

**NOT ASHAMED  
Romans 1:16-17**

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

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**I. WHY HAVE WE STOPPED GROWING?**

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1. We are ashamed \_\_\_\_\_ .

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- FAITH vs. FORM

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2. We are ashamed \_\_\_\_\_ .

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- Ecclesiastes 8:16-17 \_\_\_\_\_

- Ephesians 6:19 \_\_\_\_\_

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3. We are ashamed \_\_\_\_\_ .

- We are reluctant to suffer a loss of status.

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- Without “death” there is no gospel.

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**II. RESTORING GROWTH**

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

1. LET’S BE \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 15

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

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

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2. LET US \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 16

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- Our prejudice is based on class.

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3. LET US \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 17

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

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- The "FORM" has 5 steps:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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- Paul was not ashamed.

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- Romans 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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- Preach to save, preach to grow

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## SUMMARY

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God bless you.