

## Morning Worship

August 14, 2016

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Tim Waters

Piano — Sharon Waters

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

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Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Chorus # 12

*"Great Is the Lord"*

Tim/People

Worship Prayer

Allan Lane

Hymn # 547 *"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"* Tim/People

Hymn # 555

*"A Child of the King"*

Tim/People

Offering Prayer

Bill Schottel

Tithes and Offerings

People

Offering Music

Sharon Waters

Hymn # 538 *"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"* Tim/People

Anthem *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* Worship Choir

Scripture Reading Romans 1:16

Allan Lane

Message

*"Conviction of the Heart"*

Allan Lane

Hymn # 287 *"Take My Life, Lead Me Lord"* Tim/People

Prayer Concerns

Allan/People

Chorus of # 564 *"Make Me A Channel of Blessing"* Tim/People

## Conviction of the Heart

Romans 1:16-17

In just two short verses, Paul offers a summary of everything he would say in the following 433 verses - 7,111 words that make up the Book of Romans. But these aren't just words about his story. There are three truths here that we need to remember as we consider sharing our story with lost friends and loved ones.

### 1) The supremacy of the Gospel.

First, Paul speaks of the Supremacy of the Gospel. The Gospel has NO rivals. He said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ..." Though the Gospel was attacked by intellectuals and mocked by sinners, He was not ashamed.

Paul's desire to share the gospel was met by three challenging cultural influences:

**Jerusalem** represented religious dogma. Paul's world was not anti-religion. To the contrary, it was inundated with it. They saw no need for another story.

**Athens** had all its Philosophy, man and his wisdom, intellect and cultural refinement. To them, the whole premise of the Gospel was flawed. They saw no need to follow a Savior with men like Socrates and Plato as their guides.

And **Rome** had all its power and wealth. They scoffed at the very notion that a crucified carpenter could save the world when He couldn't even save Himself.

Though the Gospel was opposed by all these cultural influences, Paul could say with conviction, "I am not ashamed!" "I have no reason to feel embarrassed by the Gospel or to be intimidated by other beliefs. The message of Christ is second to none!" Paul's confidence in spite of those three powerful challenges helps us see the Gospel is superior:

**a) ... to man's righteousness .**

The Jewish religion, with all its rituals and sacrifices could never make a man right with God. Human righteousness has always failed to please the Lord. That's why the prophet Isaiah wrote, "We are all like an unclean thing, and all our (righteous deeds) are as filthy rags." In spite of man's rigorous attempts to be moral, he remains fatally flawed, unable to save himself. That's why Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." Man's only hope of good standing before God is found in the Gospel.

**b) ... to man's reason .**

Second, the Gospel is superior to Man's Reason. Though the Greeks were great thinkers and often gathered to debate the complex social issues plaguing mankind, they could never contrive a way to handle man's biggest foe - the problem of sin. Oh, they found many ways to make man comfortable in his sin, (blaming his failures on his environment or poverty or lack of education) but they never found a way to cleanse him of it.

That's why Paul dared debate the great thinkers of his day. He was "not ashamed of the Gospel," because it was the only teaching capable of making one "wise unto salvation."

**c) ... to man's riches .**

And third, Paul was not ashamed because it is superior to Man's Riches. Rome, with all its affluence and influence, could never redeem the soul. Money might buy a lot of nice things, but it cannot buy peace - and it certainly cannot buy salvation. Only the Gospel can purchase the soul. That's why Paul was not ashamed. Are you ashamed?

## **2) The sufficiency of the Gospel.**

Second, he describes the Sufficiency of the Gospel, when he says "it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

The gospel is sufficient. There is not an obstacle too great for it to overcome. Regardless one's education or experience, race or nationality, whether rich or poor - makes no difference... the Gospel is Sufficient. One can be rigidly moral and do many praiseworthy and sacrificial things. Or he can be a convict on death row, the worst of the worse. It makes no difference. The Gospel is Sufficient. How so? In three ways:

**a) ... to change the mind .**

It is the “power of God.” Nothing can impact the mind like the Gospel. It confronts those who are lost, it creates an attitude of repentance, and it sparks faith and obedience. The omnipotence of God is wrapped up in the Gospel.

**b) to change the heart .**

It doesn't just reform a man it transforms him. It doesn't make him better but it makes him new. It saves him from the guilt and penalty of sin. It saves him from the power and dominion of sin. The Scripture says “For He is able also to save them to the uttermost those who come unto God by him.” The Gospel changes the heart.

