

Sermon Topic: "Are We ASHAMED of The GOSPEL?"

Sermon Text: Rom. 1:16 / 2 Tim 1:8 & 12  
• MARK 8:38

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In 1800 The Great Evangelist  
Charles Haddon Spurgeon Issued  
This Warning "The Church Is  
Getting Away From Boldly  
Proclaiming The Truths of  
Scripture".

Now 100 Years Later John McArthur  
JR. Is sounding the same Alarm/  
And Dear Hearts Both Warnings  
Are Something The Church Can't  
Ignore. // If God is To Use It //

<sup>now</sup> There are signs of compromise  
all about us / And until these  
signs change / And the church  
returns to its calling to go  
into all the world and preach  
the Gospel boldly / The church  
~~church~~ is in danger of losing  
its impact on society / And  
the number of those dying  
without Jesus will grow  
and grow / And its already begun



① Now Paul wrote in Romans  
1:16 "I Am Not Ashamed of  
The Gospel, For it is The Power  
of God unto Salvation to Every  
One who Believes, to the Jew  
First, AND Also to The Greek"

And it Still is // But it Must  
Be Preached Boldly // AND ITS THE  
Church's Knowledge & Responsibility //

Then in 2 Tim. 1:8 & 12 Paul writes

"Do Not Be Ashamed of The  
Testimony of Our Lord, or of  
Me His Witness // But Join  
With Me in Suffering For The  
Gospel According To The  
Power of God" // Paul said:

"I Also Suffer These Things, But  
I Am Not Ashamed // For I  
Know Whom I Have Believed

And Am Convinced That He is Able  
To Guard What I Have  
Entrusted To Him Until That

Day" // "What Day" // "The Day of the  
Lord's Return" //



Then in Mark 8:38 we read  
where Jesus said: "Whoever  
is Ashamed of Me and My  
Words in this adulterous  
and sinful Generation, the  
Son of Man will also be  
Ashamed of Him when He  
comes in Glory of His Father  
with the Holy Angels"

Beloved, those are real strong  
words // And as a church we  
need to heed them = // (Amen)

Now Spurgeon also said this:  
"Everywhere there is Apathy //  
Nobody seems to care if  
what is preached is true or  
false" // He said: "A sermon  
is a sermon, whatever the  
subject // Only the shorter the  
better" //

Wow, that's pretty basic  
isn't it // and far to true  
than it should be //



2/ Now Because of His Deep  
Concerns Charles Spurgeon  
Spent the Last 4 Years of  
His Life Fighting Against  
Moderatism and Apathy  
in the Church. It Did Not  
make Him a Popular Person //

This Great Man of God Was  
Not Ashamed of the Gospel //  
He Believed It Was a  
Word from God Admonishing  
the Church to Remain  
Faithful to its Calling //  
And It Is Beloved //

Not Only Was Spurgeon Concerned  
About the Preaching of the Gospel  
Being Watered Down, But Also  
the Teaching of the Word. //

Because of This We Understand  
Why God Had Paul Write to  
the Church in Rome, as Well  
as to Young Preacher Timothy



And Also The Reason Mark  
Was Inspired To Write Those  
Very Sombre Words in chapt.  
8:38  $\Rightarrow$  Listen To Them Again  
~~Read Mark 8:38 from the Bible~~  
in ~~the~~ moment

Here is Jesus Talking To  
Those Who expressed interest  
in following Him.

No Grace Did Jesus Say Things  
Would Be Easy  $\swarrow$  (Actually To  
The Contrary)  $\swarrow$  After Telling  
The Disciples What Their  
Job Was, He Said This:  
(And Beloved its Still True  
Today)  $\&$  Its a Very Strong  
Word To The Church: "If  
You Are Ashamed of Me,  
And of My Teaching in  
This Godless And Wicked  
Day / When The Son of Man  
Will Be Ashamed of You  
When He Comes into ~~the~~ The  
Glory of His Father with  
The Holy Angels"



3/ Oh Listen / Look Around /  
Hear What People Are  
Saying Today / Check out  
Sermons Being Preached  
And Lessons Being Taught //

① "Men are Preaching to People  
who Have a "foam" of  
Godliness" / But who are  
denying the power of it //

② They want their ears tickled, //  
Oh but Paul wrote, "But  
God knows their hearts" //  
He knows the price He has  
in those hearts, And Paul  
writes "God will not allow  
this to continue" // He  
loves the church too much /  
And He loves His Son too much  
who gave His life for the  
church" //

Oh Listen / God is Greater Than  
The Last Word Beloved //



And those who are ashamed  
to preach, teach, and live  
the Gospel, need to sit up  
and take notice. For and  
crimes will be over.

Oh listen, those who are  
ashamed to acknowledge any  
ATTAINMENT to Jesus,  
to His words and to His  
instructions, and doctrines,  
will one day see how wrong  
they were.

Now the meaning of Mark  
8:38 is this: "Who so ever  
shall refuse (thru pride  
or wickedness) to acknowledge  
and serve Christ faithfully  
here, shall be excluded  
from hearing God say "Well  
Done". Those that would not  
serve the Savior on Earth  
will be a great embarrassment  
to Him when He arrives in all His  
splendor."



