

I'm Not Ashamed of Jesus!!

Let us read **Romans 1:16-17** 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. [17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Also let's read **Mark 8:38 KJV** Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

I want to talk to you today about not being ashamed of Jesus. In this last Scripture, the 'whosoever' Jesus was talking about, is the same 'whosoever' in Mark 11:23. We all want to speak to the mountains of problems in our lives to make them leave. That is wonderful, but how about we speak to ourselves about not being ashamed of Jesus? I know we all would say 'I'm not ashamed of Jesus', but how many times do we miss opportunities to share with non Christians about salvation in Jesus? Maybe we are afraid of offending them. Do we fear people not receiving us when we share Jesus? To a certain degree this is being ashamed of Him.

You might ask, "Why do I get so nervous when I want to talk to a nonbeliever about the Lord?" Let me share with you the answer I found in the Bible concerning this question. The devil knows that we Christians have the power to free his slaves, and he is afraid we will break them out of the chains he is binding them with. He is a master at sending his spirit of fear into the human race; knowing that he can spiritually paralyze Christians through fear.

2 Timothy 1:7-8 KJV For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. [8] Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Paul was trying to help Timothy in this text. At this time, Christians were being killed for their faith in Christ. If they came out openly declaring that Jesus was truly the Christ, they would be taken and executed; so Timothy was actually afraid of physical death. Paul told Timothy that God did not give him the spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind. In this verse we can see that fear is a spirit. The devil stops Christians from being bold by a spirit of fear. But let me give you some good news! If fear is a spirit, then it can be stopped by faith in the Name of Jesus. Look at this verse.

Mark 16:17 KJV And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

We can stop the devil from making us fearful, if we believe we can cast him out of our own minds. When you feel that fear is rising up in your mind, you just say, "Oh no, devil! In Jesus' Name you have to go!! I'm not afraid of you! I'm bold, and I'm not ashamed of Jesus, because I have His Name and His identity! I am what He is." When we get this

attitude, it won't be long before we are saying to the devil, "Here I come! I'm going to break some of your prisoners out of your jail. They will go free, and they will not spend eternity with you in hell".

I encourage you to meditate on what we have shared in this Newsletter. You will start seeing radical changes in your life, and you will become an outgoing, un-intimidated believer! When the devil sees you coming, he will be the one that is afraid.

Love you,
Pastor Paul