“Not Ashamed”

Intro: As we consider the text before us we find three __________________ whose calling, ________________ and station in life varied significantly. There is the Apostle Paul who suffers imprisonment while facing execution. There is Pastor Timothy who faces Paul’s death and the fears and ongoing hardships of the pastorate. And there is the layman Onesiphorus, of whom we know little and do not know if he suffered any persecution.

While Paul commands Timothy to not be ashamed we are informed here that both Paul and Onesiphorus were ______ _____________________. Each individual believer in their distinct God-appointed station is equally called to __________________ _________ without shame, in the boldness of faith.

I. Do _____ be ____________________

A. As Paul exhorted Timothy we must ____ be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! To be ashamed of the Word __ Christ is to be ashamed of ____________!

B. Do not be ashamed of ______________________ __________ _______________ for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To be embarrassed of them is to be embarrassed of the testimony of Christ.

C. It will not be by self-resolve that we __________________ what we suffer for the sake of the gospel but it will be by the spirit of the power of ________, the love of Christ, and the discipline of the Holy Spirit. We endure suffering not by self-might, nor by self-power, but by the _________________ of our Triune God!

D. Through a true knowledge of the enormity of the gospel and the power by which ______ ________ ____ we can stand unashamed of Christ, even as we suffer for His gospel.

II. _______ _______ ______ ashamed of the gospel of Christ Jesus!

A. Paul willingly suffered for the gospel of Christ for He ____________ the Christ of the gospel. A true knowledge of ____________ will secure the soul and assure the sufferer!

B. Paul willfully suffered persecution for the sake of the gospel, for by that ____________ he was __________________ that God who saved him would keep him. Be convinced in the God of the gospel and know that nothing will take you from His love!
C. Set your shame of Christ Jesus and His gospel aside by ________________
Christ, believing in Him, by believing God at His Word and by
_______________ yourself to Him. Know Jesus!

D. ________________ the standard of the gospel ________________ shame
of the gospel and fear of suffering for Christ.

E. The active ________________ of the treasure of the gospel puts fear and
shame of the gospel aside. Let us be ________________ of the gospel
rather than playing the ashamed, fearful victim!

1. God help us here at Heritage to be faithful to the proclamation of the
Gospel! May we ____________ and ____________ the gospel as the most
precious treasure it is! Let us always and until we breathe our last,
unashamedly proclaim Christ, admonishing everyone, ____________
everyone with the wisdom of the gospel, that we may present everyone
complete in ____________. For this purpose let us labor, striving according
to His power, which mightily works within us.

III. ______siphorus ______ _____ ashamed.

A. Being unashamed of the ________________ of Christ Onesiphorus was
unashamed to ________________ to the imprisoned Paul.

B. The ________________ of God are ______ all who are not ashamed of His
Son.

Finally then: Where have you been ashamed of the testimony of the Lord? Be
ashamed no longer! ________________ the magnitude of the gospel of Jesus, and
think of the greatness of ______ ________________ toward you, and be not ashamed.

As the Lord said to Joshua, 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be _________ and
courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.”

Whether you are like Timothy, or Paul, or Onesiphorus, or someone else, the calling is
the same: Do ______ be ________________ of the testimony of Jesus Christ! And in
the face of persecution we have the comfort of our Lord’s own words: “Everyone
therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father
who is in heaven. (Matt. 10:32). Unashamedly ________________ ________ as your
Savior and Lord! No shame!