



ROMANS 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: THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

Romans 7:7-25



JOHN 12:12-19

“Hosanna!” meaning “Save! Save now!”

Heavy taxation, heavy-handed Roman rule

“Blessed is he who comes...” Ps. 118:25-26 A clearly  
Messianic psalm

“Blessed is the King...” (See John 19:10-15,19-22)

Vss. 17-18 Wowed by the miracles and needing one of their own (Also Luke 19:37)

And... the crowd went from  
celebrating to selling out  
in just days.



What does this triumphal entry have to do with me?

I'm not a Jew.

I'm not oppressed. Or am I?

I don't need deliverance; right?

## BACK TO ROMANS 7

Last week's text (Romans 6) reminded us that BEFORE Christ we were slaves to sin, but SINCE Christ, we are slaves to righteousness. We were reminded that Christ's death saved us from the PENALTY of sin and His resurrection saved us from the POWER of sin.

Here Paul continues with the reality of sanctification and the acknowledges the struggle of holiness



VSS. 7-13

Is the law sin?

No, but it sure made me aware of my sinful heart.

The law revealed the true nature of sin and its deadly desire over me.

The death it produced in me raised in me a deep awareness of my need for a Savior



VSS. 14-20

“I am carnal” leads some to believe that Paul is referring back to pre-Christ life, but note the present tense of the verbs used in this section.

(Gr.) “of flesh” Still in a mortal body.  
The struggle is real while we yet live in this body



# CAN I GET A WITNESS?

“I desire to live a holy life, but I can't do it”

So are we just stuck with futility in our Christian life?  
Always knowing what we should be, but always living  
like losers?

Wait. Just hold on. Don't surrender to your sin just yet.  
Paul's not done.



VSS. 21-25

“When I want to do good, evil is right there with me”

Ever notice that? See Gen 4:2-7

The heart and mind at war  
Ephesians 6:10-20

Remember the Jews, “wowed by the miracles and needing one of their own” at Christ’s entry into the city?

Remember the Christ they cast aside?

He’s our rescue.

Fully effective for our salvation.

Fully effective for our sanctification. (Vss. 24-25)

“Hosanna!” indeed!