I AM NOT ASHAMED OF <u>THE GOSPEL...</u> <u>ROMANS 1:16</u>

I. WHAT IS "THE GOSPEL"?

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

A) 2nd things first.... "He was <u>buried</u>, and He <u>rose</u> again on the third day according to the Scriptures" – vs.4

1 Corinthians 15:14, 17

B) Now the 1st thing.... "*Christ <u>died</u> for our <u>sins</u> according to the Scriptures" – vs. 3*

Ephesians 2:1

Colossians 2:13

II. HOW SHOULD WE DELIVER THE "GOOD NEWS"?

1) The question isn't: "Do you know you are a sinner?"

The question is: "Since you have heard the gospel, do you now <u>hate the sin</u> you once loved?"

Romans 12:9

2) The question isn't: "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The question is: "Has God done such a work in your heart that you <u>desire</u> Him above <u>all things</u>?"

Psalm 63:1-5

3) The question isn't: "Do you want to pray a prayer, or to ask Jesus into your heart?"

The question is: "Since you have heard the Truth, have you given up on any ability or hope to <u>save yourself</u>, and you are ready to <u>throw</u> yourself on the finished work of Christ and Christ alone?"

Ephesians 2:4-9

Salvation is not a one time "flu shot". The evidence of salvation is that you <u>repented</u> and <u>believed</u> at some time in the past, and that you are still repenting and believing to greater and greater degrees.

Building Block: At Legacy we must not be ashamed of the gospel, and its power unto salvation. We must understand, and embrace, what the gospel is and how to present it.