



**<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” (ESV)**

Some manuscripts add “of Christ” to verse 16 (KJV) – Does it matter? Parallelism with verse 1 and verse 9.

Why is Paul not ashamed?

Salvation: The primary word of the NT

Salvation is the deliverance of man from the consequences of the Fall and of sin (Genesis 1-3).

Over against the philosophy of ancient Greece. Philosophy studies ideas but gets nowhere. It imparts an elevated intellectual sense, but it offers no salvation.

Salvation includes:

- Deliverance
  - From the *guilt* of sin
    - You are born in sin and you add to it
    - Rom. 1:18-32
    - You are condemned by the law of God and so are under His wrath
  - From the *power* of sin
    - Slaves to sin (Rom. 6:15-23)
    - We were not created as such, we put ourselves there (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 2:1-3)
  - From the *pollution* of sin
    - Apart from the temptations of Satan and the world we are unclean, corrupted, twisted, and perverted
    - Rom. 7:21-25
    - 2 Pet. 1:3-15
    - Eph 5:27; Jude 1:24
- Reconciliation
  - Forgiveness
  - Communion with Him – fellowship as we had in the Garden
- Restoration
  - No longer under the wrath of God and the perdition that comes with it
  - Gives us eternal life
  - The hope of glory (Col. 1:27)

You are saved *already*, and it cannot be undone (1Cor. 1:18; Rom. 5:1; Rom. 6:2; Rom. 8:1)

You are *being* saved and your salvation is not complete (Rom. 6:2;14; Rom 7:24)

You *will have* future glory (Rom. 8:18-25)

The Golden Chain (Rom 8:29-30)

The gospel is not of man but of God. It is He that acts throughout Scripture (Rom. 8:3; Gal. 4:4)