



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

Thus far we have seen 5 reasons why he is not ashamed of the gospel:

- It is good news
- It deals with salvation
- It is God’s own message
- It is powerful
- It is efficacious for all both Jew and Greek

The 6th is found in the 17th verse:

It is in the gospel that God’s power unto salvation is *revealed*.

When was this revelation? (Rom. 1:2; 3:21; Hab. 2:4)

Abraham did not see it *clearly*

- Yet it was God’s method of justifying him (Rom. 4)
- But he *rejoiced* (John 8:56)

Is it something new? (Rom. 16:25-26; Eph. 3:3-6)

Progressive revelation. Look at what you know! They looked forward to what has been revealed to you! (1 Pet. 1:10-12)

The 7th is found in the 17th verse:

The gospel is the *content* of the revelation. It is the righteousness of God.

What is the righteousness of God? (Job 25:4). The answer to Job’s question is the gospel!

The **gospel** is to make us acceptable, *righteous*, in the sight of God, to enable us to stand in His presence in the day of judgement.

Does this make the law void? By no means! The gospel establishes the law (Rom 3:31)

The Lord Jesus Christ... (Rom. 3:20-26; Phil. 3:1-11)

- Rendered perfect obedience to the law
- He bore the punishment of the law
- He satisfied the law completely
- God cancels our debts because Christ has paid them
- We are clothed and robed with the righteousness of Jesus Christ

This righteousness which God Himself gives to us is the way whereby we are made righteous in the presence of God.