

April 21, 2024 – Not Ashamed

Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

(NCV) V.16 "In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven."

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

- **"not ashamed."** **Ashamed:** to feel shame for something: — be ashamed.

2 Corinthians 10:17 "As the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD."

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."

Genesis 2:25 "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

- **"not ashamed"**

Adam & Eve – It was the direction and desire of their hearts that changed everything.

Genesis 3:7 "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:10 "So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Genesis 3:11 "And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

- **Naked:** Utterly naked, helpless and shame.

God asked them a question that they never answered. **"Who told you that you were naked?"**

2 Peter 1:16 "For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty."

- We don't trust in a weak promise or fable. The gospel is the very power of God.

Mark 8:38 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

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Follow Jesus Today: Lord Jesus, forgive me for my sins. I open the door of my heart and I choose to make you the Lord of my life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Amen! **(Romans 10:9-10)**

Tithes & Offerings: Proverbs 19:21 "There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand." **(NCV)** People can make all kinds of plans, but only the LORD's plan will happen.

My Prayer: As I give in today's offering, I surrender my desires and ambitions to You, knowing that your purpose far surpasses our own understanding. Let the light of Your word shine on my path, showing me the way forward and filling my heart with faith, trust and hope only in You today. In Jesus name we pray, Amen!