**c) ... to change the will .**

Before the Gospel, I lived for self and sin. But the Gospel created within me a new desire to live for the Lord. Ask any Christian and they will tell you the same, the Gospel gave me a new “want to.” I now want to serve the Lord, learn of Him, and follow Him and please Him. He changed my will. No other message is sufficient to change the mind, heart and will but the Gospel.

### **3) The simplicity of the Gospel.**

And then finally, Paul refers to the Simplicity of the Gospel, when he says, “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” While there are many things about this world that people struggle to understand, the Lord saw fit to keep the Gospel simple enough even a child can understand.

Man has a way of confusing the important subjects. Ask him ‘how to be saved’ and he will tell you which church to join, how many candles to light and prayers to recite. He will take your money and send you away with a list of rules to keep. Why?

**a) Religion confuses things.**

You ask religious people how to be saved and you'll get 10 different answers.

**b) Philosophy confuses things.**

Philosophy says, “Look within for the answers.” Get all you can while you can, because in the end, life has no real purpose or plan. It's all about you.

**c) Science confuses things.**

Science says there is no God. Man was not created, he evolved. You live. You die. And that's that. And while Science may teach a man how, it can never answer the fundamental question why?

**d) Psychology confuses things.**

People try to put their faith in their human emotions and feelings, but their feelings will always deceive them.

But God made the Gospel so simple a child can understand. Here it is. I am a sinner. It doesn't matter how likeable I am or how good I try to be, whether I pay my

bills or live at peace with my neighbors. If I am a good family man really makes no difference. That's not the deciding factor. No matter how I live my life, I'm still a sinner. And because of my sin I am under judgment and should I die in my sins. Without Christ I will die lost, condemned to eternity without God.

But God loved me so much that He provided a WAY for me to escape that judgment. He sent His Son Jesus Christ, who lived a perfectly righteous life... never sinned in anything He ever thought, said, or did. But God placed my sins upon Him, sent Him to the cross to pay for those sins, and raised Him from the dead triumphant over Sin and death.

## **Conclusion**

Near the Church of St. John in Rome is the famous staircase called the "Scala Santa" or "Holy Stairs." It is believed that this was the stairway Jesus walked when He left the judgment hall of Pilate on His way to Calvary's cross. People believe that if they can crawl up these stairs on their hands and knees, praying, that it will somehow help their standing with God.

Over 400 years ago, a monk named Martin Luther, climbed these stairs on his knees, begging God to forgive him of his sins. Knees bleeding, soul pleading – Luther thought this might make him right with God. But all at once the Spirit of God brought our passage of Scripture to his mind, and he saw the error of trying to earn his own way to heaven. He realized God would save Him only on the basis of faith in the finished work of Christ.

That is our message. What are you going to do with it? For one, we need to believe it. You came to this building today, looking for forgiveness and a new start. All of us have at one time or another. Why not trust the Lord to save you today? And second, we need to share it. It is the only message that matters. Don't be ashamed of it. Make it your goal to share your faith at least once per week. And pray for those opportunities ahead of time.

## ***Believe and Share!***

### **Not Ashamed or Pleased?**

Paul said he was not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but then he uses the entire letter to the Romans to express why he is pleased with the Gospel. Can it be both ways? Yes, since one is negative expressed and the other way is positive. No matter how you look at it, the Gospel is truly amazing. It is because its founder, Jesus Christ is amazing.

Who is Christ? He is Jesus, the Son of God and Jesus, God the Son. He is the God man, totally unique. Only a few philosophers, a few scientists, a few rulers, a few politicians; just a handful of religious leaders out of all of these 60 billion who have ever lived have made any significant impact on the world. But we can say, of that handful there is one person whose name is Jesus who towers like Mount Everest above the others. No person in all of history has ever attracted such a combination of attention, devotion, criticism, adoration, and opposition as Jesus Christ. It's an incredible thing. Twenty centuries after His death there's not a moment

since then, whether it's right now or any other time, when there are not millions of people who are reading what He said. This moment millions are endeavoring to live by His words. He's an incredible person. His birth divides all history from BC and AD. He split the centuries.

He never wrote a book, and yet more books have been written about Him than any person who ever lived. He never painted a picture so far as we know. He never composed any poetry. He never wrote any music. But more art, more poetry, and more music has been written and composed about the Lord Jesus Christ than any other. He is the object of songs and plays and poetry and art. He never raised an army, and yet millions would gladly die for Him. It's estimated that there are at least 350,000 martyrs yearly (yes, that's right, yearly) in this modern world who die for the Lord Jesus Christ and die for their faith. When He was here, if you counted them up, there was only a thousand or so people that He ever spoke to in His entire lifetime. But today, over 30% of the world's population claim to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the largest religious grouping that has ever existed. He had no formal education, yet I went to a university and seminary that were founded because of Jesus Christ. Thousands of universities, thousands of seminaries, colleges and schools have been founded in the name of Jesus Christ. He is the sovereign majesty of the Gospel.