4/ Oh Dear Church, We Best  
NEED what God Has To Say  
To us. // We Best Never  
Be Ashamed of the Gospel //  
We Must Love And Serve  
The Saviour Faithfully //

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When Spurgeon Said: "The  
Church is on the Decline",  
it was a Warning Against  
Liberalism's // And Believed  
The Heart of God must Ache  
As He Looks Down on Many  
Churches Today // So Liberal  
That They are Unwilling to  
Preach Jesus, And His Crucifixion //

And Believed // We Don't Have to  
Look Far To Find These  
Churches Today // We Just Need  
To Hear what they Preach //

Oh But Listen "It Must Never  
Be allowed to Happen Here" //

If we Must Stand Alone in  
Teaching & Preaching the Gospel



Then lets Do it = <sup>AMEN</sup> Lets Be  
More Interested in Doing  
what God tells us to do  
than Man (Amen)

<sup>Now</sup> There is a word in the Bible  
that causes a chill to come  
over my very spirit = It is  
Only found in 1 Samuel //

Spoken Once By a Precious  
child of God / Very Distant  
Over the Ark of God being  
taken // (You see the ARK Represented  
the presence of God //

Oh listen, I believe it  
could be likened to a  
church who has become  
Ashamed of the Gospel //

The word <sup>is</sup> ICHAZON / Meaning  
"The Spirit has Departed  
This Place" / God Finds No  
Favor Here //



5/ Beloved it must not  
happen here Amen

But it will if we ever  
become people "Ashamed"  
of the Gospel / Ashamed  
of the testimony of our  
Lord / Ashamed of Jesus  
and His Adversities To  
us =

Oh listen / I know this is  
not an exciting message /  
but I am convinced it's one  
God would have us hear =

Let me tell you / We are  
being exposed to more  
worldliness and false  
Gospel than ever before //  
(It reminds me of Roman chapt 1, v 16-32)

There is more compromise  
with the world than ever  
before // And 100 years from  
when Spurgeon made his prediction



We are seeing it come to  
pass // (God Help us)

"Spurgeon said this:  
"False Doctrines And Worldliness  
always go hand in hand, //  
with worldliness leading  
the way" // And had to say  
that spirit is rampant  
in the church today. //

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Well what's the answer?  
What must we do?

- ① Preach And Teach Gods Word
- ② Never Become Apathetic in  
the work of the Lord -
- ③ Be sure God Has No Reason  
to write I ambed on  
the door post of this  
church -
- ④ Let every service be one  
of worship And praise, As  
well as Acknowledgement  
of who Jesus is -



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- ⑤ We Need to "Joy The  
Spirits of Leadership  
in The Church (1 John 4:1)
- ⑥ We must Never allow  
Moderatism to Find Its  
Way into The Church. //
- ⑦ Every Member of The  
Church old Enough And  
Experienced Enough Must  
Do The Work of An Evangelist
- ⑧ We Must Keep Our Eyes  
on Jesus at all Times.
- ⑨ We must Stay So close  
to The Lord, That The  
Fruits of The Spirit  
Manifest Themselves  
in all We Say And Do. //
- ⑩ We must Love The Lord  
In Truth & Spirit And  
Serve Him And Worship  
Him Accordingly. //

(Oh I Hope Everyone Is Listening)



Now We Need to Follow the  
Words of Paul to Young Men

① Be Faithful to God in all  
Things - Not Counting the  
Cost -

② Be Bold in the Ministry //

③ Be An Example of  
Godliness to the Flock //

④ Be Willing to Suffer  
And Be Persecuted  
For the Cause of  
Christ - //

Oh Listeners Beloved / We Could  
Go On And On As We Consider  
The Work God Has For Us  
To Do As Individuals As Well  
as a Church - // But We've  
Heard Enough To Cause  
us To Take a closer look  
at our lives & ministry  
of Christ Church -



7/ Now the Questions is  
What are we going to  
do about ~~the~~ as individuals  
what will we do ~~as~~ As a  
church / what will we do /

Beloved I am convinced that  
we need to pray / asking Jesus  
"What would you have me do?"

PLEASE  
"Show us the danger of the  
church becoming apathetic  
and willing to allow the  
world to dictate to us  
rather than Jesus" //

Let me tell you / I am deeply  
concerned by what I have  
seen and heard in other  
places. I believe mark  
8:38

we need  
our own hearts in  
prayer as we seek direction  
from our savior & Lord  
Let's pray



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"Ichabod" on the Door Posts  
of this Place

Lets Never Get To The  
Place Where God Can  
Justly Write "The Spirit  
Has Departed This Place" /  
God Finds No Favor Here

~~Lets Pray~~  
Lets Oppose Modernism on Every  
Hand / Lets Never be Ashamed  
of the Gospel, For if we say  
we are Ashamed of the Christ  
Lets Pray Dear Hearts  
Then Put Feet To Our  
Prayer

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