened up your mouth about how Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief, and how he died on the cross for their sins and rose again that they might be forgiven, and be reconciled to God, and know God, and be saved from hell fire, you may have done some good, BUT YOU HAVE NOT PREACHED THE GOSPEL.

If you built houses for strangers and did not open up your mouth about how Christ came to save their souls, you may have done some good, BUT YOU HAVE NOT PREACHED THE GOSPEL.

I am not saying those things aren't good, or that you shouldn't do good works, what I am saying is this: if you haven't opened up your mouth and told somebody that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures, and how that all those that believe on him are justified from all things, YOU HAVE NOT PREACHED THE GOSPEL.

Lastly how the apostles and prophets did it in the Bible:

1. Street Preaching / Public Ministry

## 2. Individual Witnessing

The general message of all God's prophets according to the Bible (Jeremiah 25:1-5).

Verses for street preaching (Proverbs 1:20-23, Jeremiah 11:6, Revelation 11) and how to do it (Isaiah 58:1, 40:9)