

Romans 1: [An Unashamed Gospel Witness.](#)

When have you felt *out of place*? It could have been an event, or maybe a journey.

What is it that makes us feel like we don't belong?

Read Romans 1:1-6.

How (by what means) was the Gospel "proclaimed beforehand"?

Who (which people group) is addressed by those proclamations?

Who was 'David', and why does it matter that Jesus is a "descendant of David"? *Big hint: see II Samuel 7:1-17.*

The title **Son of God** is a royal title.¹ Many kings wear crowns and carry sceptres as *bona fides* (signs / credentials) of office. According to Romans 1, what is Jesus' royal credential?

This all seems fairly Israel-centric. Where are the Gentiles² in all of this?

Read Romans 1:14-17.

What reason could Paul possibly have for feeling shame about the Gospel if (taking each in turn),

1. The Gospel is understood as a *message* conveyed in *words*?
2. The Gospel addresses both **Jews** and **Gentiles**?

So then **why** doesn't Paul feel any shame about the Gospel?

Read Romans 10:5-12 after Romans 1:17.

How is it that a person can be 'saved' by Paul's Gospel?

Why might someone be comforted when we tell them what they need to do to be "saved" (maybe compared to what they'd *think* they have to do)?

Why might somebody feel ashamed of the Gospel in Gunnedah?

Why are we dependent upon the Gospel to grow up & out in Christ?



Why not take some time to pray for one another, As we seek to share the Gospel of Jesus?*

*Fun fact: While it is true that the Greek word behind 'Gospel' can be broken into two parts, 'good' + 'news', the word 'evangelion' (Gospel) is also the normal Greek word used for a Roman *imperial edict*. Jesus, the *Son of God*, is presented in *the Gospel* as the new Emperor (over all creation). So while the Gospel is *good news* to all those who will repent & trust in Jesus, it is also a warning: God has crowned His chosen king, who offers amnesty and forgiveness to all who will turn and trust in Him. People who want to rule their own world tend to have trouble with the message that *Jesus* is Lord & Savior (and not them). That's why we pray that God will change hearts!

¹ See II Sam. 7, also Ps. 89:26-28, Ps. 110, *et. al.*

² Non-Jews.

