

NOT ASHAMED
Romans 1:16-17

Intro – We have experienced various “trends” in the church.

I. WHY HAVE WE STOPPED GROWING?

1. We are ashamed _____ .

- FAITH vs. FORM

2. We are ashamed _____ .

- Ecclesiastes 8:16-17 _____

- Ephesians 6:19 _____

3. We are ashamed _____ .

- We are reluctant to suffer a loss of status.

- Without “death” there is no gospel.

II. RESTORING GROWTH

- Paul has the key to both upward and downward trends in Romans 1:15-17

1. LET’S BE _____ . vs. 15

- Most churches use the majority of their resources to fund a meeting place to house a service twice or three times per week.

- We have got to preach like *Tim Horton's*.

2. LET US _____ . vs. 16

- Our prejudice is based on class.

3. LET US _____ vs. 17

- We have arbitrarily changed the boundary lines of the gospel.

- The "FORM" has 5 steps:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- Paul was not ashamed.

- Romans 1:17 _____

- Expressions of faith are necessary and Biblical but they are not the essence of the Good News.

- Preach to save, preach to grow

SUMMARY

God bless you.