“I Am Not Ashamed”

(A Baptism Message)
Romans 1:16

Baptism is a way for a believer to unashamedly declare their faith publicly.

It’s a way of outwardly confessing faith in Christ.
Matthew 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

To be "ashamed" means - to have a feeling of fear or shame which prevents a person from doing something. To be embarrassed, humiliated, or blush because of something you did that others view as wrong.

The only thing we should be ashamed of if sin (immorality)! (cp. Titus 2:8)

1. **No one should be ashamed of "good news"** (this is what the gospel is!)

   “Gospel” - 1 Corinthians 15:1-3 - Christ’s substitutionary death and bodily resurrection. (Illustrations: The Train; The burn hen; The just king)

   Paul said to Timothy: "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord..." (II Tim. 1:8).

   Jesus said - "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels." (Luke 9:26)

2. **No one should be ashamed of that which saves.**

   "Power" = dynamite - explosive and sustained energy that is able to crack open any hard heart!

   Have you ever seen the power of the Gospel? I have seen it change homosexuals (Albert Candelaria), drunkards, drug addicts (Luis Soto). If it can do that, should I be ashamed of it?

3. **No one should be ashamed of that which is for everyone.**

   Salvation is sufficient for all, but only efficient to those who believe.

4. **No one should be ashamed of that which is right** (v. 17).

   God's righteousness is unveiled in the Gospel of Christ. Never be ashamed of truth!

   People may view the gospel as foolish, but it is their only hope of salvation!

   When are we ashamed? When we lack confidence in the trustworthiness of God. We wonder: “is God really going to come through?” or “is this message trustworthy?” YES!!! What is the secret to sharing the gospel without shame? Total confidence in it!

   Paul said in II Tim. 1:12 - "I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

   Because of our oneness with Him, Jesus is not ashamed to call us "Brethren" (Heb. 2:11; cp. 11:16).

   ILLUS: If you were drowning and someone rescued you, would you be ashamed of that person? NO! You might be ashamed of your inability to swim. But never of the rescuer!

   How could we be ashamed of Christ, who rescued us?