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Speaker: Rob Davis **Series:** This I Believe – The Book of Romans

Passage: Romans 1:8-17

Community Group Questions: "Unashamed"

1. Share a time when you felt a great sense of shame. What caused it? How did you deal with it?

2. Have you ever dealt with a sense of shame about your faith? About God's word? About the truth of the gospel?

3. Paul was unashamed of the gospel, but not because of his previous 'success'. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-28. What would your response have been to sharing the gospel if you had endured what Paul had?

4. There are three reasons listed in our passage explaining why Paul was unashamed of the gospel:
 - A. Because the gospel is the power of God for salvation – Christianity is primarily a rescue operation. Knowing that, why is the power of God so critical to salvation?

 - B. Because the gospel brings salvation to everyone who believes. Paul knew of his previous nature – a persecutor and murderer of Christians. This certainly played a part in his belief that there was no one beyond the reach of Christ's forgiveness and grace. Is there somebody you know that you have either knowingly or unknowingly "counted out" when it comes to God saving them?

 - C. Because the gospel reveals the righteousness of God: It would be a crushing burden to try to earn God's favor through our own religious performance. Thankfully, God has given us the righteousness that we need through Christ, as a free gift. What do you think it means that God has given us His righteousness through faith in Christ? How does it ease the burden of trying to make ourselves right with God?

5. In general, do you live unashamed of the gospel? If not, what keeps you from doing so? Is there a source of shame in your life that you need to surrender to Jesus so that you can live unashamed in His grace?