



Eye Witness

Group #3: I Am Not Ashamed

Romans 1:15–17 (NASB95) —

15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. 16 For 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.

QUOTE:

“Not too many people could walk a mile in your shoes. Only you know your struggles, challenges, and obstacles; so be proud of how far you have come.”

-Edmond Mbiaka-

Pastor’s Big Point: People tend to be more verbal concerning the things we are most proud of or the things we hold most dear to our hearts. If you went to a social gathering with someone you thought you were dating exclusively, and they introduced you as ‘just a friend,’ you might feel some kind of way. Is it possible that Jesus is in love with you, but you’re telling everyone that you're just acquaintances? Do you only call Him when you need Him, while you’re still shopping around for what you want? You can’t treat God like He’s one of your “friends with benefits.” At some point, you’ve got to let God know if He’s in this relationship alone. You need not be ashamed of your salvation and sanctification in Christ Jesus.



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Discussion

Shame is defined as a painful feeling of humiliation or distress caused by the consciousness of wrongdoing or foolish behavior. It is synonymous with dishonor, or a loss of respect or esteem. How might we be carrying shame about our relationship with God?

Pastor's Teaching Points

1. Eager and Excited
2. Eager and Eternal
3. Eager and Redeemed

Reference Scriptures:

Consider the following scriptures and how they tie into or effect our lesson.

Psalm 40:9-10 (NASB95)

I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; Behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, You know. 10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.



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Discussion Questions:

1. From this lesson, Pastor wants us to know that salvation has its benefits. The cost of our discipleship is...
 - A. I must Deny my Desires.
 - B. I must be willing to Engage my Enemies.
 - C. I must be willing to go on the Jesus Journey.

2. At some point, we have all struggled or are struggling in these areas.
 1. When you look at this list, what types of sacrifices come to mind?
 2. What distractions are keeping us from being our best in discipleship?
 3. How does shame play a role in keeping us from being a good disciple?