

URGENT

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A. Paul is not ashamed of the gospel

B. Because the power of God for everyone's salvation is revealed in the gospel

C. The gospel has the power to save because it reveals the righteousness of God

Not ashamed

1 Cor. 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

weakness, fear...much trembling

**"His letters are weighty and forceful,
but in person he is unimpressive and
his speaking amounts to nothing."**

"You are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you insane."

**I am not ashamed...because it is the
power of God**

**Because it is the power of God for
the salvation of everyone who
believes**



"Every person carries in his head a mental model of the world...a subjective representation of external reality."

A. Toffler

**"No one can have a worldview
because the outside world is
impossible to know."**

Wittgenstein

**Which makes
it false that
there are no
worldview**

**There are no
worldviews**

**Which, if
true, means
there are
worldviews**



**It's true that everyone has a
worldview**

**Not everyone's view of the world is
true**

**The gospel is the exclusive good
news of God...it is good news
because it is true (real)**

**The gospel messes with how we
live...not just how we think**

**The gospel is God's power for our
salvation:**

From sin and death

**To relationship with God and all that
entails**

For EVERYONE who believes

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The righteousness of God:

God's gift and power

**Legal righteousness precedes moral
righteousness.**

**We do not earn the pardon by our
actions...but the pardon will show
up in our actions.**

Faith from first to last

"Doesn't mean that effort doesn't matter, it just means that effort doesn't earn."

**"How does it end when the war that
you're in is just you against you?"**

"I can earn God's favor by my efforts...in fact I'm doing pretty well compared to you."

**"Of course God will forgive me;
that's his job."**

Heinrich Heine

"In justification God does not change us...but accepts us as we are...to be sure he insists on changing us once we have been accepted...but acceptance always comes first."

D. Moo



God accepts us anyway

Living in insecurity

Living in security

We want the God who made the world...

- 1. To shape our beliefs about the world**
- 2. So our values will align with what is true about the world**
- 3. So our choices will reflect what is ultimately valuable and we won't waste our lives**

2 Cor. 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

1. Hide and Slide (insecurity)

**2. Mess up, Fess up, Move on
(security)**