

2020  
A New Year

Romans 1:16–17: 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. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

**Who is Driving Who**

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

# Romans 1:16 - 18

Ashamed – Step forward and embrace all that God is in your life

Gospel – The Good News of The Coming Messiah – Anointed one Jesus

The Power – Dynamis - force of marvellous works

To Salvation:

Recovery from illness (Sin)

Deliverance from Calamity (Judgements of God)

Victory over my enemies (Satan)

# Salvation

We do need saving and so does everyone else

There are judgements from God for the paths we choose to take

There is a Spiritual Enemy

All of these things are met when we choose to believe Jesus is the son of God and embrace him as Lord.

When we choose to become An Follower of Jesus'

A follower of *The Way*

# What does this mean for 'inside' the church

- Demands my life my all
- The path is narrow and it is hard
- God places us in an Ekklesia
- We need others to speak into our lives

# What does it mean 'outside' the church

- We look visibly different
- Partnering with the Holy Spirit
- People don't know the story – we need a new approach
- Tolerance



*The ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions  
or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees with*

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- Radical love and care
- Relationships

# Questions To Ponder?

- Am I ashamed of The Gospel of Jesus?
- What does it mean for me to fully embrace being a follower of Jesus