

FAITH AS REALITY

A Gospel Not to Be Ashamed Of

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Romans 1:8-17

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First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the

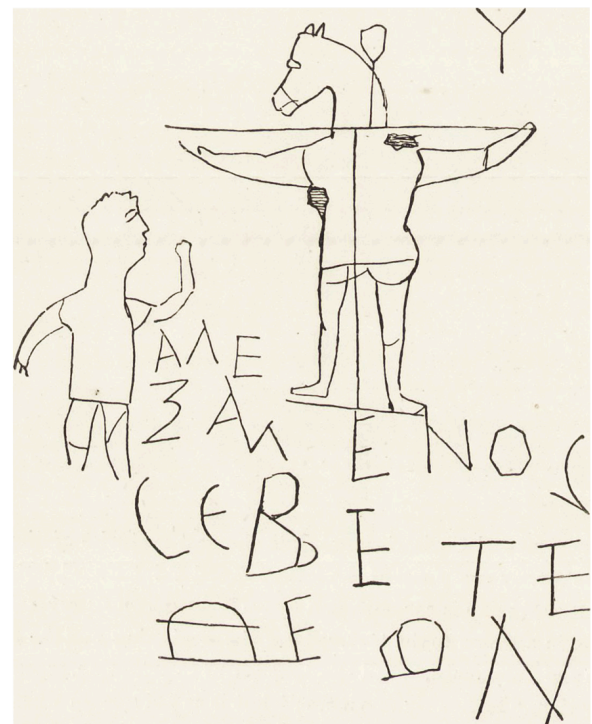
righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 1:16

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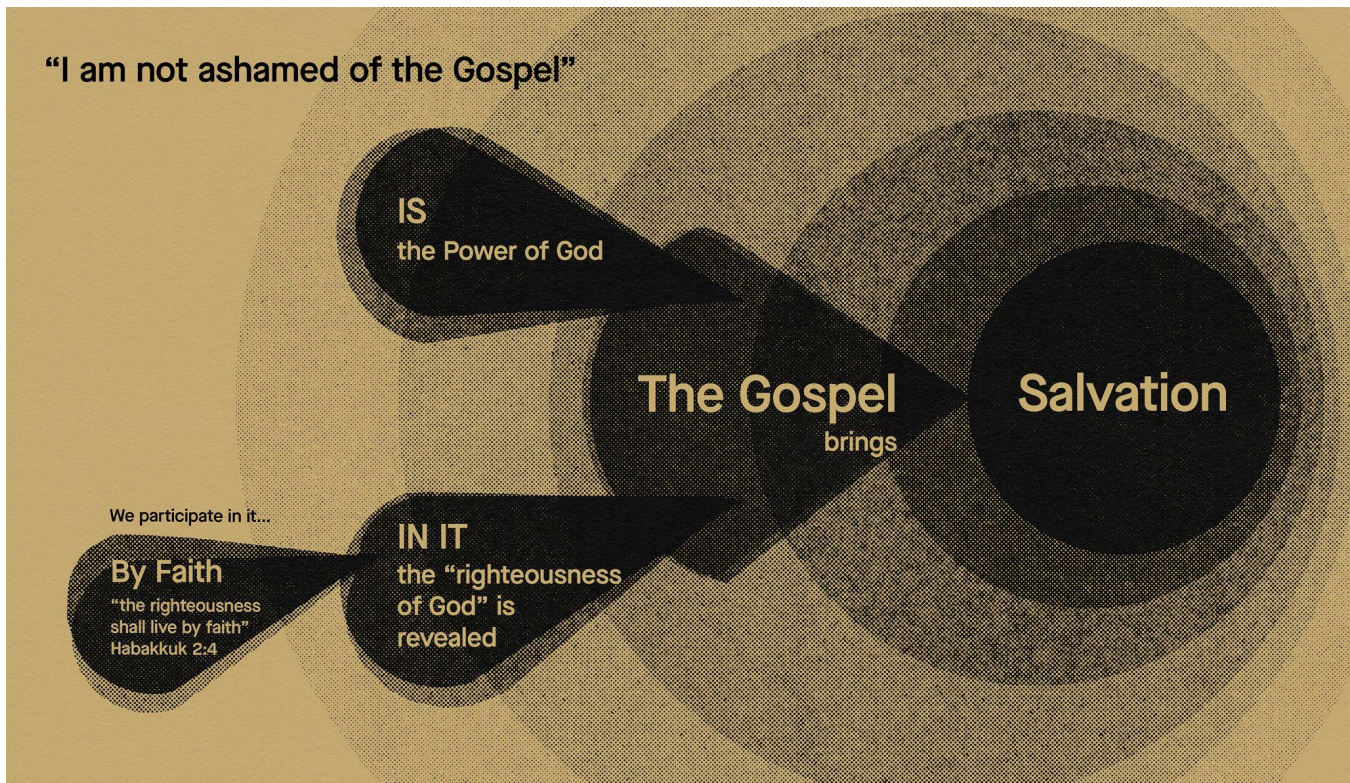
1 Corinthians 1:20-23

For the message of the cross is foolishness...God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles...



Romans 1:16-17

I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, because it is the **power** of God that brings **salvation** to **everyone** who **believes**...for in the gospel the **righteousness of God** is **revealed**—a righteousness that is by **faith** from first to last, just as it is written: “**The righteous will live by faith.**”



Romans 3:10

There is no one **righteous**, not even one.

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Righteousness: Dikaiosune

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Romans 3:21-22

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

The Powers of Sin & Death

Romans 7:15, 19

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, what I hate to do I do...Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Romans 7:24

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 8:31

"What then shall we say to these things?"

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"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:34

"Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Romans 8:37-39

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 16:20

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."

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