ROM. 1:16

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes – first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

UNASHAMED: FORGET FAIR – I'LL TAKE MERCY AND GRACE Romans 5:12-21

VS. 12

"Just as sin entered the world through one man..."

See Genesis 3

Adam sinned, therefore we are all sinners. Sin brought death to all men.

3 phases of death – Spiritual, physical, and eternal

VSS. 13-14

Some might say, "But that's not fair! I wasn't even there!" We'll get back to that

Sin preceded the Law, as death reigned from Adam to Moses. The Law doesn't cause sin but makes us aware of it (3:20)

VSS. 15-17

We bear the curse from Adam's sin? That's not fair!

Ahhh...But Paul tells us instead what isn't fair

Through Christ's death **we** are justified (declared righteous), and by His grace we receive salvation FROM our sin and its punishment, TO righteousness and eternal life

VSS. 18-19

A summation of what we have already seen, highlighting the legal declaration of full pardon for those who are in Christ Jesus.

VSS. 20-21

The Law caused our awareness of sin to abound, but God's grace abounded even more!

So our sin is excused, if it causes grace to abound? Absolutely NOT. BUT let grace reign!

See also Gal 3:21-24