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- Jesus is the judge of the entire universe.
- Jesus is the only way to God, not one of many ways.

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- The gift of the Holy Spirit is a real experience, not the name we give our religious experience.
- The church is a gathering of the saints for service to God, not a religious society with backwards beliefs and Victorian-era morals.

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- Jesus will return and all will bow to him, including Jews, Muslims, Hindus, atheists, and Scientologists.
- There will be a final judgment after which there will follow everlasting life or everlasting destruction for every human in the world.

Ashamed of the Gospel?

“For I am not shamed of the gospel...”

- Are we afraid to share it?
- Are we too intimidated to uphold it?
- Are we too lazy to teach it?
- Are we too selfish to live a life worthy of it?
- Do we make other things the center of fellowship?

Ashamed of the Gospel?

“For I am not shamed of the gospel...”

- Do we affirm any political, economic, or social position that denies what Jesus taught about the poor, the orphan, the sick, the elderly, or the homeless?
- Do we spend more money on chocolate than charity?
- Is our social life more important than our church life?
- Do we spend more time combing our hair than in active prayer?

Reconciled to God?

“...for it is the power of God for salvation...”

- Have you accepted God’s forgiveness?
- Have you forgiven yourself?
- Do you exhibit the fruit of the Spirit?
- Do you love people the way that Jesus loves people?
- Are you quick to forgive?
- Do you talk to him regularly through active prayer?

Do you trust Him?

“...to everyone who believes...”

- Do you worry? If so, what do you worry about the most?
- Do you Sabbath?
- Do you obey him even when it doesn't make sense or when it's uncomfortable?

Acknowledgment of Sin

“..to the Jew first and also to the Greek..”

- How often do you confess your sin?
- How often do you actively repent?
- How often do you ask forgiveness?
- Do you regularly sense the Holy Spirit convicting you when you read the Scriptures?
- Do you invite God to search your heart?
- Do you make excuses for your sin?
- Do you treat all people equally?

The Witness to God's Love

“...for in it the righteousness of God is revealed...”

- Do you bring joy and peace to the world around you?
- Can you identify times when God has used you to be an agent of healing to the people around you?
- Do you point people to Jesus?