

# MESSAGE APPLICATION GUIDE

## ROMANS 1:16-17

### APPLICATION

Romans 1:16 starts, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel . . ." Dr. V. mentioned a time when he felt especially ashamed and became ashamed of feeling ashamed! Have you ever had a clear opportunity to talk to an unbeliever about spiritual things, yet felt ashamed? Why do you think you felt that?

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The word "salvation" in 1:16 means "a rescue from some peril," and was used in the ancient world for being delivered from some significant danger. Some have described it like falling with no one to catch them or being pummeled by their own sin. Before the Lord rescued you, how would you describe the peril you were in?

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The gospel is "the power of God." Since you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, how you have seen God's power toward you to transform you? Please describe this power, the change He has produced in you, and how it has influenced your life.

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The "righteousness of God" in Rom 1:17 was defined as "God's moral perfections, His supreme virtue." Dr. V. also pointed out that these moral perfections and supreme virtue are credited to us by the Father when we place our faith in His Son for salvation. How does it make you feel to think that God credits us with such righteousness when we don't deserve it?

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Dr. V challenged us to contact the person or persons who were most responsible for us hearing the gospel and coming to Jesus. How do you feel about them and their boldness in sharing with you?

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