



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC I Am Not Ashamed

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Not Ashamed of the Gospel

DSP Chua reminds us that the world wants us to be ashamed of the gospel because it sounds too incredible, irrelevant, insignificant and insulting to them.

Romans 1:16 however tells us that we must not be ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation. The gospel is the means through which God saves us from sin; from the penalty, the power, and the presence of sin.

Power of God for Salvation

The gospel is God's story. And through this story of God's redemptive love for us, through His sacrifice and death for us, we have been saved from sin!

1. Saved from the Penalty of Sin (Justification)

For we know our human condition; that all of us have sinned (Rom 3:23) and that the wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23). Thanks be to Jesus our Saviour for through his blood we are justified and saved from the wrath of God through Him (Rom 5:9).

2. Saved from the Power of Sin (Sanctification)

We also know that being saved from the penalty of sin does not mean that we no longer sin. Our flesh still does the very thing that we hate (Rom 7:15). Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ who sets us free from the power of sin (Rom 7:24)!

3. Saved from the Presence of Sin (Glorification)

Finally, even as we are being saved from the power of sin in our lives, we know that one day, we will be fully freed from sin, in the presence of God where there will be no sin. And He who called us and justified us will also glorify us (Rom 8:30).

CONCLUSION

Now that we know we should not be ashamed of the gospel, we need to remember that our salvation is not meant for us to enjoy alone. We are to fulfil our calling. We are to rise up and answer the call to pray and ask God to lead the way. We are to ask Him to open our eyes to the harvest and show us men and women we can preach to and disciple; to ask Him to bring about more passionate men and women who will rise up and make more disciples. Raise us up Lord!

QUESTIONS

1. What are the reasons DSP gives for us not to be ashamed of the gospel? Which of these reasons resonate with you, and why?

2. If someone were to watch your life and listen to your conversations, would they say that you are ashamed of the gospel?

3. Name one person whom you have been holding back from sharing the gospel with. Pray with your cell group to have the boldness and wisdom to share the gospel with this person.