It is the transformational miracle of the Gospel that caused Paul to say, "I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." There has never been greater power than the power of the Gospel. What can wash away my sin? Psychiatry can't do it. Psychology cannot do it. It is the power of God unto salvation. Does that mean apart from the Gospel, God is powerless? No, but it does mean that God has limited Himself to the supremacy of the Gospel. Jesus Christ is the answer, no matter what may be the question.

God Bless You!

*Bro. Allan*

## **Opportunities For Service**

### **Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

#### **Sunday, August 14, 2016**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel, Ken Kirkpatrick, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

#### **Wednesday, August 17**

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study .....6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

#### **Thursday, August 18**

O Team.....6:30 pm

#### **Saturday, August 20**

Women's Bible Study.....9:00 am

#### **Sunday, August 21, 2016**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, August 24**

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer/Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

**Thursday, August 25**

W Team.....6:30 pm

**Saturday, August 27**

Women's Bible Study....9:00 am

**Up-Coming Events .....**

**August 14 — Collection Day for Food Pantry**

**August 15 — St. Joseph Public and Christian Schools resume**

**August 18 — Food Pantry**

**August 20 — Women's Bible Study 9:00 am**

**August 28 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**September 5 — Labor Day! No Food Kitchen**

**September 13 — SJBA Stewardship/Leadership Dinner 6:30 pm**

**GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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**Sunday Nights**

We will have Sunday Evening Service here tonight. Hope to see you there.

**Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

**Diversicare Nursing Home**

**August 28, 2016 at 2:30 pm**

Please join us as we minister to those who can no longer attend their own churches.

**Sunday School Worker's Meeting**

Monday, August 29

6:30 pm

***School Starts...***

*August 15, 2016*

Please be in prayer for our teachers, students and faculty as school will be back in session for the 2016-2017 school year.

*Dear Calvary Baptist Church,*

*I have received word that our Food Pantry reserves are close to being depleted. If your church has been collecting or would like to collect, the need is great! Especially for those kid friendly, easily prepared foods (we are down to 5 cans of soup). Please let me know if there is anything we can do to transport donations or facilitate a food drive.*

*Blessings,*

*Stacy L. Bollmeyer, MSW*

*Administrative Assistant*

*InterServ Foundation*

*816-238-4511*

**Our Patee Park Food Pantry Giving for the Months of:**

May—\$90.00

June—\$105.00

### ***For the Record-***

#### **Attendance: August 7, 2016**

Sunday School.....	43
Visitors.....	2
Total.....	11
Contacts Made.....	4
Morning Worship.....	50
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Sunday Night .....	7
Wednesday Night .....	12

#### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 3,437.68

#### **Offering Received by Mail:**

Eric and Shelly Thompson

#### **August Counting Team:**

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

#### **August Van Driver:**

Mike Green

Call 232-3747 **before 8 am**

### **August Member Birthdays:**

02...Darlene Messner  
09...Dottie Wildberger  
18...Don Beavers  
18...Tonia Meers  
22...Beverly Lewis

### **August Anniversaries**

**David and Annette Schottel**

August 5, 1989

**Tim and Sharon Waters**

August 10, 1985

### ***Prayer Requests ...***

Nellie Reynolds—strength  
Betty Campbell—healing  
Pat Puckett—eyes, healing  
Marcia Hart's Family  
Audrey Dugan—strength  
Tim Izer and Family  
Sue Higgins—regain strength  
Jim Winans, surgery recovery  
Alicia McKinnon  
Dakota Duty, recovery  
Robbie Hutcherson, Loleta's son  
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter  
Children's Camp  
Loleta Middleton—strength  
Maxine and George Ferbert—strength  
Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew  
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—  
Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law  
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris  
Richardson's sisters  
Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister  
Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew  
Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health  
Audrey Dugan        Bob Barquist  
Kathryn Beavers     Ann Riddle  
Louanne Laurence    Keon McKahan  
Jozy Winans         Leona Reynolds  
Kevin Duty          Kenny Duty  
Madeline Swink      Bobby Griswold  
Bill Haskins         Debbie Sands  
Brenda Burgess      Judy Anderson  
Carolyn Houts        Roscoe Lane  
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People



Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service people  
**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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