

Vision for our Vineyard : To Experience God and to Help People

Notes on Message on Romans 1 ~ S H A M E

ASHAMED OF JESUS? Why would we be ashamed of Jesus? It is because in order to take away our shame and make us look good before the Father, He was publicly shamed to bear our shame. He was literally stripped naked when he was scourged. Those who were crucified were hung naked on the cross. Our guilt and shame was transferred onto Him. We are cleansed.

Acceptable to Father God. New starts.

"For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God saving anyone who believes... This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous man has life." Romans 1:16-17

SHAME DEVASTATES. Shame is the conviction and fearful feeling that there is something wrong with us or a wrong that we have done that we don't want anyone else to know about. We want to cover it up. Exposure would be devastating.

- Shame causes people to be fearful around God and people and causes them to put themselves down, sometimes for a lifetime.

It can make people uptight, reclusive and hinder making the most of their life.

SHAME COVERED.

The Father covers the shame of his children. Jesus stands with the shamed. This is grace.

- The Father clothed the shame of the first people after their sin. *"God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife."* Genesis 3:21
- Jesus stood with the shamed while among us.
- Jesus took away our shame on the cross.

RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT.

- *"This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight."*
- *"For all have sinned, all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty." Romans 3:20-25*

What makes us right is when the person with authority over us says that we are okay.

FAITH takes hold of right standing with God. *"This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous man has life."*

Faith that I, such as I am, am included in his mercy which sees me as without shame.